

## LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 17 DECEMBER

Jesus said: "Then will appear the sign of the Son of Man in heaven. And all the peoples of the earth will mourn when they see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven, with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other." Matt.24:30-

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Sunday 17 December Third Sunday of Advent	Pray this Advent for the Lord's special blessing on all the services and Church activities that many newcomers may attend and hear the good news of Jesus.
Mon 18 December	Pray for the Food Hub and the Food Bank that they may have all the resources that they need to provide for families in food poverty. May those with plenty give generously.
Tues 19 December	Pray for opportunities to speak about your faith in conversation with others. Pray that God will give you the right words and that you may speak clearly.
Wed 20 December	Pray for God's blessing on St. Peter's School Carol Service taking place in Church today. Pray that teachers, parents and children will draw near to Jesus.
Thurs 21 December	Pray for, John, our Rector, the retired clergy and all the Church leaders, that they may have good health, strength and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in this busy time as Christmas approaches.
Fri 22 December	Pray for God's blessing on the Carol Service taking place tonight in Church. Pray that the words of the readings and Carols will touch the hearts of all who are present and bring them near to Jesus.
Sat 23 December	Pray for God's blessing and protection over all social activities taking place over the weekend. May they be positive and not harmful.

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.