

Cycle of Prayer December 2017

Thursday 21	God of peace, encourage those who seek to establish a fair and just peace in the Middle East. Bless their efforts as they work to end conflict. <i>The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow or death a light has dawned.</i>
Friday 22	In the United Benefice the parish of St Helen Etwall and the parish of St Wilfred Egginton Clergy: Fiona Solman, Fran Grant; Wardens: Pat Riley, Vicki Keene, Alec Bemment, Andrew Walley; the PCC and congregation
Saturday 23	For God's blessing on all our attempts to communicate a welcome to church this Christmas. Diocesan Communications Adviser working in Church house: Lucy Harrison and IT Officer: Rachel Shock
Sunday 24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Pray that this light will shine throughout our dark world. For all those who have been invited to attend church and those in need of a friend
Monday 25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace. Pray for peace throughout the world this Christmas time. Light your candle and pray for those who you love
Tuesday 26 <i>St Stephen</i>	The parish of All Saints Hatton, Clergy: Lee Martin; Reader: Rosalind Evans; Wardens: Lindsey Ashenden, Pauline Neal Pray for all who suffer persecution because of their faith. Lord Jesus, friend to the weary, be the strength of all who come to you.
Wednesday 27 <i>St John</i>	As St John stood faithfully at the Cross, pray that we may remain steadfast in our faith. Father God, when we are waiting, help us to find you through the whisper of your love in the silence, with the candle-like flame of your hope in the darkness, and in the warmth of your arms in the cold light of day.
Thursday 28 <i>Holy Innocents</i>	Pray for all children, particularly those who have suffered any form of abuse. Pray for those working to support them. God, born as a baby, we pray for children who cry and are not comforted.
Friday 29	Refugees: We pray for the torn and divided peoples of Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq; for refugees and uprooted families; for all living in camps and for those who assist them, and for all who have been bereaved, injured and traumatized. In particular we pray for children and young people caught up violence, threat and injustice. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our peace and our hope. Amen (from Christian Aid)
Saturday 30	For clergy and people as we rest
Sunday 31	May God the Father keep you in all your days. May God the Son shield you in all your ways. May God the Spirit bring you healing and peace. May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you and pour upon you blessing and light. Lord of yesterday, Lord of this moment, Lord of tomorrow, Teach me to trust you.

Friday 1	World AIDS Day: Around 100,000 are currently living with HIV in the UK and globally an estimated 34 million people have HIV. <i>Lord, we believe in the grace of your healing, your power to mend all that is broken, and your desire for wholeness and renewal. We pray that we may be healed and made whole, so we discard our excuses that make us feel exempt from responsibility, and treat all affected by HIV in the name of Jesus. Amen</i>
Saturday 2	Deanery of Duffield and Longford Area Dean Deanery administrator Lay Chair Richard Chapman and Gordon Thornhill
Sunday 3 <i>Advent</i>	Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength for all those who will speak, especially through the media, with confidence and clarity of our Maker's love and the Redeemer's story this Advent <i>Come Lord of us all, Stir up the darkness. To keep us awake.</i> <i>Come Lord of nature, Wise and just ruler. Show us how to live.</i> <i>Come Lord of our life. Deserts are greening. show that you are near.</i> <i>Come Son of David, He who was promised. the true king will come.</i> <i>With the shepherds of Bethlehem</i> <i>With the shepherds of Bethlehem help us, oh Lord, to stand in vigil on the eve of your Coming, to run with haste to meet you, to see your face in the faces of others and to wake from our sleep as a new world is being born. With the angels of Bethlehem help us, oh Lord, to tell the whole world of your presence God is with us! Let us create peace amongst people and work for justice amongst nations. With Jesus, the infant Christ help us, oh Lord, to cherish the hope that is born at Advent, to hear the calling of your people, to nurture the seeds of your Kingdom and through our actions to be messengers of your love in building communities of service and prayer.</i> (Miguel Alonzo Macias, CAFOD)
Monday 4	In a United Benefice the parishes of St Anne Ambergate and St Luke Heage, Clergy: ValHart; Reader Ray Taylor; the PCC and congregation.
Tuesday 5	In a United Benefice the parish of St Peter Belper, St Mark Openwoodgate and St Swithun Belper Clergy: Anne Stratton, April Tompkins; Andrew Baguley, Jane Lyon, Readers: Dinah Dawson, Michael Fletcher, Jonathan Tillin, John Walker; the PCC and congregations

Wednesday 6	In a United Benefice the parish of Christ Church Belper Clergy: Jonathan Page, Alison Roome, Imogen Black; Readers: Eileen Hardy, Anne-Louise Hodcroft, Tony Winslade; Wardens: Derek Twigg, Karl Huber, the PCC and congregation
Thursday 7	In a United Benefice the parish of All Saints Turnditch Clergy: Jonathan Page, Alison Roome, Imogen Black; Readers: Eileen Hardy, Anne-Louise Hodcroft, Tony Winslade; Warden: Angela Jeffery; the PCC and congregation
Friday 8	In a United Benefice the parish of St Alkmund Duffield Clergy: James Hughes, David Barnsley; Reader: Richard Lindop; Carol Hemmings, Wardens: Stuart Holmes, James Rollin; the PCC and congregation
Saturday 9	In a United Benefice the parish of St Paul Little Eaton Clergy: James Hughes, David Barnsley; Reader: Richard Lindop; Wardens: Richard Nicholson, Linda Crowder; the PCC and congregation
Sunday 10 <i>Advent 2</i>	Christ Unexpected Lord, we expected you to be grand, but you have come as a helpless infant. We expected you at another time, but you have come in the silence of the night. We expected you to be dazzling, a king, but you have come as a fragile man, like us. We thought you would be different, but you are humble. Hardly anyone recognises you just seeing you is not enough. We have to believe that you are God, like this, so human. We had our own idea of you and you have defied all our expectations. Give us faith to believe in you and recognise you as you are and as you have come to us. (Miguel Alonzo Macias, CAFOD in Honduras).
Monday 11	the parish of St Mary Marston on Dove with Hilton Clergy Andy Murphie; Wardens: Edith Barber, Andrew Hibbert; the PCC and congregation Hospice Movement Pray for all who work in our hospices as they support those nearing the end of their earthly life. Ashgate hospice in Chesterfield, Treetops hospice in Risley Nightingale Macmillan continuing Care Unit, Royal Derby Hospital Blythe House Hospice, Buxton
Tuesday 12	In a United Benefice the parishes of St John the Evangelist Hazelwood, St Michael Holbook, Holy Trinity Milford and St Lawrence Shottle, Clergy: Rev Nicky Fenton Readers: Hilary Smith; Wardens: Roy Hicklin, Tessa Hibbert, David Joseph; Francine Franklin, Tessa Hibbert, Cythia Varney, JA Maxwell-Jones, David Mellors; the PCC and congregations
Wednesday 13	In a United Benefice the parish of St Michael Kirk Langley and the parish of All Saints Mackworth Clergy: Dawn Glen; Reader: Bryan Jones; Wardens: Geoff Meynell, Mary Debling, Betty Bond, Bryan Jones; the PCC and congregations Church Mission Partners serving in distant and dangerous places The real work of Christmas Liz Babbs <i>when the last present has been opened and the last mouth fed.</i> <i>When weariness lays like a blanket over all mankind -</i> <i>The real work of Christmas begins:</i> <i>To seek the lost, to support the lonely</i> <i>To feed the starving, to shelter the homeless</i> <i>To console the broken, to love, the unlovely ...to LOVE</i>

Thursday 14	In a United Benefice the parish of All Saints Mugginton and Kedleston Clergy: Dawn Glen; the PCC and congregation In a world where as many as 27 million people may be held in slavery here is a prayer to end Human trafficking <i>Almighty God - Saviour, Liberator and Lover of all people,</i> <i>We confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts</i> <i>Or modelled your self-sacrificing love that has won our freedom.</i> <i>We have heard rumours of modern-day slavery</i> <i>But preferred not to look too closely</i> <i>At what is difficult to face and painful to think about.</i> <i>We have chosen to keep our eyes shut and not ask difficult questions. And yet we remember how you came into our darkness</i> <i>And always walk beside us, and never look away from us</i> <i>- no matter what.</i> <i>We are truly sorry - please forgive us and make us more like you</i>
Friday 15	In the South Dales United Benefice the parishes of St John Alkmonton, St Cuthbert Doveridge, St Giles, Marston Montgomery, St Peter Somersal Herbert, All Saints Sudbury, St Paul Scropton, St Andrew Cubley, Clergy: John Vickerstaff, Readers: James Battie, Marlene Weston, Ann Roe, Lynda Herbert, Wardens: David Legh, Jonathon Johnson, Philip Slack, Trudy Jones, Jo Ewing, Cliff Ewing, Cath Goodwin, Gordon Thornhill, Eric Philips, Mark Foley, Alan Smith; the PCC and congregations <i>Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease.</i> <i>Take from our souls the strain and stress</i> <i>and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.</i>
Saturday 16	In a United Benefice the parishes of St John the Baptist Boylestone, St Michael Church Broughton, All Saints Dalbury, St Chad Longford, Christ Church Long Lane, St Andrew Radbourne, St Michael Sutton-on-the-Hill, All Saints Trusley Clergy: for Jane Legh as she takes up her post an Interim Priest in charge; Wardens: Pauline Hill, J.R. Shirley, M. Tipping, Roy Dutton, Val Smith, D.A. Bailey, C.G. Buckston, M.A.B. Mallender, D. Coke-Steel, Jennifer Hammond, Keith Hammond, Rita Shanks, Geraldine Owen, Anne Spall, Pauline Hill, Jean Goodall; the PCC and congregations <i>That our children will understand the real meaning of Christmas</i> <i>Come my Lord, my light, my way</i>
Sunday 17 <i>Advent 3</i>	For all those who have, for whatever reason, stopped going to church <i>Lighten our darkness. Lord, we pray; and in your mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.</i> <i>Amen.</i>
Monday 18	For our Bishops and clergy, that they will be strengthened to serve faithfully at this busy time and for all those who support them; especially the Bishop of Derby's staff Chaplain Pippa Rowen, PA Claire Beavis, Admin Assistant Francis Morrison, Nicky Fenton Assistant Chaplain
Tuesday 19	Parishes where there is a clergy vacancy <i>the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth</i>
Wednesday 20	Light your candle and write a prayer for those with whom you expect to share your Christmas <i>The kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.</i> Come Lord of us all, Stir up the darkness We light just one candle To keep us awake. Come Lord of nature, Wise and just ruler. The light of two candles Shows us how to live. Come Lord of our life. Deserts are greening. The light of three candles shows that you are near. Come Son of David, He who was promised. By four candles' brightness the true king will come. Sue Allerton/CAFOD