**Day of prayer and fasting**

**Wednesday 8th January 2025**

**A short liturgy**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,
**God’s name is great among the nations. (***Malachi 1.11)*

The Lord be with you,

**And also with you**

*Sing a hymn or song of praise or say thankyou to God for who he is and what he has done for you.*

**A bible reading: John 14.8-18**

**Prayer**

***A short act of repentance***

For failing to love you with all our heart, soul, mind and strength,

**Lord, have mercy**

For failing to love our neighbour as ourselves,

**Christ, have mercy**

For failing to care for creation,

**Lord, have mercy**

***Prayers of intercession***

*Pray for your church and parish, the mission community and the wider church and world. You might like to use the ideas on the other side of this sheet.*

***Taking time to listen to God***

*Ask God to speak and take time to listen to anything he may be saying to you. If appropriate, share it with others and/or email Rev Gary.*

**The Lord’s prayer**

**The grace**

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, And the love of God, And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, Be with us all, evermore, Amen

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**Prayer in each church during the day:**

7.00am: High Bick 8.00am: St Giles 9.00am: Beaford

10.00am: Roborough 11.00am: Huntshaw 12.00noon: Tawstock

1.00pm: Newton Tracey 2.00pm: Horwood 3.00pm: Alverdiscott

4.00pm: Yarnscombe 5.00pm: Atherington

**Ideas for prayer**

* For God to build his kingdom in our parishes; that his will may be done here as in heaven.
* That as Christians we would live out our faith joyfully; that our worship would be pleasing to the Lord and that our prayers would be in line with his will.
* That God would bring many people to faith, that they would join the church and grow as disciples.

For leadership and ministry in the mission community

* For all who contribute to the life of your church; pray for any vacancies that need filling (wardens, PCC members etc).
* For Rev Gary and each of the leadership team; for God’s protection; for holiness, faithfulness and zeal for the Lord. Pray for their families.
* That Rev Ally would continue to grow and flourish as a minster of the Gospel and be prepared for whatever the Lord has for her next.
* Sue Turner as she continues her training to be a lay reader
* Others in the mission community exploring next steps on their vocational journey
* For a new team vicar to be appointed soon.
* For a new mission community treasurer and administrator
* Wisdom about when and how to appoint a children and youth minister; for finding and appointing the right person.

Coming up

* That many people would attend the Alpha course; that people would find a relationship with God through Jesus
* For the new youth and children’s working group as they seek to co-ordinate, plan and encourage our work with young people and local schools. For their next meeting on 9th January
* For the leadership team; for a meeting in January to discuss same sex blessings and in February to work on next steps in our Mission Action plan.

Other things to pray for:

* Bring before God the different groups and activities in you church and parish
* Pray for those in need; the sick, frail, dying, bereaved; for family life and those who are alone
* Our local schools, health and social services, public services, local businesses, farmers and the rural economy, our politicians and local councillors, those who keep us safe and administer justice, those who work in science and technology
* All that makes for our common life together; our local clubs and societies, voluntary organisations
* The wider world; the governance of our own country and all in authority; peace and justice throughout the world; our care of creation