

LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 15 JANUARY 2023

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly as I should. Col. 4:2-4

Sunday 15 January Epiphany 2	Like Paul, let us pray for opportunities to speak about Jesus and what He has done for us in our conversations with others. Pray that we may speak clearly.
Mon 16 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 17 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 18 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 19 January	Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may have all the resources to help those in need.
Fri 20 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 21 January	Pray for God's blessing on the community lunch taking place in the Church Hall today. Pray that it may be a time of friendship and fellowship.

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.