

Prayers

Thurs 1st – Sat 3rd March

1. On St David's day we pray: May we be inspired by David who chose to live a simple life, helping others. We ask God to show us the way to live more simply in order to make a big difference to others.
2. On this Women's World Day of Prayer we pray with the women of Suriname in South America with the theme of 'All God's Creation is Very Good!': God Creator of the Universe, of the earth and sea, of earth's fruits and of flowers, of all humans, habitats and creatures, help us to value

Sun 4th – Sat 10th March

This week as we begin the third week of Lent, we pray that through this season of preparation, repentance, discipline, and devotional practices, we may become more real with ourselves, others, and God.

4. For the Torridge 6 Ecumenical Mission Community, their clergy Susan Oldham, Tony Connell and for all who live and worship in Monkokehampton, Iddesleigh, Dowland and Dolton.
5. For the Torrington Mission Community, their priest Peter Bevan and for all who live and worship in Little Torrington, Great Torrington and Frithelstock.
6. Pray for all those leading and attending the safeguarding training today in Plymouth, 8th in Barnstaple, 13th in Plymouth, 14th in Exeter and 20th in Torbay.
7. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France we are asked to pray for the Cathedral at Bayeux, and it's welcome to all British visitors. For parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Bayeux.
8. For the Totnes Mission Community, their clergy Julian Ould, Deborah Parsons, Gill Still, Steve Jones, Jane Frost, Readers Richard Frost, Elizabeth Waterson and for all who live and worship in Totnes with Bridgetown, Stoke

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

and care for your world in all its beauty and fragility. In trust for you Creator God. www.wwdp.org.uk/

3. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for peace and fair governance in Kenya following the disputed elections. For all working to encourage tolerance and understanding of those with different opinions and allegiances and for progress in tackling corruption at all levels.

Gabriel, Marldon, Dartington, Cornworthy, Berry Pomeroy and Ashprington.

9. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for the Mission to Seafarers in Bahrain. The work, funded by voluntary donations and legacies, offers a ministry of care to all who live and work at sea. There are seafarers centres in 121 ports around the world.
10. For the Trinity Mission Community, their clergy Jonny Elvin, Philip Brokenshire and for all who live and worship in Holy Trinity Exeter.



Sun 11th – Sat 17th March

This week as we celebrate Mothers' Day, pray that we will all never forget that God knows each one of us just as a mother knows her own children. Gentle, patient God – thank you for your tender care.

11. On Mothering Sunday we pray: Gracious God, as a mother loves her child so you love us. For that great truth we praise and thank you. www.makeamothersday.org
12. On this Commonwealth Day, pray for the Commonwealth Heads of Government, who are meeting next month to address key global challenges and agree how to work together for the welfare and common good of its 2.4 billion citizens.
13. Pray for our Higher Education chaplains and particularly David Evans and team working at the University of Plymouth.
14. For the Two Rivers Mission Community, their clergy Mike Clark, Paul Bysouth, Tracey Doyle, Belinda Speed-Andrews, Readers Jacque Ward, David Halpin and for all who live and worship in Yarnscombe, Tawstock, St Giles in the Wood, Roborough, Newton Tracey, Huntshaw, Horwood, High Bickington, Beaford, Atherington and Alverdiscot.
15. For the Unlimited Church Mission Community, their priest James Grier and for all who worship there and are part of the church community.
16. For the Uplyme and Axmouth Mission Community, their priest Kate Woolven, Readers Roger Grose, Hilary Harron and for all who live and worship in Uplyme and Axmouth.
17. Pray for the meeting of diocesan Synod at the County Hall in Exeter today. Give thanks for all those who attend and pray for good listening and healthy debate, with clear vision for the way forward.

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Sun 18th – Sat 24th March

This week as Passiontide begins we pray: God with us, you waken us morning by morning to savour the world, to love others and to learn of your purposes, sharpen our ears and our senses that, walking with Christ and taught by his words and example, we may fully embrace his Passion and with him be brought to Resurrection.

18. On this fifth Sunday of Lent we thank God for our Lenten journey and pray for those who embark on long and dangerous journeys seeking a place of safety and space to rebuild their lives. We pray especially today for Bishop Sarah as she attends her leaving service in the Cathedral at 4pm. We pray for her ongoing journey as the new Bishop of London.
19. For the West Dartmoor Mission Community, their clergy Nick Shutt, Gary Shirley, Di Caine, Readers Jane Sanham, Martin Jury and for all who live and worship in Yelverton, Walkhampton, Sheepstor, Sampford Spiney, Meavy and Horrabridge.
20. Pray for all our hospital chaplains and in particular for the work of Rodney Baxendale, Locum Chaplain at St Luke's Hospice in Plymouth.
21. For the Upper Culm Mission Community, their priest David Burton and for all who live and worship in Hemyock with Culm Davy, Culmstock and Clayhidon.
22. For the West Exe Mission Community, their clergy Jerry Bird, Charles Keay, Anne Dunlop, Reader Philip Baker and for all who live and worship in Saint Thomas Exeter and Exwick.
23. In our link with Melanesia we hold in our prayers the Diocese of Guadalcanal and its Bishop, Rt Revd Nathan Tome. We pray for all the Primates of the Pacific and the Archbishop of Canterbury following their recent regional meeting in Fiji to discuss regional issues including climate change.
24. Pray for the work of all the churches in the Archdeaconry of Plymouth, for the Archdeacon Ian Chandler and for his PA Debbie Delaney.



CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON PRAYERS

Sun 25th – Sat 31st March

During this Holy week may we have time to reflect on all the events taking place. May we really be able to grasp God's great sacrificial love for us and for all His creation and be ready to respond.

25. On Palm Sunday we pray: Let us enter the city with God today and sing hosannas to our king. Let us turn our backs on the powers that grasp and control and open our hearts to the son of God riding on a donkey. We also pray for the new Precentor of Exeter Cathedral James Mustard as he is installed today.
26. For the Whiddon Mission Community, their clergy Paul Seaton-Burn, Nick Weldon, Rita Bullworthy, Harriet Every, Reader Jill Hobbs and for all who live and worship in Throwleigh, Spreyton, South Tawton, Sampford Courtenay, North Tawton, Honeychurch, Hittisleigh, Gidleigh, Drewsteignton, Chagford and Bondleigh.
27. For the White Cross Mission Community, their priest Sid Humphries and for all who live and worship in Woodbury with Exton, Woodbury Salterton, Farringdon, Clyst St Mary, Clyst St George and Aylesbeare.
28. For the Winkleigh Mission Community, their priest Graham Smith and for all who live and worship in Winkleigh, Brushford, Broadwood Kelly and Ashreigney.
29. On Maundy Thursday we pray: Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your son established a new covenant for all people and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies.
30. On Good Friday we pray: Today we pause to remember your sacrificial love that shone light into the darkness, that bore life from such emptiness, that revealed hope out of devastation, that spoke truth through incrimination, that released freedom in spite of imprisonment and brought us forgiveness instead of punishment. Thank you that we can now walk in the light of your life, hope, truth, freedom and forgiveness, this day and everyday. (www.lords-prayer-words.com)
31. For the Withycombe Raleigh Mission Community, their clergy Robert Sellers, Stephen Hoyle and for all who live and worship in Withycombe Raleigh.

