

# Prayers

As our Bishops set-off on their year of mission we pray together:

*Lord of the harvest,  
pour down upon us the  
abundance of your blessing,  
that together we may  
grow in prayer, make new  
disciples, and serve the  
people of Devon with joy.*

*Transform us by your grace  
and let alleluias be our  
song.*

*For Jesus Christ's sake.*

*Amen.*

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> – Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Pray that our churches will be loving and inclusive places for all who visit.

1. Pray for the Plymstock Mission Community, their clergy David Appleby, Steve Payne, Jennie Appleby, Readers Anthony Banbury and Graham Dee and for all who live and worship in Plymstock and Hooe.
2. Pray for all trainers and those attending the Safeguarding Training days today in Torquay, 7<sup>th</sup> in Barnstaple, 11<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in Exeter.



**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sat 9<sup>th</sup> July** This week pray for those preparing for ordination in September, as they complete their training and as some move house to take up new posts. Pray for their training incumbents and the parishes they will serve as they prepare to welcome them.

3. On Disability Sunday we are asked to celebrate the abilities and involvement of disabled people in our churches and to pray for ways that we can better reach out to disabled members of our communities. (www.churchesforall.org.uk)
4. On the feast day of St Thomas the Apostle we pray the collect: *'mighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith, allowed your holy apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son till word and sight convinced him: grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe and so confess Christ as our Lord and our God; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*
5. Pray for Bishop Robert as he marks the second anniversary of his installation as Bishop of Exeter.
6. For the Raleigh Mission Community, their clergy Anne Charlton, Annita Denny and Pennie Hartopp and for all who live and worship in Otterton, East Budleigh with Bicton, Budleigh Salterton.
7. Pray for the Sacred Heart Mission Community, their clergy Keith Haydon and Trevor Jordan and for all who live and worship in St John the Evangelist Sutton-on-Plym with St Simon Plymouth and St Mary the Virgin Laira, Saint Gabriel Peverell Park Plymouth.
8. Pray for all at General Synod now until 12th. For wise words, good listening and outcomes that will empower the life of the Church.
9. For the Saint Andrew & Saint Paul Mission Community, their clergy Joe Dent, Leon Sim, Leon Catallo and Lawrence Braschi, Reader David Huntley and for all who live and worship in Saint Paul Stonehouse and Saint Andrew Plymouth.

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> – Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July** This week pray for the 13 visitors from Kenya staying in 6 parishes/mission communities as part of our link with the diocese of Thika.

10. On the 160th anniversary of Sea Sunday we pray for seafarers, their families and those who support them. (www.seasunday.org)
11. Pray for the parish of Abbotsham and for all who live and worship there.
12. In our link with Melanesia we are asked to pray for the Diocese of Vanuatu & New Caledonia and for the Bishop Rt Revd James Ligo. And to use the prayer: *Lord help us to use resources wisely and to be mindful of waste and pollution. We pray for those affected by climate change across the pacific, homes and growing destroyed by severe weather conditions and rising sea levels, deforestation and floods.*
13. Pray for Rebecca Porter, Executive Headteacher at the Ark Federation (All Saints VA Axminster and Beer VA Primary Schools)
14. Pray for chaplain David Evans and the Chaplaincy team at the University of Plymouth.
15. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf, pray for the Executive Archdeacon and Archdeacon in Cyprus John Holdsworth and for Sue his wife.
16. For the Saint Boniface, Saint Budeaux and Saint Philip Mission Community in Plymouth. For their priest Stephen Beach, Readers Elizabeth Dickens, Martin Clements and for all who live and worship in Saint Philip, Weston Mill, Saint Budeaux, Saint Boniface and Devonport.

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> – Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> July This week pray for all who are already having, or preparing to have, a holiday. That they may have fun and rest, and return renewed and refreshed.

17. For the Saint David's Mission Community, Exeter, their priest Tom Honey, Reader Bill Pattinson, and for all who live and worship in Saint David.
18. Pray for John Searson, as he begins work as the diocesan Director of Education and for all who work in the Education Dept supporting and resourcing those in our schools and places of further education.
19. Pray for the work of Penny Hamilton, chaplain at the Bideford and Great Torrington Community Hospitals.
20. Hold in prayer the Plymouth City Deanery especially their Rural Dean Karl Freeman, Lay Chair Anneliese Barrell and Secretary Julian Payne.
21. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France we are asked to pray for the Cathedral at Bayeux and its welcome to all British visitors.
22. On this feast day of Mary Magdalene we pray: *Almighty God, whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body and called her to be a witness to his resurrection: forgive our sins and heal us by your grace, that we may serve you in the power of his risen life; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*
23. Pray for all those who will be at New Wine from today until 6 August. That it will be a life-transforming time as those gathered celebrate the good things God has been doing and continues to do in our midst.



# CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON PRAYERS

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> – Sun 31<sup>st</sup> July This week bring before God all those you love. Thank God for their love and care for you and seek ways to show your love for them.

24. For the Saint James Mission Community, Exeter, their priest Henry Pryse and for all who live and worship in Saint James.
25. On this feast day of St James we pray:  
*Merciful God, whose holy apostle Saint James, leaving his father and all that he had, was obedient to the calling of your Son Jesus Christ and followed him even to death: help us, forsaking the false attractions of the world, to be ready at all times to answer your call without delay; 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. Amen.*
26. For the Saint Jude Mission Community, their priest Tim Smith, Readers Jackie Yates, Jane Sanham and Peter Hadden and for all who live and worship in Saint Jude Plymouth.
27. For the Saint Leonard Mission Community in Exeter, their clergy Simon Austen, Chris Keane, Matt Rowland and for all who live and worship in Saint Leonard with Holy Trinity.
28. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for Provost Joseph Wanyoike, acting Archdeacon of Cathedral Archdeaconry, the clergy and people of Cathedral and Ithanga Deaneries. And for the churches where Umoja is enabling sustainable development in some of the poorest parishes of the diocese.
29. For the Saint Matthias Mission Community in Torquay, their clergy John Beckett and Paul Barton, Reader Ruth Beckett and for all who live and worship in Saint Matthias, Saint Mark and Holy Trinity.
30. On World Against Trafficking in Persons Day pray for victims of human trafficking for labour and sexual exploitation and for all those who work to end it.
31. Pray for David Perkins Headteacher at Stockland CofE Academy

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