

PRAYER DIARY FOR DECEMBER 2021

1. Pray that, as we journey through the season of Advent, our Benefice can be renewed in hope and strengthened in faith.
2. Pray for and give thanks for all those who work in our hospices. Ask the Lord to support and encourage them in their work.
3. Pray that many people will feel drawn to attend the St. Stephen's Chapel Carol Service at 6pm.
4. Pray for the Holy Spirit's presence to be felt at this afternoon's Messy Church Christingle.
5. **Second Sunday after Advent.** Pray for the Reverend David Cook as he preaches in Bures today. May his sermon touch the hearts and minds of all those present.
6. Pray for Sue Emerson, the choir and musicians as they prepare for the Christmas Services.
7. Pray for a very happy gathering at the Footprints Carers and Toddler Group.
8. Pray for this afternoon's School Nativity Play. May the children not feel nervous and all present be inspired by the Christmas message.
9. Pray for a very successful school Carol Service this evening. May all those present praise God in their hearts as well as with their voices.
10. Pray for the continuing work of Ferriers Barn and ask for God's help and blessings on all the members and the staff.
11. Pray for a very joyful and festive Mother's Union Christmas party and give thanks for all the work they do in the village and beyond.
12. **Third Sunday after Advent.** Pray for the Archdeacon David Jenkins, as he delivers the sermon today. May the presence of the Holy Spirit be clearly felt by all.
13. Pray for the safety of Christians in the Middle East and ask the Lord to send His angels to protect them and especially the children.
14. Pray for the work of the Salvation Army looking after those without shelter as the weather gets colder.
15. Pray that those people who have not known the love of God will experience His love this season and beyond, through the kindness and comfort of others.

Do not be anxious. God is with you.

16. Pray for the safety of migrants fleeing conflict.
17. Pray for all the businesses in Bures that they may continue to prosper.
18. Pray for the work of Storehouse, that there will be plenty of donations at this Christmas time.
19. **Fourth Sunday after Advent.** Pray for the Lord to be truly praised at the Carol Service tonight and that the hearts of many will be touched by the good news of Jesus' birth.
20. Pray for the work of the Friendship church in Russe, that they may be able to help the needy at this cold time of year.
21. Pray for all those for whom Christmas is a sad time, as they remember dear loved ones lost. May they feel the comfort of the Father's angels.
22. Pray for inspiration and the Lord's encouragement for the Ministry team as they lead us through this Christmas Season.
23. Pray that the village Christmas Lights will remind people of the Light of Christ shining in darkness.
24. **Christmas Eve.** Pray that many will come to the Crib Service this afternoon and share in the wonder of Christ's birth.
25. **Christmas Day.** Hallelujah! "Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given."
26. **First Sunday after Christmas. Boxing Day** Pray for a very special post-Christmas service today.
27. Pray for those who spent Christmas alone, that friends and neighbours will call on them.
28. Pray for the local school pupils and staff, that they can have a complete rest after such a difficult year,
29. Pray for stamina and enthusiasm for those working hard in the NHS
30. Pray that we all develop a deeper dependence on God and know the power of prayer.
31. **New Year's Eve.** Dear Lord, as we face the uncertainty of a New Year, may we step out in faith, knowing that You are always there for us listening to our prayers.
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