

### **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Prayer for the New Year.**

*May the Lord make this New Year a happy one, not by shielding us from sorrow and pain, but by strengthening us to bear it if it comes. Not by making our path easy, but by making us sturdy enough to tread any path. Not by taking hardship from us but by taking all cowardice and fear from our hearts as we meet hardships. Not by granting us unbroken sunshine, but by keeping our faces bright even in the shadows. God, make this year a safe, happy and healthy one for all who live in your world. Amen*

### **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*God of all hope we call on you today. We pray for those who are living in fear: Fear of illness, fear for loved ones, fear of other's reactions to them. May your Spirit give us a sense of calmness and peace. We pray for your church in this time of uncertainty. Grant us your wisdom. Holy God, we remember that you have promised that nothing will separate us from your love – demonstrated to us in Jesus Christ. Amen*

### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Pray for Rev. Vicky and for the three churches in her charge. Pray and give thanks for all who support her ministry at the three churches. Pray for the Wardens and church officers at St. Luke's, St. Thomas' and St. Saviour's. At the beginning of the year pray God's blessing on all the three churches and on all who worship in them.

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the hospitals that serve the Cannock area treating and caring for patients admitted suffering from Covid. Pray for all the hospital staff both the medical and support staff that together ensures that all aspects of the hospital organisation function effectively. Pray for the patients and for their families.

### **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the work of the Mission Aviation Fellowship delivering life saving medical supplies and medical personnel to remote villages which cannot be reached by road. Give thanks for their work in delivering bibles to these villages in their own dialect and in supporting local Christian churches.

### **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Epiphany**

*Father God, the star that led the Magi to the stable announced to the world that its Saviour was born. Today we live in a world that is still covered by darkness, and still needing to make that journey to the stable door. May our lives reflect your light day by day, as we seek to serve where you have placed us. That we might be the means through which others can encounter Jesus Christ. Amen*

### **Friday 7<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for UNICEF working to support 5 million vulnerable children in Afghanistan and their families. UNICEF also advocates for the rights of children in Afghanistan including their education. Pray for those to whom UNICEF is also delivering essential health supplies, water and lifesaving food, and helping displaced families prepare for the onset of a harsh winter.

### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for Christians in Afghanistan who are still in mortal danger from the Taliban. Fearful that even their relatives might betray them they constantly move around within Afghanistan making it impossible to earn a living. Pray for them as they meet secretly to worship, to pray and to study the bible.

### **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> Baptism of Jesus.**

*Eternal Father, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and revealed him to us at his baptism in the River Jordan. Grant that we, who have been born again of water and the Holy Spirit, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, who is alive with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **Monday**

Pray for the Christian house churches in Iran give thanks that the Supreme Court has ruled that belonging to a house church does not make Christians enemies of the state giving rise to the hope that Christians will now be able to meet for worship in their homes without fear of imprisonment.

### **Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Human Trafficking Awareness Day**

Pray for the victims of human trafficking. 40 million people worldwide are involved, of which 71% are women and girls. Pray for the work of the UN anti-trafficking committee co-ordinating efforts to rescue such victims and bring traffickers to justice.

### **Wednesday**

Pray the Parish Prayer on the front cover.

### **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for Care International, providing emergency support to refugees and to internally displaced people forced by conflict and violence to leave their homes and live in temporary camps in terrible conditions. Care also helps refugees deal with the psychosocial effects of experiencing conflict and violence. Pray for all refugees as they face the winter conditions.

### **Friday 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Father you have called your Church to share in your mission to the world and you have invited us who belong to the churches of St. Luke and St. Thomas, to go out in your service proclaiming the gospel. Bless all that we do in mission and outreach, keep us faithful in worship and prayer and give to us such belief in the gospel and such faithfulness in service, that we may reflect into our town something of Your grace and your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

### **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for all the Christian faith communities in Cannock, giving thanks for those meeting tomorrow worship their Lord. Pray for their leaders and their congregations witnessing to Jesus in their worship, in their outreach and in their commitment to preach the gospel in their community. Pray God's blessing on all they do in Jesus' name.

### **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Father, we praise and thank You for Your great gift in sending the incarnate Jesus to be our Saviour and Friend, to take our place on the cross and to pay the price for our sins. We thank You that when two or three are gathered together in Your name You are there in our midst. And thank You Father, for the many blessings that You shower over each one of us day by day. Give us grateful hearts and a willingness and desire to share with others the grace and mercy that we have received from You. Amen*

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for the people taking part in the Homelessness Forum taking place later this month in Strathclyde. The Forum bring together the most influential thought leaders, policy-makers and practitioners, entrepreneurs and people with experiences of homelessness to exchange ideas, share, learn and collaborate in order to find a solution to homelessness.

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place Jan 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> during the Octave of St. Peter and St. Paul. The prayers for Days 2-7 are from a booklet put together by the churches of the Middle East.**

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> The confession of St. Peter**

*Almighty Father, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, that in unity and peace we may proclaim the one truth and follow the one Lord, our Saviour Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Day2**

*Just and righteous God, we confess before you that we often covet worldly models of leadership. Help us to seek our Lord Jesus Christ not in the palaces of the powerful but in the humble manger. May we emulate him in his meekness and become servants to each other in obedience to you. We pray in the name of Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns forever in glory. Amen*

### **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Day3**

*Lord, you led us out of darkness to hope in Jesus. Unite us in our commitment to establish your reign of love, justice and peace, bringing light to those living in the darkness of despair and disillusionment. Shine your light upon us and surround us with the warmth of your love. Lift us up to you, so that our lives may glorify you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Day4**

*Good Shepherd, the fragmentation of your 'little flock' grieves the Holy Spirit. Forgive our weak efforts and slowness in the pursuit of your will. Give us wise shepherds after your own heart who recognise the sin of division, and those who will lead the churches with righteousness and holiness, to unity in you. We ask you, Lord, to hear our prayer. Amen.*

### **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> Day5**

*God our Guide, you sent the star to lead the Magi to your only begotten Son. Fill us with the confidence that you are walking with us. Open our eyes to your Spirit, and encourage us in our faith, so that we may confess that Jesus is Lord, and worship him did the Magi. Amen*

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Day6**

*Compassionate God, in your mercy, lead us to repent and to worship you. In the midst of our sorrow and despite the depth of our sin, give us the capacity to love you with all our hearts. As we journey together with one heart and mind, may we glorify you in the Spirit's fellowship, and witness to those around us. Amen.*

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> Day7**

*God, through your prophets you have called us to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. Through your Holy Spirit you continually enable us to hear your words, to follow Christ's example, and to live as his disciples. So, as we gather at the manger, heal our wounds, reconcile our divisions and hold us together in your love. Amen*

### **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> Conversion of St. Paul**

*O God, who taught the whole world through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Paul, draw us, we pray, nearer to you through the example of him whose conversion we celebrate today, and so make us witnesses to your truth in the world. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen*

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Leprosy Day**

Pray today for LEPROA raising awareness of leprosy, a disease that many people believe to be extinct. Pray for the nearly 600 people are diagnosed daily with leprosy and start treatment for disease. Pray for all those LEPROA supports who are affected by disease, poverty and prejudice.

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Holocaust Memorial Day**

*Loving God, we come to you with heavy hearts, remembering the six million Jewish souls murdered during the Holocaust. In the horrors of that history, when so many groups were targeted because of their identity, and in genocides which followed, we recognise destructive prejudices that drive people apart. Forgive us when we give space to fear, negativity and hatred of others, simply because they are different from us. In the light of God, we see everyone as equally precious manifestations of the Divine, and can know the courage to face the darkness. Through our prayers and actions, help us to stand together with those who are suffering, so that light may banish all darkness, love will prevail over hate and good triumph over evil.*

**A prayer written by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Chief Rabbi and a Senior Imam**

### **Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for Christians in India where outbreaks of violence against Christian communities is a regular occurrence. Pray for the missionary school in Vidisha district, Madhya Pradesh which was vandalised by radical Hindutva nationalists on December 6<sup>th</sup> alleging that unlawful forced conversions were taking place. Pray for the staff and students at the school.

### **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Pray for those medical staff who are on the frontline in the fight to keep Covid 19 in check. Pray for all the volunteers assisting in the vaccination programme in every town and city in the nation. Pray that the international community will ensure that vaccinations are available to the world's poorest nations.

### **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

*God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen*

**Collect for 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

### **Monday 31<sup>st</sup>**

Take time to reflect on the many blessings you have received at God's hands during the Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

Parish of  
**St. Luke Cannock and St. Thomas Huntington**

## **PRAYER NETWORK JANUARY DIARY 2022**



### Parish Prayer

*Father, you revealed your Son to the nations  
by the guidance of a star. Lead us to your  
glory in heaven by the light of faith.  
Lord Jesus may your light shine our way,  
as once it guided the steps of the magi:  
that we too may be led into your presence  
and worship you, the Child of Mary,  
the Word of the Father,  
the King of nations,  
the Saviour of mankind;  
to whom be glory forever. Amen*