

St Peter's Church Bishopsworth
Prayer Diary January 2022

1. New Year's Day. Thank God for all blessings over the past year and ask for his blessing and guidance for the year ahead.
2. *Epiphany. Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord.*
3. Pray for all evangelists, missionaries and preachers as they work to open people's eyes to the glory and wonder of Christ
4. Remember all those who are blind or have impaired vision and thank God for the provision of Braille books and material.
5. Thank God for the work of all those who conscientiously look after our church finances and admin.
6. At the beginning of a new term, pray for all the staff and children of St Peter's Primary and ask God to bless their school life.
7. Ask for an end to the Covid pandemic and lift up to God any you know who have suffered or are still suffering as a result.
8. Many people suffer from depression at this time of the year. Ask God to draw near to those who are affected that they will know his strong presence in their lives. May the joy of the Lord be their strength.
9. *Baptism of Christ. Heavenly Father, at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son: may we recognise him as our Lord and know ourselves to be your beloved children; through Jesus Christ our Saviour.*
10. Pray for our Leadership team. May they always know God's wisdom and guidance in all their discussions and plans.
11. Remember all those who regularly attend our Coffee Morning in the hall and thank God for all the good fellowship they enjoy.
12. Pray for Sandra and all the team who welcome families to Coffee Pot week by week. We pray that many good relationships will be formed.
13. Many children are adversely affected by online bullying and any damaging material they may access via social media, such as pornography or violence. Ask God to keep our children safe online and help us to teach them safe ways to enjoy the benefits of modern technology.
14. Pray for Dan Norris, our Regional Mayor. May God give him wisdom to make good decisions regarding plans for the future of our region.
15. Many times in the bible we are told not to be afraid. Lift up to the Lord any areas in your life where you are worried or fearful.

- 16.** *Eternal Lord, our beginning and our end: bring us with the whole creation to your glory, hidden through past ages and made known in Jesus Christ our Lord.*
- 17.** Pray for all those taking part in our Alpha course starting this week. May they grow in the knowledge and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 18.** Pray for Katie as she plans programmes and events for the coming year.
- 19.** Pray for Claire and the team working at the Ark.
- 20.** Pray for our Prime Minister and government that they be given wisdom to make right decisions and direct our nation in positive ways.
- 21.** Lift up to the Lord all refugees and those who have been driven from their homes by poverty, war or oppression. Ask that those countries that accept them may have the ability and resources to provide for their needs.
- 22.** Pray for the Manor Woods Valley Group and thank God for all those who volunteer to maintain our parks and open spaces.
- 23.** *God of all mercy, your Son proclaimed good news to the poor, release to the captives, and freedom to the oppressed: anoint us with your Holy Spirit and set all your people free to praise you in Christ our Lord.*
- 24.** As the Chinese New Year begins with the Year of the Dragon, pray for the many Christians and Christian churches in that great nation and pray that they will have a positive impact within their communities.
- 25.** Remember our Tuesday Holy Communion service. Pray for all those who attend regularly and also for occasional attenders.
- 26.** PCC meeting tonight. Pray for all our PCC members for harmony of spirit and unity of purpose.
- 27.** Holocaust Memorial Day. Pray for the Jewish people as they continue to suffer from anti-semitism and pray that they will come to recognise Jesus Christ as their Messiah and King.
- 28.** Pray for our Pastoral and Homegroup leaders.
- 29.** The PCC have planned an Awayday today. Pray that this will be a useful and enjoyable session for all taking part.
- 30.** *Candlemas. Lord Jesus Christ, light of the nations and glory of all Israel: make your home among us, and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God and our God.*
- 31.** Remember times when God has answered your prayers, sometimes in unexpected ways, and thank him for goodness and loving mercy.