

LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 19 Dec

But the angel said to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord." Luke 2:10-11

Sun 19 Dec 4th Sunday of Advent	Pray for the retired clergy during this busy time of Advent and Christmas that they may have good health, strength and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.
Mon 20 Dec	Pray for protection over the people of Wem from the Covid Omicron variant - that people will take sensible precautions to prevent the spread of infection.
Tues 21 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 22 Dec	Pray for families at this Christmas holiday time that they may have fresh understanding of the meaning of Christmas.
Thurs 23 Dec	Pray for all those bereaved or lonely this Christmas time that they may be remembered especially by friends and neighbours.
Fri 24 Dec	Pray for God's blessing on the Crib Service and Midnight Mass led by Revd Mike Cotterell. May God's presence touch the hearts of all those who attend.
Sat 25 Dec	Pray for the Christmas services across the benefice that they may be a true celebration of the birth of our Saviour and God's plan of redemption for us.

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.