

## LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 29 JANUARY 2023

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we can ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:20-21

Sunday 29 January Candlemas	Continue to pray for the retired clergy that they may have health, strength and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as they maintain the work of the Benefice.
Mon 30 January	Pray for those struggling to keep warm because of the rising cost of energy bills. May they know God's peace and provision.
Tues 31 January	Pray for Rev. John Jukes and his wife, Denise, as they move into the rectory today. May they know the Lord's blessing on their new home and position.
Wed 1 February	Pray for all those who work in the health service, that they may be sustained through all the stresses and strains of this time. May proper solutions be found.
Thurs 2 February	Pray for the Food Bank and the Food Hub that they may have all the resources to help those in need.
Fri 3 February	Pray for growing unity and working together of the different Churches in Wem. May they truly be the salt and the light in Wem and the Benefice.
Sat 4 February	Pray for opportunities to speak about our faith in conversation with others. Pray for our neighbours to know Jesus.

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.