

Tuesday 23rd October

We pray that, in the plans for Growing the Rural Church in this area, a Families and Children's worker will be appointed for the Mission Community, and that our outreach to children and their families will be strengthened.

Wednesday 24th October

We pray for children's wards in hospitals, and for the specialist medical personnel that are needed to staff them. May they be havens of hope for children and young people going through difficult and painful times.

Thursday 25th October

We pray for all support staff and helpers in our local schools, including those from our churches and communities who volunteer to help with a range of activities, building vital links between church and community.

Friday 26th October

We pray for institutions for children and young people who are unable to access main-stream schools. We pray that sufficient resources and personal support are made available to meet their particular needs.

Saturday 27th October

We pray for children and young people in poverty, or those caught up in abuse or trafficking. We also pray for all agencies or charities who are seeking to alleviate their suffering, and bring pressure on the authorities for change.

Sunday 28th October

We pray for the *Connect* Youth Worker for the Holsworthy area, Ruth Jones. Bless the work she is doing with schools, churches and youth groups in the area, and help her to feel settled in her new home.

Monday 29th October

We pray for Highampton Primary School – for the head teacher, Angela Restall, and all staff, pupils, governors and parents, that they may work together to create a happy and supportive environment in which the children can flourish.

Tuesday 30th October

We pray for all children who have lost parents or other close family members, or are facing bereavement. Give them your comfort, and ensure that they have the love and support they need to get through these difficult times.



Sixty Days of Prayer for Children and Young People



PRAYER DIARY – OCTOBER 2018

Monday 1st October

We pray for Black Torrington Primary School – for the head teacher, Lisa Paton, and all staff, pupils, governors and parents, that they may work together to create a happy and supportive environment in which the children can flourish.

Tuesday 2nd October

We pray for all advisors and support workers at the Diocese of Exeter, and in particular, for the Diocese Children and Youth Work Advisers, Katherine Lyddon and Paul Reisbach.

Wednesday 3rd October

We pray for all children and young people who are trying to express their faith in a hostile or unsympathetic environment. Give them strength when they feel ridiculed, and help them to find others who share their beliefs.

Thursday 4th October

We pray for young people who are away from home at university or college – especially those who are in their first year. Keep them from feeling lonely, and help them to realise their full potential in their studies.

Friday 5th October

We pray for School Governors in our schools and colleges, and those involved in the management of these institutions, and the Dartmoor MAT – particularly for those seeking to instil Christian principles in the ethos of our schools.

Saturday 6th October

We pray for our outreach to children and young people within our Benefice and in the wider Mission Community, and to their parents. Help us to find new ways to engage with young people, and to make the gospel relevant to them.

Sunday 7th October

We pray for all children who have been baptised in our benefice churches in recent years, and for their parents and wider families; that the vows made at their baptism have become a reality in their daily lives.

Monday 8th October

We pray for the pre-schools at Bradford and Highampton, providing that vital transition into formal education; and for the parent and toddler group in BT, a safe space in which the joys and concerns of parenthood can be shared.

Tuesday 9th October

We pray for all acts of worship in our schools, and for those who plan and lead them. In particular, we ask for your blessing on the Harvest Services taking place at Bradford today, and at Black Torrington and Highampton tomorrow.

Wednesday 10th October

We pray for foster parents, and those caring for children who cannot remain with their birth parents. Give them compassion and empathy, and help them to provide children in their care with a stable and loving environment.

Thursday 11th October

We pray for children and young people who are themselves carers, and those for whom they care. Give them the strength to cope with their responsibilities, and the support to ensure that their childhood is not lost.

Friday 12th October

We pray for all secondary schools in our area, including Holsworthy College, Okehampton and Shebbear College. We pray that as well as being centres of academic excellence, they provide students with a broad education for life.

Saturday 13th October

We give thanks for Saturday Church, and all it has achieved. We pray for all those who plan its activities, all who attend; and pray that this will continue to be successful means of outreach in our community.

Sunday 14th October

We pray for all parents, mindful of the pressures that bringing up children can create. Help them to be patient and caring, and able to provide the stable home environment that their children need to thrive.

Monday 15th October

We pray for Bradford Primary School – for the head teacher, Lisa Paton, and all staff, pupils, governors and parents, that they may work together to create a happy and supportive environment in which the children can flourish.

Tuesday 16th October

We pray for all children who are taught at home – that they are able to receive a full and varied education, and do not suffer from feelings of isolation. We pray also for those who teach and support children being home-schooled.

Wednesday 17th October

We pray for all child minders and nursery nurses working in our area, providing vital support to enable young parents to return to employment, while creating a safe and stimulating environment in which young children can grow.

Thursday 18th October

We pray for children and young people suffering from long-term or life-threatening illnesses, and those experiencing periods of anxiety or depression. Give them hope for the future, and support those who look after them.

Friday 19th October

We pray for all university and college chaplaincies, as they provide support for the students in their care – especially those from this area. Help them to reflect your love, and guidance to those who have lost their way.

Saturday 20th October

We pray for all children and young people facing deportation, whatever the circumstances. We pray that applications to remain are dealt with sympathetically, and that where possible, families are enabled to stay together.

Sunday 21st October

We pray for all those who work in or influence our education system, that they may see your will done; and for all who are receiving education, that they may receive their daily bread.

Monday 22nd October

At the beginning of this half-term week, we pray that all staff and pupils in our schools will have a relaxing and enjoyable week, and will return to school next week feeling rested and restored.