

## LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 12 Dec

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." Matt 9:37-38

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| Sun 12 Dec<br>3rd Sunday of Advent | Pray for the retired clergy during this busy time of Advent and Christmas that they may have good health, strength and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.        |
| Mon 13 Dec                         | Pray for the PCC meeting taking place this evening, that God will guide in all the decisions made in this time of interregnum.                                    |
| Tues 14 Dec                        | Pray for the Food Hub and the Food Bank that they may be well supplied to meet the needs of those in food poverty at this time.                                   |
| Wed 15 Dec                         | Pray for God's blessing on the 'Christmas Unwrapped' event with Year 6 children in the Church this morning. Pray for Revd. Mike Cotterell as he leads this event. |
| Thurs 16 Dec                       | Pray for the Parish Representatives as they seek to draw up a Parish Profile to advertise for a new Rector for the Benefice.                                      |
| Fri 17 Dec                         | Pray for the schoolchildren and students as the autumn term ends and the Christmas holiday begins, that it may be a time of healthy and safe recreation.          |
| Sat 18 Dec                         | Pray for good weather conditions for the Carol Service to be held on the Church lawn at 3pm. Pray for good attendance and for Guy and Kelly as they lead.         |

Almighty God hear the prayers of your people for those with whom we share our lives and on whose work we depend. Be with those who mourn, the lonely, anxious, or distressed and grant your grace and strength to all whose work is essential or places them at risk. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our needs before we ask and our ignorance in asking; have compassion on our weakness and give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **A prayer for all those affected by the coronavirus**

Keep us, good Lord  
under the shadow of your mercy.  
Sustain and support the anxious,  
be with those who care for the sick,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may find comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.