

LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 9 Jan 2022

As soon as Jesus was baptised, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.' Matt. 3:16-17

Sun 9 Jan Baptism of Jesus	Pray for the retired clergy, the Churchwarden and the PCC that they may have health and strength for the extra duties during the interregnum
Mon 10 Jan	Pray for protection over the people of Wem from the Covid Omicron variant - that people will take sensible precautions to prevent the spread of infection.
Tues 11 Jan	Pray for the schools that there may be minimum disruption caused by ill health and that staff and students may make good progress with studies.
Wed 12 Jan	Pray for the team drafting the parish profile, that they may know God's inspiration and help in this important step in finding a new rector for Wem Parish Church
Thurs 13 Jan	Pray for all those bereaved or lonely at this time that they may be remembered especially by friends and neighbours.
Fri 14 Jan	Pray for a spiritual awakening among young people, that the message of Christmas may have stirred their curiosity about Jesus and draw them to Him.
Sat 15 Jan	Pray for young families in Wem, that they may have stability and provide the nurture that young children need. Pray especially for food provision for those in need.

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.