

1. Pray for tonight's switch on of the Bures Christmas Lights. May they be a visual symbol to us all of Jesus coming into our world. Ask also that those gathering in church for the carols may sense the presence of the Lord.
2. Pray today for the Ferriers Barn Christmas Bazaar. Ask for God's help and blessing on all the members.
3. Pray on this **First Sunday of Advent** that the Holy Spirit fills the hearts of all those gathered in church. Pray also for the Sunday afternoon Youth Group that they may meet in a pleasant, festive atmosphere.
4. Pray that many people will feel inspired to accept the invitations to the Christmas Services, as St.Mary's joins in with the "God With Us" initiative being run by the Church of England. May many be drawn to watch the short videos being shown on social media, so that all will come to know that God is with us.
5. Pray today for the new church administrator that, as she starts this month, she may quickly settle in.
6. Pray on this Wednesday for all those both nationally and in the village, who give up their time to volunteer to help others. Thank the Lord for their selflessness.
7. Pray for the School Assembly in church this morning and for a lovely

- pre-Christmas atmosphere to be enjoyed by all. Also pray for the village pantomime of "Little Red Riding Hood", as it starts tonight. Ask that it may be a huge success.
8. Pray on this Friday for the Carol Service at St.Stephen's Chapel, that many may feel drawn to attend. Also pray that the Youth Club may have a happy, friendly gathering tonight.
  9. Pray for all the businesses in Bures and ask that they may continue to prosper.
  10. Pray on this **Second Sunday of Advent** for the Benefice Christingle Services. Ask that many families will come to these services and may the message of Christ as the Light of the World be joyously understood.
  11. Pray today for all those in our farming community as they use this time of year to service and repair the machinery and continue to look after the livestock.
  12. Pray for our ministry team at this particularly busy time of year. Ask the Lord to fill them with His Holy Spirit and the peace of knowing the Lord, as they prepare for all the services.
  13. Pray today for Stepping Stones and its Christmas Party. May they all have a happy, celebratory time together.
  14. Pray on this Thursday for the Bures School Nativity service, which is being

- held in the church. Pray that the children do their best and thoroughly enjoy acting out the Christmas story.
15. Pray today for the Darby and Joan Christmas Party. Ask the Lord to ensure that all members are well enough to come to this lovely, friendly celebration.
  16. Pray on this Saturday for the Bures market on the Common. May it be a resounding success. Pray also for a happy time at the M.U. Christmas Party tonight.
  17. Pray on this **Third Sunday of Advent** for all the Benefice Carol Services. May we all praise God in our hearts, as well as with our voices.
  18. Pray today for the safety of migrants everywhere, especially those fleeing war.
  19. Pray on this Tuesday for the school end of term. Ask that the children and the staff all have a wonderful Christmas holiday.
  20. Pray for today's Wednesday morning informal service of carols. May the favourite carols chosen also touch the hearts of others.
  21. Pray and ask the Lord to send His angels to comfort those who are lonely and therefore find this time of year difficult.
  22. Pray that, as Christmas approaches, this is a healing time for those families which experience tensions.

- Ask that each person be filled with a spirit of tolerance and understanding.
23. Pray on this Saturday for the Crib Service tomorrow, that it may be an inspiring time for all present.
  24. Pray on this **Fourth Sunday of Advent** and **Christmas Eve** for the Lord's blessing on all the services taking place all over the world tonight and tomorrow, especially this evening's Midnight Communion.
  - 25. Glory Halleluia! – Christ is born!**
  26. Pray on this St.Stephen's day for strength and encouragement for all those persecuted, because of their Christian faith.
  27. Pray on this St.John's Day that we follow the apostle's words and "Love one another", for God is love.
  28. Pray today for the suffering children in our world, especially those who are being trafficked.
  29. Pray today for guidance and wisdom for our government as they negotiate the terms for Brexit.
  30. Pray that God will continue to guide and walk with us all in the New Year. Also ask the Lord to give us the strength to do His will each new day.
  31. Pray on **this Sunday and New Year's Eve** for the Benefice Communion Service at Little Cornard and for an enjoyable Solos on Sunday Lunch Club in St.Mary's Church.