



Prayers

Friday 1st – Saturday 9th May

This month we continue to pray, despite our church buildings being shut, for all who are affected by the Covid 19 virus. In our bewilderment and confusion we cry out to God, in our distress and grief, we hold onto God and pray for his ever-lasting arms to hold us fast.

1. For the Exeter Network Church Mission Community, their priest Jon Soper and for all who lead and worship there.
2. Pray for all young people who were due to take their GCSE and A Levels this month. Pray for them and their families at this uncertain and worrying time. Bring to God those families you know who are facing this unsettling situation.
3. In our link with the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf we pray for the network of congregations that make up the diocese and for their work and witness, especially at this challenging time. For all who feel called to ministry in some form as we mark Vocations Sunday today.
4. For Bishop Robert and his office team Claire and Justine, and especially for Nigel Mason as he begins his role as Bishop's Chaplain today.
5. For the Five Alive East Devon Mission Community, Readers Gill Heighway, Anna Crabbe and for all who live and worship in Yarcombe, Stockland, Shute, Kilmington and Dalwood.
6. For the Five Red Churches Mission Community, their priest John Williams, Reader Ceri Lee and for all who live and worship in Powderham, Kenton with Mamhead, Kenn and Exminster.
7. In our link with Thika we are asked to pray for Ven Patrick Mukuna and the clergy and people of Mang'u Archdeaconry. Our linked parishes of Gakoe, Mang'u, Gakui and Kairir. For development and microfinance projects in this area.
8. For families who may be separated on what should have been a happy Bank Holiday spent together. For those serving in our uniform services, for their dedication and call to serve in all circumstances. As we mark VE day, for an end to war.
9. Pray for the work of all our school, college and university chaplains and all those whom offer pastoral support to schools. We pray for those working at Exeter Cathedral School.

Sunday 10th – Saturday 16th May

This week pray for schools that continue to open to care for the children of key workers and for those children that are vulnerable. Pray for those who may be hungry and consider ways to help those you know? Access the Family Fun Cooking Club recipes on our website and tell others.

10. As Christian Aid week starts we pray for the vital grass roots work being done by the charity in some of the poorest places in the world. We give thanks for all they have done in their long history and pray for energy and vision for the years ahead.
11. For those on the Foundations in Christian Ministry course who are thinking about Reader training as they prepare their applications.
12. For the Forder Valley Mission Community, their clergy Chris Routledge, Keith Murphy and for all who live and worship in Eggbuckland, Estover, Leigham and Derriford.
13. For the Four Ways Mission Community, their priest Shaun O'Rourke, Readers Peter Rozzell, Christopher James and for all who live and worship in West Buckland, Swimbridge, Landkey and East Buckland.
14. For the Fremington Mission Community, their clergy Tom Simpson, Keith Brimacombe and for all who live and worship in Westleigh, Instow and Fremington.
15. For the Goodrington Mission Community, their clergy Gary Deighton, Gerda van Ommeren, Church Army Evangelist Adrian Prescott and for all who live and worship in Goodrington and Collaton St Mary.
16. Pray for all our hospital chaplains as they continue to minister to people at this very challenging time and in particular for Lead Chaplain Simon working at the Mount Gould Hospital in Plymouth.

Information included in this prayer diary is taken from the diocesan database, where people have given us permission to do so, and was accurate at the time of publication.

If there are any changes please email:
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Sunday 17th – Saturday 23rd May

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week. The theme is ‘sleep.’ We pray for all who struggle with sleeping which is so important to wellbeing. Pray for all you know who struggle with their mental health and who will be hugely affected by the Covid 19 outbreak. For all our clergy, for good mental health to help them cope during these challenging times.

17. For the Haldon Mission Community, their clergy Roderick Withnell, Jane Frost, Sue Astbury, Readers Ruth Sewell, Richard Frost and for all who live and worship in Teignmouth West, Teignmouth East, Ideford with Luton, Bishopsteignton and Ashcombe.
18. For the Hartland Team Mission Community, their clergy Jane Skinner, Madeline Bray, Jane Hayes, Readers Margaret Rickard, Vera Tooke, and for all who live and worship in Woolfardisworthy West, Welcombe, Parkham, Lundy, Hartland, Clovelly, Bucks Mills, Buckland Brewer and Alwington.
19. In our link with the Diocese of Bayeux-Lisieux in France, we are asked to 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.
20. For the Heavitree Mission Community, their clergy Robin Eastoe, Jolyon Seward, Andrew Johnson, Alexander Hobbs and for all who live and worship in Saint Mary Steps and Heavitree with St Paul Exeter.
21. On Ascension Day we give thanks for Jesus’ ascending to join his Father God in eternal glory. We pray for faith and inspired hearts to serve others in the strength of the assurance that Jesus is always with us. We also pray today for Thy Kingdom Come, the Archbishop’s Call to Global Prayer from today until Pentecost. Although physical gatherings may not take place, it feels more important than ever that we unite in prayer.
22. In our link with Melanesia we pray for the Diocese of Ysabel, Bishop Ellison Quity, his wife Jessie and all the staff at the Diocesan Headquarters at Jejevo, Buala.
23. For the Holsworthy Mission Community, their clergy Richard Freeman, Stephen Skinner, Elizabeth Burke, Readers Mary Aicheler, Jim Williams and for all who live and worship in Highampton, Ashwater, Beaworthy, Black Torrington, Bradford with Cookbury, Bradworthy, Bridgerule, Bulkworthy, Abbots Bickington, Halwill, Thornbury, Hollacombe, Holsworthy, Milton Damerel, Putford, Pyworthy with Pancrasweek, Sutcombe, Tetcott with Luffincott and Clawton.



Sunday 24th – Sunday 31st May

This week as we celebrate Pentecost we pray more than ever for God's Holy Spirit to flow throughout our world. Guided by the Spirit we pray for fresh vision of a new future, for reconciliation, compassion and love to abound.

24. For the Holyford Mission Community, their clergy Steve Martin, John Lees, Victoria Chester, Readers Jan Lees, Charles Hill, Emma Laughton and for all who live and worship in Southleigh, Musbury, Colyton and Branscombe.
25. For the Honiton Mission Community, their clergy Sue Roberts, Reader Julia Barrett and for all who live and worship in Honiton with Monkton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Buckerell and Awliscombe.
26. For any clergy who are moving at such an uncertain time and who may not be sure if they'll be able to or not? The parishes they are leaving and those they are going to.
27. For the Hukeley Mission Community, their priest Kevin Chandra, Readers Nicholas Francombe, Rebecca Colpus and for all who live and worship in Petton, Morebath, Huntsham, Clayhanger and Bampton.
28. For the Kingsbridge Mission Community, their clergy Jackie Taylor, Clive Rogers, Reader Amanda Sarjeant and for all who live and worship in West Alvington, Kingsbridge and Dodbrooke.
29. For the Kingsteignton Mission Community, their clergy Mark Smith, Sandra Gill and for all who live and worship in Teigngrace and Kingsteignton.
30. For the Little Dart Team Mission Community, their clergy Tony Rockey, Adrian Wells, Janet May, Readers Yvonne Childs, Christine Chandler and for all who live and worship in Witheridge with Creacombe, West Worlington, Wembworthy with Eggesford, Thelbridge, Romansleigh, Meshaw, East Worlington, Chulmleigh, Cheldon, Chawleigh and Burrington.
31. At Pentecost we pray: You Lord are the catalyst that ignites us and the fuel that sustains us. You empower us to carry your flame in our hearts, the warmth and light of your love in this dark world. Thank you for the gift of your Holy Spirit. May the glorious trinity inspire us always.

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Acts 2:1-4

