

LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 22 JANUARY 2023

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. Romans 8:26-27

Sunday 22 January Epiphany 3	Continue to pray for the retired clergy that they may have health, strength and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as they maintain the work of the Benefice.
Mon 23 January	Pray for the PCC meeting taking place this evening that God will guide in all the decisions made.
Tues 24 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 25 January	Pray for Rev. John Jukes and his wife, Denise, as the time draws near for them to move into the Rectory in Wem. Pray for help with all their practical needs.
Thurs 26 January	Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may have all the resources to help those in need.
Fri 27 January	Pray for protection for the children and young people of Wem, that they may be provided with positive and constructive social activities outside of school.
Sat 28 January	Pray for opportunities to speak about our faith in conversation with others. Pray for our neighbours to know Jesus.

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.