

# December 2021

## PRAYER DIARY

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It has been a year of challenges and encouragements for us.



I have personally experienced a period of ill health. As a result, I am now feeling a measure of fatigue and currently have a somewhat reduced workload. Also, our borrowed elders from the church in Sheffield, who gave the initial impetus to the Salford work, were not able to continue to provide pastoral support. And so, we now have a new set of borrowed elders,

to work alongside me in taking care of the congregation. It has been good to have them visiting regularly.

It has been encouraging for all of us to have new families join us and come into membership. It feels like we have a stronger core now, especially as we join in singing God's praises together. Practically, this has also meant that the burden of jobs, such as set-up and welcome and refreshments, has been shared more broadly. Our venue is excellent, but as it is not our own building, we still need to put out the chairs and bring equipment with us.

Like every church, we have been feeling our weakness in many ways. The time of lock-down was strange for everyone and surprisingly exhausting, and we are suffering too from the difficulties associated with increasing years, work pressures and family needs.

I have been preaching through Acts in the mornings, showing how the Lord Jesus is at work building his church, and through Hebrews occasionally in the evenings. For our midweek meeting, we have been gathering in our house and joining our Solihull congregation online for Bible studies.

We would love to engage more with the local community. Following on from our Christmas invitations and services, we plan in the new year to begin a Christianity Explored course.

**Prayer points:**

- Give thanks for the encouragement of new families joining us.
- Give thanks for our borrowed elders, helping to care for the congregation.
- Pray for me (Chris), for stamina and wisdom in the ministry.
- Pray for us as a congregation, to know God's grace in our weaknesses.
- Pray for our evangelistic outreach, especially offering Christianity Explored.

## Daily prayers for December

- 01 Wed Cake and Chat For renewed fellowship
- 02 Thurs Advent preaching series "The Coming King" Preparations for our outreach services
- 03 Fri Wardens: Margaret, Dave, Steve, Richard.
- 04 Sat Chris and Rosemary Statter [ see front page ] John and Gillian Statter
- 05 Sun For Ben as he leads our three congregations.
- 06 Mon King's Kitchen. That all who come will find Jesus.
- 07 Tues PCC For wisdom in all decisions in our church life and witness.
- 08 Wed Christ Church and St Mary's schools as they celebrate Christmas.
- 09 Thurs Northwest Gospel Fellowship and all the churches involved especially this month for St Philemon's, Toxteth.
- 10 Fri Admin team. Cathy and Carol
- 11 Sat Derek and Audrey Newton For Derek's preaching and teaching commitments. For wisdom for the medics caring for Audrey and for Esmee [ granddaughter]
- 12 Sun Sunday Schools nativity services and Carol Service
- 13 Mon Noah's Ark stay and play group, for safety for all who attend.
- 14 Tues Uniformed organisations
- 15 Wed Finance team Margaret, Steve B, Phil, Eric, and Dave.
- 16 Thurs Tony and Denise Ford in Barrow, Chris and Joy Evans in Gateshead, Dave and Irene Hanson in Preston.
- 17 Fri Bishop Rod, David Banting. Bishop David, Archdeacon David and area dean Daniel Ramble that God would help them to lead wisely and be faithful to him.
- 18 Sat Mike and Helen Parker. For their work in Scotland and their support of mission partners in the Middle East.
- 19 Sun For friends and neighbours and for those who find Christmas difficult.
- 20 Mon Wisdom for those in Government and in the NHS in decisions about the Covid situation.
- 21 Tues Footprints. For wisdom in when to start again.
- 22 Wed Daniel and Joy Ernst, Rob and Alison Brewis, Phil and Ali Beswick, Katie Benjamin, Vicky Parsons, Lydia Taylor.
- 23 Thurs Diocesan Evangelical Fellowship For strong leadership for the parishes involved.
- 24 Fri Christingle services at all three churches
- 25 Sat Rejoice that the Saviour has been born.
- 26 Sun Bishop Abelino and Patti in Chile. For their work in the local area and for Abilino's responsibility in the diocese.
- 27 Mon The School for the Deaf in Nekempte. That their needs will be met.
- 28 Tues Bible study groups. That members will continue to support each other in our walk with God
- 29 Wed Embrace [previously Biblelands] in its work in the Middle East'
- 30 Thurs Crossley Coffee Morning for wisdom in knowing when to start again.
- 31 Fri Daniel and Mei Whetham. For their outreach to Asian students .

# YOUR PERSONAL PRAYER DIARY

REASONS TO GIVE THANKS AND PRAISE

ANSWERS TO PRAYER

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS

ONGOING PRAYER REQUESTS

For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given,  
and the government will be on his  
shoulders.

And he will be called  
Wonderful Counsellor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince  
of Peace.

Isaiah 9 v6

