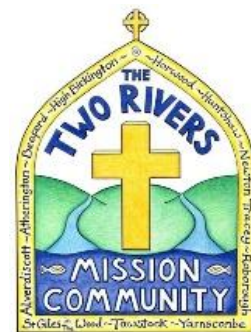


**Day of prayer and fasting**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2025**



**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**

**A short act of repentance**

*After a short pause for reflection...*

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**

*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: Luke 10.1-20**

**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. Today we are especially focusing on our 'going out' to make disciples.*

**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: <b>Beaford</b> (followed by bacon butties)	8.30am: <b>Alverdiscott</b> (BCP morning prayer)
9.30am: <b>Newton Tracey</b> (in church before coffee morning in the Hunters Inn)	
10.30am: <b>Huntshaw</b> (followed by coffee and cake)	
12.00noon: <b>St Giles</b> (following Coffee Cake and Company)	1.00pm: <b>Atherington</b>
2.00pm: <b>Roborough</b>	3.00pm: <b>Tawstock</b> (followed by tea and scones)
4.30pm: <b>Yarnscombe</b>	5.30pm: <b>Horwood</b>
7.00pm: <b>High Bickington</b> (in the church hall; followed by a meeting of the benefice council at 7.30pm)	

## **Ideas for prayer**

### **Thanks and Praise**

- Ally and Danny's wedding
- A committed, growing congregation forming around the 8.00am BCP communion in Alverdicott
- A good start to a monthly 10.30am communion service in Atherington
- Many successful summer events around the mission community, including our pilgrimage and prayer walk, and locally many cream teas, Hymns and Pimms, progressive suppers etc

### **For outreach**

- Every church member to grow in confidence and ability to talk about faith with family, friends and neighbours
- The opportunities to invite people to join with us, experience church and encounter Jesus, especially at harvest, All Souls, remembrance, advent and Christmas.
- Wild church in High Bick Woods on the third Sundays of the month at 3.00pm – for sharing the gospel with those not normally attracted to services in church buildings
- Many church members are actively involved in their local communities; pray that God would uphold them and make them a blessing. Pray that they might be 'good news', and salt and light.

### **For discipleship**

- For plans for a youth Alpha course starting in September.
- And adult confirmation prep to start in October
- For the deanery confirmation service booked for Sunday 2nd November, 3.00pm in Torrington church; especially for people to be ready and willing to make the commitment of confirmation and to follow through on this commitment.

### **For ministry**

- For Jen and Sue as they begin training for ordination on the Exeter Ordination Pathway, and Sue as she takes over the role of focal minister in Horwood.
- Ally as she looks for and applies for a new role, ideally starting in the summer of 2026.
- Give thanks for our new administrator, Helen and pray for her growing ministry amongst us.
- We urgently need a mission community safeguarding officer.
- More people to take on roles within the life of our churches; especially as church wardens, in children's and pastoral work, leading services, outreach etc. Pray that God would bring Christians into our mission community who can help us; retired clergy who can offer help with baptisms, funerals, weddings, taking communion services etc would be a real help.

### **More widely**

- In our deanery, the Dolton group are looking for a new vicar. Other local mission communities are also advertising, or are soon to advertise for clergy. Pray for the Lord to send clergy to minister in north Devon. Pray for archdeacon Verena as she oversees the appointments process.
- Moira, the new bishop of Crediton as she settles into her role and gets to know her patch.
- The Crown nominations Commission and the appointment of a new Archbishop of Canterbury
- The House of Bishops and General Synod as they seek to find a way forward over the Living in Love and Faith process.