

## LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 11 DECEMBER

Paul said: "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near." Phil 4: 4-5

Sun 11 December Third Sunday of Advent	Pray at this time of Advent for a spiritual awakening among the people of Wem and a desire to know more about Jesus.
Mon 12 December	Pray that God will provide opportunities to speak about our faith in conversations with others. Pray for friends, family and neighbours to know Jesus.
Tues 13 December	Pray for the students of Thomas Adams School as they hold their Christmas Concert in SS Peter & Paul's Church, that their thoughts will be on Jesus.
Wed 14 December	Pray for the children of St. Peter's School as they have their Christmas Service in SS Peter & Paul's, that they will grow in understanding about Jesus.
Thurs 15 December	Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may have all the resources to help those in need.
Fri 16 December	Pray for Rev. John Jukes and his wife, Denise, as they prepare to leave their current parish to move to Wem. Pray that all the practical needs entailed may be met.
Sat 17 December	Pray for all those anxious about the cost of living increases that they may know God's peace and provision. May those with plenty give generously.

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.