

# Smestow Vale Team Prayer Diary

## December 2017

Please pray for all in long-term sickness or incapacity, including Arthur Barratt, Dorothy Parry, James Clowsley, Alma Elliott, Kath Worthington, Kathy Anderson, Andrew Powney and Stella Fairhurst.

### **Friday 1st December** - *Ebtree Meadow, Seisdon*

Please pray for the clergy of the Team, that by God's grace His love may shine through every part of their ministry and in every service in this very busy season.

### **Saturday 2nd December** - *Ebtree Road, Seisdon*

Please pray for the couple being married today at St Benedict's, that they will know God's loving presence. Pray for those attending the Advent Fayre at Wombourne Civic centre and the Christmas Fayre at Swindon Community Centre (11.00 - 1.00).

### **Sunday 3rd December** - **Advent Sunday**

The Team Advent Carol Service takes place today at St John's, Swindon at 6.00 (N. B.) There will be a Holy Communion Service at St John's in the morning and a Christingle at St Michael's at 11.00. Please ask God to bless all who are attending any of these services today as we use this time of Advent to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus at Christmas.

### **Monday 4th December** - *Ednam Grove, Wombourne*

Please pray for the people of The Yemen that food and medicines will be allowed through the blockade to stave off a calamitous situation. Pray that God will intervene to prevent this pending humanitarian crisis.

### **Tuesday 5th December** - *Elder Grove, Wombourne*

Please pray for Blakeley School, holding their Carol Service at St Benedict's today, and for Messy Church at St John's. Pray for all attending the Baptism Preparation this evening.

### **6th December** - *Elm Tree Close, Wombourne*

The Pastoral Group meet this morning; Advent Midday Prayer takes place at The Venerable Bede from 12.00 to 12.30; and the Alpha Course continues this evening. Please pray for God's blessing on all these events and activities.

### **Thursday 7th December** - *Falklands Close, Swindon*

Please remember before God today all people displaced by recent natural events: floods, fires, earthquakes and hurricanes, and all those forced to flee from areas of conflict. Pray that God will soon enable them to return to their homes.

**Friday 8th December** - *Feiashill Close, Trysull*

Matthew Clarke and Hannah Gatt are to marry today at St Benedict's. Please pray that they will know God's loving care today and throughout their lives.

**Saturday 9th December** - *Feiashill Road, Trysull*

Please pray today for all those affected by militant Islam in all its guises. Pray especially for sufferers in NE Nigeria, Somalia, Syria and Iraq.

**Sunday 10th December - Advent 2**

Please pray for children today attending Christingles at St Benedict's or at St John's (4.00). Pray for the work of the Children's Society, supported by the collections at these services.

**Monday 11th December** - *Foley Grove, Wombourne*

Please continue to pray for all the Brexit negotiators. Pray that deadlock will be broken and progress made to the satisfaction of both parties (UK and EU).

**Tuesday 12th December** - *Forest Lane, Bobbington*

Please pray for the Greater Staff meeting this morning and for the Himley Prayer Group meeting at 7.30 tonight: that both will be guided by God. Pray too for the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary who will be singing their Office at St Benedict's this evening, and for God's blessing on all Servers.

**Wednesday 13th December** - *Forge Leys, Wombourne*

Please pray for the second Wednesday Midday Advent Prayer at The Venerable Bede at 12 noon today. Ask God to bless all who will be taking part in that quiet time of worship.

**Thursday 14th December** - *Forge Valley Way, Wombourne*

Today we gather for our Christmas Lunch at the Venerable Bede. As we thank God for his goodness, pray for all who will attend that event. Pray too for the Civic Carol Service at the Community Centre at 7.30 this evening, that it may help the Village in their understanding of Christmas.

**Friday 15th December** - *Fox Close, Seisdon*

Tantallon will be singing at St Benedict's today. Thank God for the gift of music and pray for all who will attend that concert.

**Saturday 16th December** - *Fox Road, Seisdon*

Please pray for all who work in the retail industry in the busy run-up to Christmas. Pray that they may find strength to be part of Christmas with their families.

**Sunday 17th December - Advent 3**

Please pray for people attending special services today: Café Church at St John's this morning; Bobbington Carol Service at Holy Cross at 3.30; and Swindon Carol Service at St John's at 6.00; as well as those at all the regular services elsewhere in the Smestow Vale Team.



**Monday 18th December** - *Furnace Close, Wombourne*

Pray for our Church and Cathedral choirs, as they make music at Christmas. Pray that their efforts may truly glorify the birth of the Infant King.

**Tuesday 19th December** - *Gardeners Way, Wombourne*

Please pray for the students and staff of Ounsdale School who will be holding their Carol Services at St Benedict's today. Pray that this will lead them to a true understanding of Christmas.

**Wednesday 20th December** - *Giggetty Lane, Wombourne*

The third Advent Midday Prayer will take place at the Venerable Bede at 12.00. Please pray for all will be taking part.

**Thursday 21st December** - *Gilbert Lane, Wombourne*

Please pray for the children taking part in the Christmas Workshop at the Venerable Bede today. Pray too for Sarah and all who will be helping with this event, and ask God to make the First Christmas real for the children.

**Friday 22nd December** - *Glebelands, Bobbington*

Please pray for all those whose occupation obliges them to be working over Christmas. Pray that they will be able to spend a little time with their families, and that they will also be able to spend some time reflecting on the birth of Our Saviour.

**Saturday 23rd December** - *Glendale Drive, Wombourne*

Our Christmas Charity this year is WINGS. Thank God for all who work tirelessly to support the children, and pray that He will bless all their plans. Pray for the children, that they will find the love of God present in their time with WINGS.

**Sunday 24th December - Advent 4/Christmas Eve**

Please pray for all attending the Carol and Crib services today at St Benedict's. Pray too for the congregations of the Bobbington Crib service at 300 and Midnight Mass at 10 pm; of the Himley Carol Service at 11.00 am, and of the services at Swindon: the Crib Service at 5 o'clock and the First Communion of Christmas at 11 pm.



**Monday 25th December - Christmas Day**

Please pray for the folk at Himley attending their Christmas Holy Communion at St John's at 11.00 today, and for those at the services at St Benedict's and the Venerable Bede.

**Tuesday 26th December - Stephen, deacon, first martyr**

*"Merciful Lord, we thank you for the signs of your mercy revealed in birth and death: save us by the coming of your Son, and give us joy in honouring Stephen, the first martyr of the new Israel."*

**Wednesday 27th December - John, Apostle and Evangelist**

*"Grant, O Lord we pray, that the Word made flesh proclaimed by your apostle John may, by our celebration of word and sacrament ever abide and live within us."*

**Thursday 28th December - The Holy Innocents**

*"Lord Jesus Christ, in your humility you have stooped to share our human life with the most defenceless of your children: may we rejoice in celebrating the witness of the holy innocents to the purity of your sacrifice made once for all upon the cross."*

**Friday 29th December - Gospel Ash Road, Bobbington**

The first of our monthly charities is PLAN. Please pray for Songo Kamana from Guinea and Nowal St Vilme from Haiti, the two children we support through that organisation.

**Saturday 30th December - The Grange, Wombourne**

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of CORD, originally created as Project Vietnam Orphans to rescue children bereaved of their parents at the height of the Vietnamese war. Please ask God to bless the continuing ministry of CORD, our second monthly charity.

**Sunday 31st December - Christmas 1**

Please ask God to bless all those attending the Holy Communion Service at St John's at 9.30 this morning.