

# Prayers

Tue 1st – Sat 5th January

This week as we begin a new year, pray for those people you know who have had a difficult last year and ask God to be very close to them this coming year.

1. On New Year's Day we pray: Lord you make all things new, you bring hope alive in our hearts and cause our spirits to be born again. Thank you for this new year, for all the potential it holds. Help us to spread the good news of your wonderful love this year.
2. For the Bovey Valley Mission Community, their clergy Graham Hamilton, Simon Franklin, David Harris, Readers Eleanor Oelmann, John Randall, Lionel Holmes and for all who live and worship in Ilsington, Hennock, Bovey Tracey St Peter, St Paul and St Thomas of Canterbury and Bovey Tracey St John with Heathfield.
3. For the Braunton Mission Community, their priest Anne Thorne, Reader David Rushworth and for all who live and worship in Braunton.
4. In our link with Melanesia, and as we begin a new year, we pray with them the prayer of the Melanesian Mission: O Jesus, Be the canoe that holds me up in the sea of life; Be the rudder that keeps me in the straight road; Be the outrigger that supports me in times of temptation; Let your spirit be my sail that carries me through each day. Keep my body strong so I can paddle steadfastly on the voyage of life. Amen
5. For the Brixham Mission Community, their clergy Ian Blyde, John Gay, Angela Sumner, Readers Susan Shaw, Wendy Emlyn and for all who live and worship in Lower Brixham, All Saints, Kingswear, Churston Ferrers and Brixham St Mary.

“Do not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7



## Sun 6th – Sat 12th January

This week pray for our families and homes: Bless, O Lord, our households and families and allow all of us who live in those homes to find in them a shelter of peace and health. Inspire each of us to develop our individual talents and to contribute wisdom and good works for the benefit of the whole family.

6. At Epiphany we pray: Your majesty is beyond imagination. The eternal King high and lifted up whom the angels worship. Your power is beyond understanding. The Creator God who shakes the heavens yet holds us in his hands. Raise us up to new life and new ways of service through Jesus Christ your son, our Lord. Amen
7. For the diocesan senior staff as they meet together until 10th to discuss the vision and way forward for our Diocese.
8. For the Buckland Monachorum Mission Community in interregnum. Pray for their priest Andrew Farmer, Readers Paul Nixon, Pippa Brown, Mark Smith and for all who live and worship in Buckland Monachorum at this time.
9. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for Ven David Karethiu and the clergy and people of Juja Archdeaconry. Particularly for our linked parishes of Juja and Kenyatta Road where rapid growth in construction/ population and church attendance is a big challenge.
10. Pray for the work of all our Education Chaplains, particularly Mike Partridge and team, working at St Luke's Science and Sport College in Exeter.
11. For the Central Exeter Mission Community, their clergy Sheila Swarbrick and for all who live and worship in Central Exeter.
12. For the Rt Rev Philip Mounstephen as he is installed today as the new Bishop of Truro in our neighbouring diocese. Pray for good relationships and fruitful opportunities to work together.

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## Sun 13th – Sat 19th January

This week as we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we pray that we may truly live in unity with all our ecumenical partners in Christ, in order better to reveal the inclusive love of Jesus for all people. This year's prayers from Indonesia move us to take action to make this happen. [www.weekofprayer.ca](http://www.weekofprayer.ca)

13. Pray for all our hospital chaplains and in particular for Penny Hamilton, working at Bideford and Great Torrington Community Hospitals.
14. Today we pray for those leading and those learning on the South West Ministry Training Course. Give thanks for all that God is doing through this ministry.
15. Pray for those leading and attending the safeguarding training today in Exeter.
16. For the Chudleigh Mission Community, their clergy Paul Wimsett, Martin Fletcher, Readers Sheila Fletcher, Arnold Cade, Helen Harding and for all who live and worship in Trusham, Chudleigh Knighton and Chudleigh.
17. For the Churches 4 All Mission Community, their clergy Chris Martin, Marc Kerslake and for all who live and worship in Whimple, Talaton, Clyst St Lawrence and Clyst Hydon.
18. As we begin today the week of Prayer 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.
19. Pray for all those attending and leading the day conference for clergy and lay people today in Newton Abbot entitled 'Unity and Growth: a shared vision of Catholic ministry and Evangelism in the Diocese of Exeter.



# CHURCH OF ENGLAND DEVON PRAYERS

## Sun 20th – Sat 26th January

This week we pray for those who are cold and hungry. Help a Big Issue vendor by buying a Big Issue and supporting their work to improve their life through the social enterprise.

20. 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.
21. Pray for our Bishops Robert, Nick and Jackie, and for all bishops meeting today at the College of Bishops. Give thanks for the dedication and ministry of all bishops.
22. Hold in prayer our curates and others with them who are visiting the Holy Land until 1 Feb. That it will be a time of revelation and encouragement in their callings.
23. For the Clyst Mission Community, their clergy Wiz Slater, Bernard Lane, Reader Sandra Parker and for all who live and worship in Sowton, Rockbeare, Pinhoe, Clyst Honiton and Broadclyst.
24. Pray for the meeting of our diocesan Safeguarding Advisory Panel today. Also pray for all at Exeter Cathedral, our mother church, especially as the Cathedral Council meet today.
25. For the Coast & Combe Mission Community, their clergy John Roles, Giles King-Smith, Bill Cole, Murray Aldridge-Collins, Reader Sally-Ann Molligoda and for all who live and worship in Woolacombe, Morteohoe, Lee, Ilfracombe St Philip and St James, Ilfracombe, Combe Martin, Bittadon and Berrynarbor.
26. For the Coast and Country Mission Community, their priest Alison Shaw and for all who live and worship in Strete, Stoke Fleming, East Allington and Blackawton.

## Sun 27th – Thur 31st January

27. For the Crediton Mission Community, their clergy Paul Fillery, Helen Drever, Readers Carol Price, Sandra Collier and for all who live and worship in Shobrooke, Sandford with Upton Hellions and Crediton.
28. Pray for our Archdeacons, Christopher Futcher, Douglas Dettmer and Mark Butchers, and Acting Archdeacon Nick Shutt. Give thanks for their ministries amongst us. Pray that they would be reinvigorated and encouraged as they attend the National Archdeacons' Conference until 30th.
29. In our link with Cyprus and the Gulf, we give thanks and pray for the Protestant Church in Oman. It is an historic partnership between the Anglican Church and the Reformed Church of America. They serve around 1,000 people in four English language congregations, an Arabic and Korean congregation and host about 60 other congregations in two compounds.
30. For the Cullompton Mission Community, their clergy Edward Hobbs, Olly Mears, Russell Morgan, Readers Katharyn Mumby, Celia Fox, Simon Friend and for all who live and worship in Cullompton.
31. For the Culm Valley Mission Community, their priest Simon Talbot, Reader Chris Russell and for all who live and worship in Willand, Uffculme and Kentisbeare.

