

20th We pray for Christingle Making Party in the Church 10pm. And Carol Singing in Nursing Homes this afternoon as we celebrate the Christmas Story in song.

21st Lord of all, we pray for our Brothers and Sisters around the world who are being persecuted for their faith

22nd We pray and give thanks for John Parker and all in the Parish office - for their invaluable contribution at Christmas and throughout the year.

23rd We pray for those who are hungry and homeless tonight, both around the corner and worldwide.

24th **Advent 4. Come O come Emmanuel.** We pray for all those attending the 10.30am Communion Service (BCP) led by Stewart Timbrell. And for the Christingle Service at 3pm led by Dale. And the 11pm Midnight Service led by Paul Hockley. We pray for the many visitors to begin a new relationship with Jesus.

25th **Christmas Day Collect.** *O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy Him perfectly in heaven; where with You and the Holy Spirit He lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.* We give thanks for Stewart Timbrell, leading our Christmas Day Service.

26th Lord, we pray for the people in our communities where we live. And in the Parish, we pray for those who live in Western Avenue and Branksome Towers Road.

27th We pray for our Church Wardens, Janet and Michael; giving thanks for their hard work and dedication during this past year.

28th Father, we give you praise for the work of the Bible Society and Wycliffe Bible Translators who seek to translate your Holy Word into the languages of every tribe and nation.

29th Stepping Stones walk. St Catherine's Hill 10am start: they pray that peace will come soon to the countries where peace is just a memory.

30th Loving God, we pray for the people of Ukraine, and all other conflicts worldwide; for the innocent, the frightened, the dispossessed, and those who have lost loved ones, homes and family.

31st God of Glory, we pray for Paul Simester leading and preaching at the 10.30am Communion Service. Followed by a glass of sherry

Lord, Thank You for all that You've allowed into our lives this past year. We pray for Your Spirit to lead us each step of the New Year.



All Saints' Church Branksome Park



December Prayer Diary 2023

*God grant us the light of
Christmas, which is faith;
the warmth of Christmas, which
is purity;
the righteousness of Christmas,
which is justice;
the belief in Christmas, which is
truth;
the all of Christmas, which is
Christ.*



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| <p>1st Father as we celebrate this Christmas season thank you for the gift of your Son. Help us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus and our hearts open to receive Him.</p> | <p>6th Father we lift up Luke, Katie and the children and their move to the Vicarage. May they be blessed in their move and their lives here at All Saints'.</p> | <p>13th Father, we pray for this afternoon's Christmas Tea Party - that all present enjoy the fellowship and a lovely tea.</p> |
| <p>2nd Father God we give thanks for all who are involved in conducting our Christmas services. We pray that the Bible passages, Carols and Anthems and teaching may bring fresh insight about Christ's coming to those who attend.</p> | <p>7th We pray for the Lay Pastoral Assistants and all other church members who reach out to those in need this Christmas.</p> | <p>14th Stepping Stones walk to Colehill 10 am start. <i>"We pray Lord that others can know the bounteousness and beauty of the land as we do."</i></p> |
| <p>3rd Advent 1 <i>See the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.</i> We give thanks for our worship as a church family. We pray for Dale leading Café Church and for Paul Simester leading and preaching at the 11am Communion Service.</p> | <p>8th We pray for the Knit and Natter Group Meeting at 2.30pm in the Church Hall.</p> | <p>15th Lord Jesus, may our church family be a place that welcomes anyone exploring the miracle of your birth to feel welcome and included into your story.</p> |
| <p>4th Lord, we pray for peace in Israel and Gaza – for an end to hostilities and for peacemakers on both sides. And recovery for those injured. Comfort all who mourn and all who are still waiting to hear of the release of hostages and prisoners.</p> | <p>9th Loving God, we thank you for helping the growing and dedicated teams of sidespeople and other volunteers performing their duties quietly and efficiently at our services.</p> | <p>16th Lord, open our eyes to the people in our communities who are isolated. And we pray also for those who live in Oratory Gardens and Chesterfield Close.</p> |
| <p>5th Jesus Christ, in a month full of many attractions and delights, we pray that you would be our comfort and joy. Thank you for our church family at All Saints' and all those who remind us of your goodness and love.</p> | <p>10th Advent 2. <i>Prepare the way of the Lord.</i> We give thanks for our time of worship at the 8am Holy Communion led by Stewart Timbrell and for the Crib Service at 9.30am led by Dale. Also for the 11am Morning Prayer led by Kay Morison with Steve Annandale speaking.</p> | <p>17th Advent 3 <i>The Lord is near. Rejoice in the Lord.</i> We pray for Dale leading the 9.30am All Age Service and for Paul Simester leading and preaching at the 11am Communion Service. We lift up Simon Tyndall leading and preaching at our 6pm Carol Service. We pray for those new or annual visitors to church.</p> |
| | <p>11th Dear Lord, we pray that all families involved in the Nursery School find delight in being together during the Christmas season and experience the peace and joy that you bring.</p> | <p>18th We pray for the Carol Singing at three Nursing Homes in the afternoon and the Children's Movie Night 4pm in the Hall</p> |
| | <p>12th Loving Father, we pray for the people in our parish who live in Haydon Road and Western Road.</p> | <p>19th We give thanks for the Men's Christmas Dinner at Romanzo's.</p> |

