

Smestow Vale Team Prayer Diary

December 2018

Please pray for all in long-term sickness or incapacity, including James Clowsley, Alma Elliott, Kathy Anderson, Beryl Sadler and Andrew Powney.

Saturday 1st December - *The Celandines, Wombourne*

Please pray for clergy who minister to us within the Team: Paul, the team Rector; and Charmaine and Richard, the team Vicars. Pray for them especially at this busy time, leading up to Christmas.

Sunday 2nd December - Advent Sunday

Please pray for all who will be participating in the Team Advent Carol Service at Trysull this evening. Pray that this will make a good start to our preparations to meet the infant Jesus at Christmas. Pray too for the children and other worshippers at the 11 am Christingle service at St Michael's.

Monday 3rd December - *Chapel Close, Wombourne*

Today our prayers are asked for all the young people in our congregations. Pray especially for Sarah, the Wombourne Children's Worker and for the Messy Church, Little Fish and the Sunday Club.

Tuesday 4th December - *Chapel Lane, Swindon*

Today, those soon to bring children for baptism meet to consider its meaning and purpose. Please pray for them and for all who will be there to encourage them.

Wednesday 5th December - *Chapel Street, Wombourne*

Today, the Pastoral Group meet at Saint Benedict's and the Alpha Course continues at Saint Michael's. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide both these events. Pray too for all who will be at the Carols for the Eve of Saint Nicholas at Saint Benedict's this afternoon.

Thursday 6th December - *Chartwell Drive, Wombourne*

Please thank God for the ministry of those who welcome people to church, those who prepare and serve refreshments; the flower arrangers and for the cleaners. Pray that they will all know God's blessing on their ministry.

Friday 7th December - *Chasepool Farm, Swindon*

Please pray for those who ring our bells both in times of joy and sadness, and in calling people to church.

Saturday 8th December - *Chasepool Road, Swindon*

Please bring before God Roger Etherington and Katie Farr who are to be married at St Michael's today. Please ask God to bless their marriage and to be with them throughout their life together.

Sunday 9th December - Advent 2

This afternoon, people, young and old, will gather at Saint Benedict's for the Christingle Service. Pray that it will be a time of wonder and enjoyment for all who are present.

Monday 10th December - Chequers Avenue, Wombourne

Please pray for the Team Council meeting this evening at The Venerable Bede. Pray for all the clergy and Team representatives who will be there, and for a useful time together.

Tuesday 11th December - Cherry Lane, Himley

Please pray for the Staff Meeting this morning, and for the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary meeting at Saint Benedict's this evening. Please pray for all who assist at Holy Communion, both as Servers and in the administration of the Holy Sacrament. Pray too for the Himley prayer group meeting this evening at 7.00.

Wednesday 12th December - Chestnut Drive, Wombourne

Please pray for all who will be at the continuing Alpha Course today, that they may grow more and more in their love of Jesus Christ, and in their understanding of the Christian Faith.

Thursday 13th December - Church Lane, Bobbington

Much is happening today, including the Blakely Heath School Carol Service, the Christmas Lunch at the Venerable Bede and the Churches Together Carol Service at the Venerable Bede this evening. Please pray for God's blessing those attending all these events, that each occasion will in its own way lead to a closer love for God

Friday 14th December - Church Road, Swindon

Please continue in your prayers for peace in all places of conflict. Remember those in trouble in Syria and those lacking food and medicines because of the blockade in the Yemen.

Saturday 15th December - Church Road, Wombourne

Please remember before God those who lack a roof over their heads in our local area. Pray especially for those who try to relieve their suffering, including the Wolverhampton Church Shelter and P3.

Sunday 16th December - Advent 3

"O Lord Jesus Christ who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may all be found acceptable in your sight."

Monday 17th December - *Churchward Grove, Wombourne*

Please remember today all the folk at Himley Mill, and pray that they will feel the love of Jesus as they share in the Carol Service at 2.30 today with the help of folk from St Michael's.

Tuesday 18th December - *Churchwell Court, Wombourne*

Please pray for Christians in many parts of the world where Christmas is a time of particular danger, a time when churches are liable to be attacked. Pray that they may be able to hold their Christmas services in safety.

Wednesday 19th December - *Clan Park, Trysull*

Please pray for School services taking place today: Ounsdale Carol service and Corbett Christmas services. Pray for both students and staff, that these events will remind them of the true meaning of Christmas.

Thursday 20th December - *Clapgate Close, Wombourne*

Today, St Benedict's School hold their Carol Service. Please include all who attend that school in your prayers today, and ask God to bless their time of celebration.

Friday 21st December - *Clapgate Grove, Wombourne*

It is the turn, today, of further Ounsdale Carol Services. Please pray for all who will be involved in those services, and ask God to bless them with his love.

Saturday 22nd December - *Clee View Road, Wombourne*

Our Christmas charity this year is "Smile Train", helping children around the world suffering from the effects of cleft lip or cleft palate. Pray for the children and for the medical personnel who endeavour to correct the defects.

Sunday 23rd December - Advent 4

Please pray for Christmas services taking place today and for all who will be there. Pray for the Carol Service at Bobbington in the afternoon and for the service of Nine Lessons and Carols at 11 am at Himley.

Monday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Please pray for all attending the Crib Service at Bobbington this afternoon, and for all the Crib and Carol services throughout the Team. Pray too for all coming to any of the "Midnight" services in different parts of the Team.

Tuesday 25th December - Christmas Day

Please pray for the people of Himley attending their Christmas Communion service at 11 am, and for the Christmas Day services in Wombourne.

Wednesday 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, first martyr of the new Israel."

Thursday 27th December - John, Apostle and Evangelist

"Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life."

Friday 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 the sacrifice made once for all upon the cross."

Saturday 29th December - The Close, Swindon

The first of our monthly charities is for PLAN through which we support two children and their families: Songa Kamano in Guinea and Wakenlove Alix in Haiti.

Sunday 30th December - Christmas 1

"Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son shared at Nazareth the life of an earthly home: help your Church to live as one family, united in love and obedience, and bring us all at last to our home in heaven."

Monday 31st December - Common Road, Wombourne

The second charity this month is for Sightsavers. Please pray for all in need of treatment for poor vision in many impoverished countries, and for the doctors and surgeons who give their time and expertise to help them back to full sight.