



The Diocese of Sodor and Man Prayer Diary December 2017

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- Fri 1st** **Mothers' Union – 16 days of Activism Against Gender Violence**
 President: Pat Costain Chaplain: Nigel Cretney
From 25 November to 10 December: Pray for protection of the 'vulnerable' around the world.
 Psalm 55 Isaiah 35. 1-10
 Wau - (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan) Bishop Moses Deng Bol
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- Sat 2nd** **St George and All Saints (Douglas)**
 Clergy: Andie Brown, Alessandra Di Chiara, John Guilford; Readers: Eric Quirk, Charles Flynn
Pray that the newly refurbished church hall will become a focal point for mission and outreach.
 Psalm 119. 65-80 Isaiah 41. 8-13
 Wellington - (Aotearoa NZ & Polynesia) Bishop Justin Duckworth
 Assistant Bishop: Eleanor Sanderson
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- Sun 3rd** **St Thomas (Douglas)**
 Clergy: Vacant, Philip Frear
Pray for a reflective Advent and a joyful celebration of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 Psalm 68. 1-10 Colossians 1. 1-8
 West Buganda - (Uganda) Bishop Henry Katumba-Tamale
- ADVENT SUNDAY
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- Mon 4th** **Growing Faith for Generations**
Pray for Dave Male, CofE National Adviser for Pioneer Ministry, as he visits the Island to talk with those particularly involved in the youth mission initiative.
 Psalm 122 Colossians 1. 9-14
 Archbishop of South East Asia & Bishop of West Malaysia: Ng Moon Hing
 Assistant Bishops: Charles Samuel, Jayson Selvaraj
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- Tue 5th** **St Ninian (Douglas)**
 Clergy: John Coldwell, John Guilford, Les Lawrinson Readers: Maria Coldwell, Judy Cannan
Pray for John Guilford as he ministers among the community of Sunday @ 10.
 Psalm 72. 1-4, 18, 19 Colossians 1. 15-20
 Leeds - (York) Bishop Nicholas Baines Suffragan and Area Bishops: Toby Howarth,
 Helen-Ann Hartley, Jonathan Gibbs, Paul Slater, Anthony Robinson
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- Wed 6th** **Eastern Mission Partnership**
 Team Leader: Clive Burgess Tynwald Court Ellan Vannin Care Home
 St Nicholas The Commissioners of Garff, Onchan, Braddan and Councillors of Douglas Borough.
Pray for all who will visit Douglas Town Centre at this busy time and for Alex Brown in his role there.
 Psalm 103. 8-13 Isaiah 2. 1-4
 Western Izon - (Bendel, Nigeria) Bishop Edafe Emamezi
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- Thu 7th** **Onchan**
 Clergy: Clive Burgess Readers: Carole Bairstow
Pray for all the services over Christmas that they will encourage people to return to Church.
 Psalm 118. 19-27 Isaiah 4. 2-6
 Western Massachusetts - (I, The Episcopal Church) Bishop Douglas Fisher
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Fri 8 th	Braddan Clergy: Daniel Richards, Bert Ferris, Margaret Fourie <i>Please pray for our Advent and Christmas services and all outreach in this season.</i> Psalm 27. 1-4,13,14 Colossians 1. 21-29 Western Michigan - (V, The Episcopal Church) Bishop Wayne Hougland
Sat 9 th	St Matthew (Douglas) Clergy: Tom Davis <i>As Fr Tom celebrates his first Christmas on the Island pray for the people who live in the Parish.</i> Psalm 146. 4-11 Colossians 2. 1-7 Western Newfoundland - (Canada) Bishop Percy David Coffin
Sun 10 th	The Cathedral Dean: Nigel Godfrey Campaign Manager: Val Garrett Chapter: Clive Burgess, John Coldwell, Joe Heaton, Janice Ward; Clerk: Margaret Burrow <i>Pray for the St Nicholas Festival as the Chorister Bishop is enthroned.</i> Psalm 126 1 Kings 19. 1-9a Western North Carolina - (IV, The Episcopal Church) Bishop José Antonio McLoughlin
Mon 11 th	Lonan and Laxey Clergy: Jo Dudley <i>Pray for all who will be alone this Christmas time.</i> Psalm 25 1 Kings 19. 9b-18 Wiawso - (Ghana, West Africa) Bishop Abraham Ackah
Tue 12 th	Maughold and South Ramsey Clergy: Christopher Lowdon Bishop's Missioner (Dhoon): Nigel Cretney <i>Pray for a blessed Advent and joyous Christmas Celebration.</i> Psalm 34. 1-6, 21, 22 1 Kings 19. 19-21 Willochra - (South Australia, Australia) Bishop John Stead
Wed 13 th	Northern Mission Partnership Team Leader: Chris Lowdon <i>The Commissioners of Ramsey, Andreas, Ballaugh, Bride, Jurby, Lezayre, Garff.</i> <i>Pray for the clergy of the North at this busy time of the year.</i> Psalm 85. 7-13 1 Kings 21. 1-7 Windward Islands - (West Indies) Bishop Calvert Friday
Thu 14 th	The Parish of the Northern Plain Clergy: Iain Skidmore, William Mackay Readers: Paul Bregazzi, Peter Ling, Peter Shimmin <i>Pray for the young people of Ballaugh School at their Christingle and for the ministry team covering services.</i> Psalm 30. 1-5, 11, 12 1 Kings 21. 8-16 Wondurba - (Loryko, South Sudan) Bishop Matthew Taban Peter
Fri 15 th	Arbory and Castletown Clergy: Irene Cowell (elect), Colin Barry; Readers: Hilary Flynn, Mike Wilson <i>Give thanks for all who are covering the services during this busy period.</i> Psalm 67 1 Kings 21. 17-24 Worcester - (Canterbury) Bishop John Inge Suffragan Bishop: Graham Usher Winchester - (Canterbury) Bishop Tim Dakin Suffragan Bishops: David Grant Williams, Jonathan Frost

Sat 16 th	Scripture Union Ministries Trust Team Leader: Ruth Walker <i>Pray that the Christmas Connect Youth Service 3.30pm today at Pulrose Methodist Church will encourage those who gather.</i> Psalm 72. 1, 6-8, 18, 19 1 Kings 21. 25-29 Wusasa - (Kaduna, Nigeria) Bishop Ali Buba Lamido	
Sun 17 th	Southern Mission Partnership Team Leader: Joe Heaton; The Commissioners of Arbory, Castletown, Malew, Port Erin, Port St. Mary, Rushen and Santan. <i>Pray for a renewed collaboration within the Mission Partnership in the New Year.</i> Psalm 45. 10-17 Esther 2. 5-18 Wyoming - (VI, The Episcopal Church) Bishop John Smylie	Chaplain KWC: Erica Scott
3 ADVENT		
Mon 18 th	Rushen Clergy: Joe Heaton, John Gulland, Roger Harper, Brian Shephard, John Sheen. Readers: Harry Dawson, Margaret Galloway, June Harper <i>Give thanks for the music group as they prepare for Christmas.</i> Psalm 24. 1-6 Esther 2.20 - 3.6 Yambio - (Minye, South Sudan) Bishop Peter Munde Yacoub	
Tue 19 th	Malew and Santan Clergy: James McGowan, Bill Martin, Peter Upton-Jones; Readers: Ellen Halliwell, Howard Connell <i>Give thanks for the safe birth Aida and pray for the McGowans as they celebrate Christmas.</i> Psalm 33. 1-4, 11, 12 Esther 3.7 - 4.3 Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon: Stephen Than Myint Oo Assistant Bishop: Samuel Htang Oak	
Wed 20 th	Bride, Lezayre, and North Ramsey Clergy: Brian Evans-Smith. Readers: Tim Grass, Joan Watson <i>Pray that those who attend the Christmas services may find God's love and peace.</i> Psalm 113 Esther 4. 4-17 Yei - (Loryko, South Sudan) Bishop Hilary Luate Adeba	
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Thu 21 st	Marown, Foxdale and Baldwin Clergy: Janice Ward Readers: Nancy Clague, Doug Chalk, Heather Paisley <i>Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire those attending the Advent study sessions, that they may have a deeper knowledge and understanding of the Scriptures.</i> Psalm 25. 3-10 Esther 5. 1-14 Yewa - (Lagos, Nigeria) Bishop Michael Adebayo Oluwarohunbi	
Fri 22 nd	School Holidays <i>As the holidays begin, pray for the young people that they may enjoy their holidays safely and wisely.</i> Psalm 89. 1-7 Esther 6.1 - 7.10 Yirol - (Bahr El Ghazal, South Sudan) Bishop David Akau Area Bishops: Isaac Nyaryiel Aleth, Paul Tokmach Lual	
Sat 23 rd	Emergency Services <i>As many people enjoy parties this weekend, pray that they may do so responsibly and give thanks for the skills of those who will help those who find themselves in difficulties.</i> Psalm 71. 3-8 Esther 8 Yokohama - (Japan) Bishop Laurence Yutaka Minabe	
Sun 24 th	The Media <i>Give thanks for the work of Manx Radio and particularly Judith Ley bringing the joy of the season to many who are unable to get to Church.</i> Psalm 19. 7-14 Colossians 2. 8-15 Yola - (Jos, Nigeria) Bishop Markus Ibrahm	
4 ADVENT		

Mon **The Diocese**

25th Bishop: Peter Eagles

Bishop's Chaplain: Margaret Burrow, Ben Bradshaw

Secretaries: Lorna Cook (Bishop); Andrew Swithinbank (Diocese); Michelle Barwood (Synod).

As Bishop Peter and Gail celebrate their first Christmas on the Island, give thanks for their ministry here and pray for Ben and his family as he takes on the role of Bishop's Chaplain.

CHRISTMAS
DAY

Psalm 89. 19-52

Philippians 2. 1-11

Archbishop of York: John Sentamu

Suffragan Bishops: Glyn Webster, Alison White, John Thomson, Paul Ferguson

Tue **St Stephen**

26th *As today the Church commemorates St Stephen pray for all who this day face violence and persecution. Pray particularly for their families and remember all who are imprisoned and have not been tried in a court of law.*

St
Stephen

Psalm 98

Isaiah 49. 22-26

Ysabel - (Melanesia) Bishop Ellison Quity

Wed **Western Mission Partnership**

27th Team Leader: Nigel Godfrey

Reader: Robert Quayle

The Commissioners of Marown, Michael, German, Patrick, Peel

Pray that the glorious music and readings at Advent and Christmas Carol Services will linger long in the minds and hearts of all people.

St
John

Psalm 85

Isaiah 50. 4-11

Yukon - (British Columbia & the Yukon, Canada) Bishop Larry David Robertson

Thu **Holy Innocents**

28th *As today the church commemorates the slaughter of the Holy Innocents and our Lord's escape to Egypt as a refugee, pray for all who are living as refugees and the innocent lives that are daily being lost. Give thanks for the work of all agencies working to bring relief and stability in difficult situations.*

Holy
Innocents

Psalm 2

Philippians 1. 27-30

Zaki-Biam - (Abuja, Nigeria) Bishop Benjamin Vager

Fri **The Parish of the West Coast**

29th Clergy: Nigel Godfrey, Ian Faulds, Colin Fleetney, Jeanette Hamer, Malcolm Convery;

Local Ministers: Cheryl Cousins (Dalby), Karen Garrett (Patrick)

Readers: Rosemary Clarke, Denise Gelder, Stephen Hamer

Pray that all who visit the Embroidery Exhibition of the Bible Society on Creation and the Nativity will be inspired by the beauty of the work.

Psalm 116. 12-end

Philippians 2. 12-18

Zanzibar - (Tanzania) Bishop Michael Hafidh

Sat **Church and Society**

30th *Pray for all those working to provide comfort and hope to families going through difficult times.*

Pray that the love of Christ may shine in all homes this Christmas time. Give thanks for the support given by the IOM Foodbank.

Psalm 96. 1-4

Isaiah 51. 1-11

Zaria - (Kaduna, Nigeria) Bishop Cornelius Salifu Bello

Zonkwa - (Abuja, Nigeria) Bishop Jacob Kwashi

Sun **Watchnight Services**

31st *As the New Year is seen in with Prayer, pray that the Light of Christ will shine anew in all hearts that the world may be filled with Love that brings renewed Hope for the future.*

CHRISTMAS
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Psalm 96. 7-10

Philippians 2. 19-30

Zululand - (Southern Africa) Bishop Monument Makhanya
