

LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 31 DECEMBER

But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Saviour, Titus 3:4-6

Sunday 31 December Christmas 2	At the close of 2023, pray that we may offer worship pleasing to God and be refreshed and renewed by the Holy Spirit for the New Year ahead. Pray for safe and positive celebrations in the town for New Year's Eve.
Mon 1 January	Pray for our Rector, John, and the retired clergy that they may have rest and refreshment during this week.
Tues 2 January	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 3 January	Pray for the Food Bank and Food Hub that they may have all the resources that they need to sustain those families in food poverty.
Thurs 4 January	Pray for children and young people returning to school after the Christmas break that they may have good health and renewed energy to learn.
Fri 5 January	Pray for all those with addictions, that they may receive the help that they need to be free. Pray for an end to drug dealing in the area.
Sat 6 January Epiphany	Pray for God's blessing on all the social activities taking place in the area, that they may be positive times of friendship.

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.