

# Prayers

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup> – Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> September

At the start of this Creation season spend time each day praying for the protection of creation and for the promotion of sustainable lifestyles that reverse our contribution to climate change.

*And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them..”*

ACTS 4:24

1. As Creation Time starts today we pray – God of all, you give us life and in your generosity you give us freedom to choose life and hope for us, for others and for creation, or to turn away to dust and despair. Fill us with your love, for ourselves, for others and for creation that we would listen, we would follow and we would flourish in new fullness of life for all, whatever it brings. Amen
2. For the Teign Valley and Haldon Hill Group of Churches Mission Community, their priest Graham Mayer and for all who live and worship in Dunsford, Dunchideock, Doddiscombsleigh, Christow, Bridford and Ashton.
3. For the The Holy Family Mission Community, their clergy Chris Routledge, Simon Rundell, Tim Thorp, Elizabeth Burke, Carl Budden, Richard Wakerell, Reader Bob Hall and for all who live and worship in Shaugh Prior, Crownhill (Church of the Ascension) Plymouth and Bickleigh (Plymouth).



## Sun 4<sup>th</sup> – Sat 10<sup>th</sup> September

This week pray for all those teachers starting in new posts in our church schools: Rebecca Porter - Ark Federation, Rev Simone Bennett – St Edward's Primary Plymouth, Kerry Rushton – Brixham Primary, Mark Oakshott – Compton VC School, Claire Fegan – Sidmouth VA Primary.

4. For The Villages (N Devon) Mission Community, their clergy Iain Robertson, Caroline Raby and for all who live and worship in West Down, Marwood and Heanton Punchardon.
5. Pray for the Diocesan Advisory Committee meeting today to discuss projects relating to our historic church buildings.
6. For the Three Rivers Mission Community, their clergy David Sayle, Caroline Luff, Reader David Stafford and for all who live and worship in Ugborough, Moreleigh, Harbertonford, Harberton, Halwell, Ermington and Diptford with North Huish.
7. For the Tiverton Mission Community, their clergy Robert Gordon, Simon Durrant, David Lyddon and for all who live and worship in Tiverton St Andrew, Saint Peter Tiverton, Saint Paul West Exe Tiverton, Saint George Tiverton and Chevithorne with Cove.
8. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France we are asked to pray for all those involved in planning exchange conferences, especially for speakers and those providing hospitality.
9. For the Topsham Mission Community, their clergy Louise Grace, Mike Williams, Peter Ingerslev, Juliet Horwood and for all who live and worship in Wear and Topsham.
10. For the Torquay West Mission Community, their clergy Paul Ireton, Harry Jevons, Paula Mayer, Paul Evans, Readers Jeff Hacon, Alan Martin and for all who live and worship in Torquay St Luke, Shiphay Collaton, Cockington and All Saints Torre.

## Sun 11<sup>th</sup> – Sat 17<sup>th</sup> September

As we begin a new school year we are asked to pray for pupil, teachers, staff and schools in Melanesia. We give thanks for the links between schools in Devon and schools across Melanesia; for the opportunity to grow in fellowship and spirituality.

11. Pray for all those who are being ordained Deacon today by Bishop Robert in Exeter Cathedral and for those to be ordained Priest during the weekend of 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> in various locations around the diocese.
12. For the Torridge 7 Ecumenical Mission Community, their clergy Susan Oldham, Tony Connell, Reader Karen Wainwright and for all who live and worship in Monkokehampton, Iddesleigh, Dowland and Dolton.
13. For the Torrington Mission Community, their priest Kathy Roberts, and for all who live and worship in Little Torrington, Great Torrington and Frithelstock.
14. On Holy Cross Day we pray: *Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*
15. For the Totnes Mission Community, their clergy Julian Ould, Deborah Parsons, Gill Still, Jane Frost, Steve Jones, Reader Elizabeth Waterson and for all who live and worship in Totnes with Bridgetown, Stoke Gabriel, Marldon, Dartington, Cornworthy, Berry Pomeroy and Ashprington.
16. Pray for the Melanesian Mission as they hold their AGM and Festival day in London tomorrow. Give thanks for Rt Revd Nigel Stock as he steps down as Chair of the Charity. On 20th September we remember Bishop John Coleridge Patteson who was from our diocese and martyred in Melanesia.
17. Pray for those leading and for all attending the safeguarding course today in Okehampton, in Torquay on 23rd and in Exeter on 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Sun 18<sup>th</sup> – Sat 24<sup>th</sup> September

At this Harvest-time give thanks to God for his abundant creation and pray for all farmers and those who work the land to provide food for us all.

18. On Peace Sunday hold up to God all those who work for peace, who face violence with courage and love in places where it is dangerous to do so. We ask God to help us speak out against injustice and to help us love our neighbour.
19. Hold in prayer the Newton Abbot and Ipplepen Deanery, Rural Dean Mark Smith, Lay Chair Barbara Ellis-Smith, and Treasurer Peter Gay.
20. Pray for all those attending the meeting of Bishop's Diocesan Council at 6pm in Exeter.
21. On the feast of St Matthew we pray – *O almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector to be an apostle and evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*
22. For the Trinity Mission Community, their clergy Jonny Elvin and Phillip Brokenshire and for all who live and worship in Holy Trinity Exeter.
23. For the Torridge Mission Community, their clergy Martin Warren, Susanna Metz, Readers Sheila Deane, Jon Berry and for all who live and worship in Sheepwash, Shebbear, Petrockstowe, Petersmarland, Newton St Petrock, Merton, Langtree, Huish and Buckland Filleigh.
24. For the Two Rivers Mission Community, their priest Mike Clark, Readers David Halpin, Jacque Ward, Carol Wyatt 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 Alverdiscott.



# CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON PRAYERS

Sun 25<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> September

This week be still before God. Light a candle and take time to reflect and pray.

25. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for Rev Ven Solomon Thiga and the clergy of Juja Archdeaconry. And in particular our linked parishes of Juja and Kenyatta Road where rapid growth in construction, population and church attendance is a big challenge.
26. For the Unlimited Church Mission Community and their priest James Grier.
27. 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.
28. For the Upper Culm Mission Community, their clergy David Burton and for all who live and worship in Hemyock with Culm Davy, Culmstock and Clayhidon.
29. On the feast of St Michael and All Angels we pray – *Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; 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.*
30. For the West Dartmoor Mission Community, their clergy Nick Shutt, Gary Shirley, Reader Martin Jury and for all who live and worship in Yelverton, Walkhampton, Sheepstor, Sampford Spiney, Meavy and Horrabridge.

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