

LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 19 FEBRUARY 2023

Therefore I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God - this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will. Romans 12:1-2

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| Sunday 19 February Sunday next before Lent | Pray for Rev. John Jukes today as he presides over the Sunday services, his first time as Rector. May he know the Lord's blessing and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. |
| Mon 20 February | Pray for the children and young people of Wem that they will have Godly protection from drug dealers. Pray that they will have opportunity to know more about Jesus. |
| Tues 21 February | Pray for all families in food poverty, that their needs may be met. Pray for those who have plenty, to give generously. |
| Wed 22 February Ash Wednesday | At the beginning of this season of Lent, pray that we will take time to reflect on the meaning of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus and be ready to dedicate ourselves in His service. |
| Thurs 23 February | Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may have all the resources to help those in need. |
| Fri 24 February | Pray for growing unity and working together of the different Churches in Wem. May they truly be the salt and the light in Wem and the Benefice. |
| Sat 25 February | Pray for the Lord's blessing on the coffee morning in the Church Hall. May it be a time of good 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.