

## LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 5 Dec

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there. Matt 19: 13-15

Sun 5 Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent	In this season of Advent, pray for a spiritual awakening among the people of Wem. May their thoughts be directed to Jesus, the Son of God and Saviour of the world.
Mon 6 Dec	Pray for the children, young people and teachers at our schools, that Jesus may be central in their preparations and activities for Christmas
Tues 7 Dec	Pray for the Food Hub and the Food Bank that they may be well supplied to meet the needs of those in food poverty at this time.
Wed 8 Dec	Pray for Wem Town Councillors that they may have Godly wisdom in the decisions they make and work together for the benefit of Wem.
Thurs 9 Dec	Pray for the Parish Representatives as they seek to draw up a Parish Profile to advertise for a new Rector for the Benefice.
Fri 10 Dec	Pray for protection over the people of Wem as they come together for weekend events at the Town Hall.
Sat 11 Dec	Pray for a growing unity and working together among the different Churches of Wem over this Christmas time.

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.