

# Prayers

Wednesday 1st – Saturday 4th May

This week as we continue in the Easter season take time to reflect on Jesus' sacrifice for us and pray for a fresh vision of God to impact your daily life.

1. Pray for all Devon Church Leaders today, thank God for their diverse ministries and for the life and prayer they bring to our communities.
2. For the Plymouth Charles Mission Community, their clergy Olly Ryder, Rob Fowler, Reader Ann Stevens and for all who live and worship in Charles with Saint Matthias Plymouth.
3. For the Plymouth Emmanuel Mission Community, their clergy Karl Freeman, Tony Williams, Darryl and Beverley Cree, Reader Timothy Lyddon and for all who live and worship in Plymouth Emmanuel with St Paul Efford and St Augustine.
4. Pray for all our hospital chaplains and in particular for Chaplain Rodney Baxendale at St Luke's Hospice in Plymouth.

“Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion.

For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!”

Isaiah 30:18



## Sunday 5th – Saturday 11th May

This week pray for all young people preparing to sit exams in our schools and for those supporting them, parents, carers and school staff.

5. For the Plympton Mission Community, their clergy Robert Harris, William Sweeney, Sarah Sharland, Richard Wakerell, Reader Robert Harrison and for all who live and worship in Plympton St Maurice and Plympton St Mary.
6. Pray today for all those taking part in an eight-mile sponsored walk for Christian Aid beginning at 10am in Hartland.
7. Pray for all those attending and leading the safeguarding training today in Exeter and for the Bishop's staff meeting.
8. For the meeting of the Bishop's Diocesan Council today. Give thanks for all who contribute and support our Bishops in their ministries around our diocese. Pray for our bishops: Robert, Nick and Jackie.
9. Pray for all our clergy and especially for those at the last of this season's Quiet Days today. That all may encounter God afresh and enjoy the peace on offer.
10. For the Plymstock Mission Community, their clergy Jennie Appleby, David Appleby, Carl Budden, Readers Anthony Banbury, Graham Dee and for all who live and worship in Plymstock and Hooe.
11. Pray for all clergy spouses today, giving thanks for the love and support they offer to their partners in their busy ministries. Pray also today and give thanks for our retired clergy as they meet together at Buckfastleigh.

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## Sunday 12th – Saturday 18th May

This week pray for the work of Christian Aid. Give thanks for all those churches who support the charity's life-giving work around the world and pray for all the staff and partners across the globe.

12. On Christian Aid Sunday we pray with them for the people of Sierra Leone and especially mothers who die in childbirth and for their families. For healthcare workers killed by Ebola. Thank God that Christian Aid's local partners are turning pregnancy from a time of fear and sadness to one of joy and hope. We thank God that by giving, acting and praying we can stand together to bring a new era of health and life in Sierra Leone and around the world. Amen
13. Pray today for Peter Churcher as he is licensed as Vicar of Ilfracombe Saint Philip and Saint James, Combe Martin and Berrynarbor.
14. Pray for the work of all our school, college and university chaplains and all those whom offer pastoral support to schools.
15. For the wellbeing and pastoral care of our clergy and their families, as the panel who oversee this care, meet today. Pray also for the House of Bishops meeting until 17th in York.
16. Pray for the churches area and free children's work on offer at the Devon County Show running until 18th.
17. For the Saint Andrew & Saint Paul Mission Community, their clergy Joe Dent, Leon Sim, Timothy Partridge, Reader David Huntley and for all who live and worship in Saint Paul Stonehouse and Saint Andrew Plymouth. For Christian Unity, we thank God for the people of Indonesia who remind us that our calling as members of the body of Christ is to pursue and embody justice. Our unity in Christ empowers us to take part in the wider struggle for justice and to promote the dignity of life.
18. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, we pray for the Centre of Theological Studies in Caen and its development of theological learning among clergy and lay people. For parishes, their clergy and people in the area of Caen. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, we pray for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, and for all ecumenical prayer meetings in Normandy. For those involved in an exchange of preachers.



## Sunday 19th – Saturday 25th May

This week pick or buy a bunch of daffodils and take them to a neighbour. Invite them to church with you.

19. Pray today for all those being confirmed in Exeter Cathedral, pray for the teaching session taking place prior to the special service, that the whole day may be enriching and help all candidates to grow in their faith.
20. For the Saint Bartholomew and Saint Mark Ford Mission Community, their priest Richard Silk and for all who live and worship in the Saint Gabriel Mission Community, Saint Gabriel Peverell Park Plymouth, Devonport Saint Bartholomew and Saint Mark Ford.
21. For the Saint Boniface, Saint Budeaux and Saint Philip Mission Community, their priest Stephen Beach, Readers Martin Clements, Elizabeth Dickens and for all who live and worship in Saint Philip, Weston Mill, Saint Budeaux and Saint Boniface, Devonport.
22. In our link with Melanesia we give thanks for our Christian fellowship with the Anglican Church of Melanesia, through our church school links, the experience of learning from each other through visits, teacher exchanges, sabbaticals, volunteer placements and gap year opportunities. And for our shared membership of the Mothers' Union and the religious orders' Companion and Associates groups in Devon.
23. For retired clergy gathering again today in Buckfastleigh.
24. For the Saint David Mission Community, their clergy Nigel Guthrie, Christopher Durrant, Readers Bill Pattinson, Howard Friend, Charlotte Townsend and for all who live and worship in Saint David.
25. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for the Ven John Wanjihia and the clergy and people of Ruiru Archdeaconry. Now almost a suburb of Nairobi, this area is expanding rapidly. The eight parishes include Ruiru which is linked with Devonport.



## Sunday 26th – Friday 31st May

This week as we all enjoy a holiday, pray for those you know taking a break, that they may be renewed and refreshed and ready to return to their daily lives.

26. On Rogation Sunday pray for all those who work and make a living from the land in our county. Give thanks and praise for all that God has done for us. Thank God for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.
27. For the Saint James Mission Community, their priest Henry Pryse and for all who live and worship in Saint James.
28. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we pray for St Andrews Church in Abu Dhabi, who recently celebrated their 50th anniversary, and St Thomas Church in Al Ain. For all who lead and worship there and for their ministry to provide Christians of all traditions with a safe place to worship.
29. For the Saint Jude Mission Community, their priest Tim Smith, Kimberley Lovell, Readers Peter Hadden, Jackie Yates and for all who live and worship in Saint Jude Plymouth.
30. On Ascension Day, as we begin the global prayer movement Thy Kingdom Come, pray for God's kingdom to come into our Devon communities. Pray for all events taking place across our diocese.
31. For the Saint Leonard Mission Community, their clergy Simon Austen, Chris Keane and for all who live and worship in Saint Leonard with Holy Trinity.

