

LOCAL PRAYER DIARY WEEK BEGINNING 7 JANUARY

When the Magi saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Matt.2:10-11

Sunday 7 January Epiphany	Pray that we, like the Magi, may worship Jesus and offer ourselves as a gift to him.
Mon 8 January	Pray for our Rector, John, and all the Church leaders, that they may have renewed vision for the work to be done in our area.
Tues 9 January	Pray for opportunities to speak about your faith in conversation with others. Pray that God will give you the right words and that you may speak clearly.
Wed 10 January	Pray for the Food Bank and Food Hub that they may have all the resources that they need to sustain those families in food poverty.
Thurs 11 January	Pray for the children, young people and teachers that they may settle into a new term with renewed energy. Pray for protection of their health.
Fri 12 January	Pray for all those anxious about the continuing increases in the cost of food, that they may know God's peace and provision. Pray that those with plenty may give generously.
Sat 13 January	Pray for God's blessing on all the social activities taking place in the area, that they may be positive times of friendship.

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.