

Prayers

Sat 1st October

1. Pray for those leading and for all attending the safeguarding course today in Exeter, in Barnstaple on 5th and in Plymouth on 15th.

Sun 2nd – Sat 8th October

This week pray for all who are starting or returning to university courses or other higher education courses. Pray for the teaching staff, chaplains and for all involved in the life of these facilities.

2. On Animal Welfare Sunday we thank God for the companionship of animals in our homes. Make us sensitive to their needs as well as to our own, and guide us as to how we may support the work of animal welfare organisations, as they seek to combat cruelty and to promote the well-being of all domestic animals. www.aswa.org.uk
3. As the first academic term gets well underway, pray for the work of the diocesan Education Team: John Searson, Christina Mabin, Richard Maudsley, Penny Burnside, Tatiana Wilson, Ed Pawson, Sarah Owen, Lynne Sargeant and Fran Bradley.
4. For the West Exe Mission Community, their clergy Jerry Bird, Nick Edwards, Anne Dunlop, William Sweeney, Reader Philip Baker, and for all who live and worship in St Thomas Exeter, Exwick.
5. For the Whiddon Mission Community, their clergy Paul Seaton-Burn, Nick Weldon, Harriet Every, Rita Bullworthy, 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.
6. Pray for all clergy and others attending a preaching training day on John's Gospel today and tomorrow in Exeter. That they will be inspired and reinvigorated in their preaching.
7. Pray for Bishop Nick and his secretary Helen Filewod and for all their work throughout Plymouth and across the wider diocese. Pray especially for his time in the Woodleigh Deanery on the Bishops in Mission initiative today until 9th.
8. For the White Cross Mission Community, their clergy Karen Spray and Christopher Cant, and for all who live and worship in Woodbury with Exton, Woodbury Salterton, Farringdon, Clyst St Mary, Clyst St George and Aylesbeare.



Sun 9th – Sat 15th October

In Prisons Week pray for the needs of all those affected by prisons: prisoners and their families, victims of crime and their communities and for those working and caring for those inside and outside our prisons. www.prisonsworld.org

9. Pray for the Torrington Deanery, their Rural Dean Susanna Metz, Lay Chair Kenneth Gristy and Treasurer Harold Chapman.
10. For the Winkleigh Mission Community, their clergy Peter Norman and Clive Jobbins and for all who live and worship in Winkleigh, Brushford, Broadwoodkelly and Ashreigney.
11. For the Withycombe Raleigh Mission Community, their clergy Robert Sellers, Stephen Hoyle and for all who live and worship in Withycombe Raleigh.
12. Please pray for the work of our CofE Headteachers around our diocese and in particular for Heather Slater at Salcombe Primary School and Tammy Docking at Ilsington Primary School, Newton Abbot.
13. Pray for Lead Chaplain Simon Harrison and his colleagues Juliet Horwood and Sheila Swarbrick and for all in the chaplaincy team at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.
14. In our link with Melanesia we are asked to pray for their new Archbishop George Takeli: Lord of the harvest strengthen all those who work with Archbishop George, that they may be faithful in prayer, humble in service, and steadfast in love. May they be united in mission and ministry that your name O Lord may be glorified in the Church of Melanesia and beyond to the ends of the earth. We make this prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
15. For the Yealm and Erme Mission Community, their priest Anne Legge and for all who live and worship in Revelstoke, Newton Ferrers, Holbeton.

*Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking
I will hear.”* ISAIAH 65:24

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Sun 16th – Sat 22nd October

This week as the Autumn months begin to turn towards Winter we pray: Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

16. On Freedom Sunday pray for all victims of human trafficking/modern day slavery. Pray that the Church and other organisations will work together to eradicate this barbaric practice.
17. For the Yealmside Mission Community, their clergy Owen Murphy and for all who live and worship in Yealmpton, Wembury, Brixton.
18. On the Feast of St Luke we pray:
Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
19. For the Abbotskerswell Mission Community, their priest John Leonard, Readers Ruth Bettesworth, Ian Firth, Tim Collins and for all who live and worship in Kingskerswell, Coffinswell, Abbotskerswell.
20. On International Credit Union Day pray for all those involved in credit unions and associated work to help people deal with debt and move from despair to hope. www.woccu.org
21. Pray for Bishop Nick for his time in the Newton Abbot and Ipplepen Deanery on the Bishops in Mission initiative today until 23rd.
22. For the Alphington Mission Community, their clergy Stephen Bessent, Mark Nightingale, Reader Lesley Phillips-Cannon, and for all who live and worship in Shillingford St George, Ide and Alphington.



CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON PRAYERS

Sun 23rd – Sat 29th October

In One World Week pray for greater working together between churches and faiths. This year's theme is Acting Together for One World in Peace. Pray for the work of peacemakers.

23. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for the clergy and people of the seven parishes in Kariara Archdeaconry and the appointment of a new archdeacon.
24. For the Appledore, Northam, and Westward Ho! Mission Community, their priest Sandra Juniper, Readers Anne Foster, Glen Yeo, Jonathan Ellis, Deborah Bayliss, Nigel Price, and for all who live and worship in Northam with Westward Ho! and Appledore .
25. For the Ashburton & Moorland Mission Community, their clergy David Sherwood, Geoffrey Fenton, Readers Keith Miller, Peter Kennett, Marion Kaye, and for all who live and worship in Widecombe in the Moor, Leusdon, Holne and Ashburton with Buckland in the Moor and Bickington.
26. Pray for the Archdeacon of Exeter, the Ven Christopher Futcher and his PA Peter Colebrook.
27. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France we are asked to pray for the Basilica at Lisieux, its staff and pilgrims; for all its work in promoting S.Thereise.
28. On the Feast of Simon and Jude we pray: Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone: so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

29. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and The Gulf, pray for the Executive Archdeacon and Archdeacon in Cyprus, John Holdsworth and his wife Sue.

Sun 30th – Mon 31st October

30. For the Axe Valley Mission Community, their clergy Geoffrey Walsh, readers Tony Nixon, Su Clark and for all who live and worship in Membury, Combpyne with Rousdon, Chardstock St Andrew, Axminster and All Saints All Saints.
31. All Hallows Eve – On the eve of All Saint's Day, thank God for the saints who have inspired and encouraged us in our faith journeys. Pray for all those churches holding Light Parties for their young people.

