**Day of prayer and fasting**

**Wednesday 6th September 2023**

**A short liturgy**

The earth is the Lord’s

**And everything in it.**

This is the day that the Lord has made

**We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*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: Jeremiah 29.7**

**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

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

7.00am: Tawstock      8.00am: Newton Tracey     9.00am: Horwood

10.00am: Alverdiscott      11.00am: Huntshaw 12.00noon: St Giles

2.00pm: Beaford      3.00pm: Roborough    4.00pm: Yarnscombe

5.00pm: Atherington   6.00pm: High Bickington

**Ideas for prayer**

Pray for our mission community:

* For God to build his kingdom in our parishes; that his will may be done here as in heaven.
* That God would build his church; and that the gates of hell would not prevail against it. Pray that God would empower us, by his Spirit, to grow churches which worship, pray, grow as disciples and reach out with the Gospel.
* That we might live out our values of love, faith, being committed to Word and Spirit, generosity and joy.
* Give thanks for Rev Caroline and Janette’s ministry amongst us. Pray for Caroline as she takes up new ministry opportunities in Abbotsham. Pray for wisdom about how to move forward with mission community admin as Janette retires from her role.

Pray for your church:

* That it may be light dispelling darkness and showing the way to Christ; that it might be salt, adding flavour and preventing decay
* Name all your church activities and ask God to bless them and use them for his glory
* Pray for vision, faith and courage for your leaders and PCC
* Ask God to add to your numbers and raise up people for ministry
* Bring the needs of church members to God, especially those who are sick or struggling in life.

Pray for evangelism and outreach:

* For courage for each of us to share our faith; to be confident in explaining what God means to us and to invite people to find out more.
* Pray for the three Alpha courses planned for this September; for God to bring people along and use the course to draw people to himself.
* For the opportunities Autumn brings to engage with our local communities and invite people to share in the life of our churches; for harvest, All Souls and remembrance.
* Ask God to use our leading collective worship and RE in local schools to help children and staff engage with the Christian faith.

Other things to pray for:

* Our Diocese of Exeter and the Church of England; for unity based on the truth of God’s word; for provision for Dioceses and churches which are struggling.
* For the appointment of a good and godly leader of God’s choosing as our new Diocesan bishop.
* The wider world; the governance of our own country and all in authority; peace and justice throughout the world; our care of creation.