

LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 18 DECEMBER

“Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:10-12

Sun 18 December Fourth 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. Pray for the Carol service today.
Mon 19 December	Pray that God will provide opportunities for us to speak about our faith in conversations with others. Pray for friends, family and neighbours to know Jesus.
Tues 20 December	Pray for those struggling to keep warm because of the rising cost of energy bills. May they know God's peace and provision.
Wed 21 December	Pray for the children and young people of Wem that they may know God's protection. Pray also that they may want to know more about Jesus this Christmas.
Thurs 22 December	Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may have all the resources to help those in need.
Fri 23 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 24 December Christmas Eve	Pray for God's special blessing on the Crib Service today, that it may be well attended, especially by children. Pray also for the Midnight Mass.

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.