

## LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 23 Jan 2022

Jesus said, "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks the door will be opened. Matt 7:7-8

Sun 23 Jan 3rd Sunday after Epiphany	Pray for the retired clergy, the Churchwarden and the PCC that they may have health and strength for the extra duties during the interregnum
Mon 24 Jan	Pray for the couples who are to be married in our church this year; that they may draw closer to each other and realise your blessings in their married life.
Tues 25 Jan	Pray that God will draw the right person to take on the leadership of the Benefice as rector - someone with Godly vision who can facilitate growth
Wed 26 Jan	Pray for the elderly on their own, that they may have sufficient heating in the cold weather in spite of rising energy prices.
Thurs 27 Jan	Pray for our new MP, Helen Morgan, that she settles quickly into her new role and is effective in looking after the concerns of North Shropshire.
Fri 28 Jan	Pray for a spiritual awakening among the children and young people of Wem, that they may be drawn to Jesus and become His disciples.
Sat 29 Jan	Pray for protection over social events this weekend and that people will take sensible precautions to limit the spread of the Corona virus.

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.