

LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 8 JANUARY 2023

Blessed are those who listen to me, watching daily at my doors, waiting at my doorway. For those who find me find life and receive favour from the Lord. Prov. 8:34

Sunday 8 January Epiphany	As God revealed the significance of the birth of Jesus to the Magi, pray that He will reveal who Jesus is to the people of our Town.
Mon 9 January	Pray for all those in Wem working in health care that they may have the strength to endure the extra stresses at this time.
Tues 10 January	Pray for those struggling to keep warm because of the rising cost of energy bills. May they know God's peace and provision.
Wed 11 January	Pray for students and teachers as they settle into the new term that they may have good working relationships and a happy learning environment.
Thurs 12 January	Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may have all the resources to help those in need.
Fri 13 January	Pray for Rev. John Jukes and his wife, Denise, as they prepare to leave their current parish to move to Wem. Pray that they may have God's vision for their ministry in Wem and that all their practical needs of moving may be met.
Sat 14 January	Pray for the body of Christ in Wem that it may know the inspiration and help of the Holy Spirit to truly be the salt and the light in this town.

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.