

Prayer Diary December 2019

All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. Acts 1.14

The prayers for each day are for:

- ❖ the mission and ministry of a particular deanery/benefice;
- ❖ organisations, schools, events of the diocese and the wider community.
- ❖ people and places in the Anglican Communion;
- ❖ Our link Diocese Kagera and World Mission

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Sun
01.12.19

First
Sunday of
Advent.

Charles de
Foucauld,
Hermit in the
Sahara, 1916.

- ❖ Bishop Martin Seeley and Bishop Mike Harrison. The Honorary Bishops: Graeme Knowles, Sandy Millar, Gavin Reid, Tim Stevens, John Waine, Jeremy Walsh. The Bishop of Richborough. The Bishops' Administrative Team, Michael Robinson (Bishop's Chaplain and Canon Theologian Designate) and the Bishops Chapel Chaplain.
- ❖ The Night Shelter at St Nicholas Centre.
- ❖ Pray for mission agencies and their work throughout the Anglican Communion.
- ❖ Give thanks for the 35 years in which the Friends of the Church in China have been building friendships in that country.

Mon
02.12.19

- ❖ Agricultural Chaplains.
- ❖ Farmers and agricultural workers.
- ❖ Seoul (Korea) The Rt Revd Peter Lee. Eastern Newfoundland & Labrador (Canada) The Rt Revd Geoffrey Peddle.
- ❖ Kagera: Rev Joseph Kalekezi, Pastor of Chivu Parish.

Tue
03.12.19

Francis
Xavier,
Missionary,
Apostle of the
Indies, 1552.

- ❖ Clergy (P) with PTO: Roger Pallant, Deirdre Parmenter, John Parr, John Peart, Pam Peeling, Jim Pendorf, Brian Percy, David Pitcher, Lawrence Pizzey, Andrew Platt, Hilary Platts.
- ❖ People who are marrying this month and the weddings ministry of parish churches.
- ❖ Seychelles (Indian Ocean) The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song (Primate). Eastern Oregon (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Patrick Bell.
- ❖ Pray for those in Bangladesh and India who were affected by Cyclone Bulbul in late October. More than 700,000 homes were damaged and over 1.8 million people affected. Pray for the work of aid agencies trying to help people rebuild their lives.

Wed
04.12.19

John of
Damascus,
Monk,
Teacher of
the Faith,
c.749.

Nicholas
Ferrar,
Deacon,
Founder of
the Little
Gidding
Community,
1637.

- ❖ Higham, Holton St Mary, Raydon and Stratford St Mary: Martyn Carr (Assistant Curate), Vacancy (Rector).
- ❖ Schools' Nativities.
- ❖ Sheffield (England) The Rt Revd Pete Wilcox. Sheffield (England) The Rt Revd Peter Burrows. Eastern Zambia (Central Africa) The Rt Revd William Mchombo. Easton (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Santosh Marray.
- ❖ Pray for the Kigali Anglican Theological College as it seeks accreditation from the Ministry of Education in Rwanda.

Thu
05.12.19

- ❖ Nayland with Wissington: Stoke-by-Nayland with Leavenheath and Polstead: Derek Johns (Reader), Mark Woodrow (Priest in Charge).
- ❖ Dock workers.
- ❖ Shinyanga (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Johnson Chinyong'ole Eau Claire. (The Episcopal Church) The Revd William Jay Lambert.
- ❖ Give thanks for the work of Christian Aid in Ethiopia and other developing countries in alleviating poverty and showing God's love to others.

Fri 06.12.19

Nicholas,
Bishop of
Myra, c.326.

- ❖ Stoke-by-Nayland with Leavenheath and Polstead: Derek Johns (Reader), David Rowe (Reader), Mark Woodrow (Priest in Charge).
- ❖ Trafficked women and children.
- ❖ Shyira (Rwanda) The Most Revd Laurent Mbanda (Primate). Edinburgh (Scotland) The Rt Revd John Armes.
- ❖ Kagera: Rev. Hosea Kishongo and Evangelist Bosco Daud in Bushagaro Parish.

Sat
07.12.19

Ambrose,
Bishop of
Milan,
Teacher of
the Faith,
397.

- ❖ Hartismere Deanery: Susan Loxton (Rural Dean). Church Schools: Thorndon Primary School; Wetheringsett Primary School; Gislingham Primary School; Mellis Primary School.
- ❖ Blue Christmas Worship and those for whom this is a difficult time.
- ❖ Shyira (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Samuel M Mugisha. Edmonton (Canada) The Rt Revd Jane Alexander.
- ❖ Biharamulo: Rev. Erasto Rushongo Jamhuri, Bwanga Parish.

Sun
08.12.19

**Second
Sunday of
Advent.**

The
Conception of
the Blessed
Virgin Mary.

- ❖ David Jenkins (Archdeacon of Sudbury); Sally Gaze (Archdeacon for Rural Mission); Rhiannon King (Archdeacon of Ipswich); Jeanette Gosney (Acting Archdeacon of Suffolk). Diocesan Officers and Advisors.
- ❖ Pioneering ministries of Lightwave and of Parishes.
- ❖ Pray for the work of the Mothers' Union around the world, Sheran Harper (Worldwide President) Bev Jullien (Chief Executive).
- ❖ Biharamulo: Rev. Canon Stanley Kinyoruvu, Diocesan Secretary.

- Mon**
09.12.19
- ❖ Chaplains to the British Army, Royal Navy and the Royal Airforce.
 - ❖ Service Personnel serving overseas and their families.
 - ❖ Shyogwe (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Jered Kalimba. Egba (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Adekunle. Lafia (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Godwin A Robinson.
 - ❖ Pray for the 10 million people at risk of starvation in Yemen, the greatest humanitarian crisis facing the world today. Give thanks to God that aid agencies like Tearfund and its partners are able to bring hope into a desperate situation.
- Tue**
10.12.19
- ❖ Clergy (Q-R) with PTO: Patricia Quint, Jennifer Ragan, Brian Raistrick, Raymond Ramsden, John Rankin, Nigel Ransom, Michael Reavil, Gavin Reid, Graham Rendle, James Ridge, Pamela Robson, Bernard Rose, Rob Rose, Andrew Rycraft.
 - ❖ People who work in the delivery industry.
 - ❖ Sialkot (Pakistan) The Rt Revd Alwin John Samuel. Egba West (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Samuel Ajani.
 - ❖ Kagera: We pray for the continued growth and success of the Mother's Union.
- Wed**
11.12.19
- ❖ Eye: Guy Sumpter (Vicar).
 - ❖ The Lightwave Celebration of Christmas at Otley College, today.
 - ❖ Singapore (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah. Singapore (South East Asia) The Rt Revd Low Jee King. Egbu (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Geoffrey Okoroafor. Egypt (Jerusalem & Middle East) The Rt Revd Mouneer Hanna. Anis Egypt (Jerusalem & Middle East) Vacant Egypt (Jerusalem & Middle East) The Rt Revd Samy Fawzy.
 - ❖ Kagera: Rev Stembridge Lazaro, Rural Dean Mwivuza Deanery.
- Thu**
12.12.19
- ❖ North Hartismere: Graham Reardon (Reader), Adrian Watkins (Rector).
 - ❖ Migrants and refugees.
 - ❖ Sittwe (Myanmar) The Rt Revd James Min Dein. Eha Amufu (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Daniel Olinya.
 - ❖ Pray for the Scripture Union in Kigali as it begins a 2 day celebration service attempting to bring more young people to know Jesus Christ.
- Fri 13.12.19**
- Lucy, Martyr
at Syracuse,
304.
- Samuel
Johnson,
Moralist,
1784.
- ❖ Redgrave cum Botesdale with Rickinghall: Fiona Erith (Reader), Jacqueline Erith (Reader), Chris Norburn (Rector).
 - ❖ Parish Councils.
 - ❖ Sittwe (Myanmar) The Rt Revd Moses Tun Pa. Ekiti (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Christopher Tayo Omotunde. Ekiti Kwara (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Andrew Ajayi. Ekiti Oke (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Isaac Olubowale. Ekiti West (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Rufus V A Adepoju.
 - ❖ Lweru: Rev. Esau Bililiza, Biirobo Parish, Rev. Julias George, Lwanganilo Parish.
- Sat**
14.12.19
- John of the
Cross, Poet,
Teacher of
the Faith,
1591.
- ❖ South Hartismere: Jean Archdeacon (Reader), Julia Lall (Rector), Peter Neale (Reader).
 - ❖ Parent & Child Contact Centres.
 - ❖ Sodor & Man (England) The Rt Revd Peter Eagles. El Camino Real (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Mary Gray-Reeves.
 - ❖ Give thanks for those who have highlighted the damage that climate change is doing to God's creation. Pray that governments all over the world will respond to this existential crisis and take prompt action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

- Sun
15.12.19**
- Third
Sunday of
Advent.**
- ❖ St Edmundsbury Cathedral. Joe Hawes (Dean). The Cathedral Chapter and staff.
 - ❖ Blue Christmas Worship and those for whom this is a difficult time of year.
 - ❖ Sokoto (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Augustin Omole. El Salvador (Central America) The Rt Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar.
 - ❖ Pray for the growing number of acutely malnourished children in parts of Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi and Angola. Climate change has meant very low rainfall across the region while others have endured cyclones, crop-eating pests and diseases. Pray that aid agencies will be able to meet the growing demand for food in the region.
- Mon
16.12.19**
- ❖ Chaplains to seafarers.
 - ❖ People working in the maritime industry.
 - ❖ South Ankole (Uganda) The Rt Revd Nathan Ahimbisibwe. Eldoret (Kenya) The Rt Revd Christopher Ruto.
 - ❖ Kagera: Rev. Joshua Patroba, Pastor, Mukirehe Parish.
- Tue
17.12.19**
- Eglantyne
Jebb, Social
Reformer,
Founder of
'Save The
Children',
1928.
- ❖ Clergy (S) with PTO: Bill Salmon, Tim Savege, Ken Scott, Jackie Sears, Jackie Sephton, Barbara Sherlock, Norman Simister, Lionel Simpkins, Melvyn Skelton, Barrie Slatter, Peter Smalls, Roger Smith, David Sochon, Harry Stalker, Michael Stedman, Pauline Stentiford, Bishop Tim Stevens, David Stranack, Wendy Sunderland.
 - ❖ The work of Save the Children.
 - ❖ South Dakota (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Tarrant. El-Obeid (Sudan) The Rt Revd Ismail Gabriel Abudigin. Pray for the work of the Amity Foundation in China as it shows Christ's love by supporting many social and environmental projects across China.
- Wed
18.12.19**
- ❖ Hoxne Deanery: Susan Loxton (Rural Dean). Church Schools: Bedfield Primary School; Fressingfield Primary School; All Saints Primary School Laxfield; Stradbroke Primary School: Wilby Primary School; Worlingworth Primary School.
 - ❖ People who work in the retail industry.
 - ❖ South Kerala (South India) The Rt Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam. Ely (England) The Rt Revd Stephen David Conway. Ely (England) The Rt Revd David Thomson. Embu (Kenya) The Rt Revd David Muriithi Ireri.
 - ❖ Kagera: Pray for Stephen Dart and the Kagera Days School team as it prepares for a number of visits in the new year.
- Thu
19.12.19**
- ❖ Athelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield, Syleham & Wingfield: Eleanor Goodison (Associate Priest), John McCracken (Assistant Curate), Michael Womack (Rector).
 - ❖ Rotary community projects.
 - ❖ South Rwenzori (Uganda) The Rt Revd Jackson Nzerebende. Enugu (Nigeria) The Most Revd Emmanuel Chukwuma. Enugu North (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Sosthenes Eze.
 - ❖ Kagera: Church and Community Mobilisation Process. Pray for Thomas Shavu as he seeks to implement new ideas he has learnt from his visit to the U.K.

- Fri 20.12.19**
- ❖ Four Rivers: Rebecca Artiss (Assistant Curate), David Burrell (Rector), David Mulrenan (Assistant Curate).
 - ❖ Schools finishing for Christmas.
 - ❖ South West Tanganyika (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Matthew Mhagama. Esan (Nigeria) The Most Revd Friday Imaekhai.
 - ❖ Pray that more churches in the diocese will take on the challenge of becoming eco-churches so that they will promote Fairtrade and care for God's creation which will benefit everyone in our world.
- Sat 21.12.19**
- ❖ Sancroft: Susan Loxton (Rector), Peter Schwier (Assistant Priest), Gini Williams (Assistant Curate).
 - ❖ Restaurant and Pub workers.
 - ❖ Etche (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Precious Nwala. Etsako (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Jacob Bada.
 - ❖ Pray that churches in Rwanda that have been closed due to government health and safety requirements will find the funds to make the changes required and soon re-open.
- Sun 22.12.19**
- Fourth Sunday of Advent.**
- ❖ Members of the Diocesan Synod, Diocesan Secretary Anna Hughes and the diocesan staff.
 - ❖ The people who will work over the Christmas period providing emergency and essential services.
 - ❖ Pray for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement. His Holiness Pope Francis, Bishop of Rome His All Holiness Archbishop Bartholomew of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch. The Revd Dr Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the World Council of Churches. Bishop Ivan M Abrahams, General Secretary World Methodist Council. The Reverend Chris Ferguson, General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches.
 - ❖ Kagera: Rev. Canon Edson Niduha, Kanazi Parish and Rural Dean of Murugalama.
- Mon 23.12.19**
- ❖ Chaplains to Scouts and Guides. Chaplains to Army Cadets, Sea Cadets and Air Cadets. Chaplains to the Boys Brigade.
 - ❖ Venture Scouts and Rangers, Scouts & Guides, Cub-scouts & Brownies, Beavers and Rainbows.
 - ❖ Ezo (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Innocent Ordu. Exeter (England) The Rt Revd Robert Atwell. Exeter (England) The Rt Revd Nick McKinnel. Exeter (England) The Rt Revd Jackie Searle.
 - ❖ Lweru: Rev. Raymond Rushongorwa, Nshambya Parish.
- Tue 24.12.19**
- Christmas Eve.**
- ❖ Clergy (T-V) with PTO: John Tipping, Richard Titford, Bob Torrens, Ronald Tuck, Jenny Vereker, Andrew Vessey.
 - ❖ Homeless families.
 - ❖ Ezo (South Sudan) The Rt Revd John Kereboro Zawo. Faisalabad (Pakistan) The Rt Revd John Samuel.
 - ❖ Kagera: Rev. John Ruzabila, Nyamiaga Parish.
- Wed 25.12.19**
- Christmas Day.**
- ❖ All celebrating the birth of Christ.
 - ❖ Those who are alone today or separated from their families.
 - ❖ Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem and the People of Bethlehem. Falkland Islands (Parish of) (Falkland Islands) The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton. False Bay (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Margaret Brenda Vertue. Federal Ministries (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Carl Wright. Federal Ministries (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd James Magness.
 - ❖ Give thanks for what we have this Christmas and pray for children all over the world who do not have enough to eat or a place to call home. May

Jesus, who was himself a refugee, bring them comfort and peace this day and through the coming year.

- Thu
26.12.19**
**Stephen,
Deacon,
First
Martyr.**
- ❖ Ipswich Deanery: Nick Atkins (Rural Dean), Alan Forsdike (Chaplain to The Inspiring Ipswich Project), Catherine Forsdike (Chaplain to The Inspiring Ipswich project), Alicia Holmes (Lead Pioneer Developer/Lay Pioneer Minister for The Inspiring Ipswich Project), Andy Jefferson (Pioneer Developer/Lay Pioneer Minister for The Inspiring Ipswich Project), Carol Mansell (Asst Area Dean & Minister for Community Engagement). Church Schools: Morland Primary School Ipswich, St John's Primary School Ipswich, St Margaret's Primary School Ipswich, St Matthew's Primary School Ipswich.
 - ❖ Present day martyrs. Fressingfield Primary School; Stradbroke Primary School.
 - ❖ Fianarantsoa (Indian Ocean) The Rt Revd Gilbert Ratelison Rakotondravelo. Florida (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd John Howard.
 - ❖ Pray for those from St Ed's and Ips and Kagera who work together to build relationships between us. May our links grow ever stronger as we seek to spread God's word.
- Fri 27.12.19**
**John,
Apostle and
Evangelist.**
- ❖ Ipswich St Augustine: Ann Boxall (Reader), Matt Cornwell (Licensed Youth Minister), Ian Daniels (Associate Priest), Amy Key (Church Planting Curate), Gavin Stone (Licensed Lay Minister).
 - ❖ People in financial difficulties.
 - ❖ Fond du Lac (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Matthew Alan Gunter. Fort Worth (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Scott Mayer.
 - ❖ Lweru: Rev. Stanley Lwamugira, Itongo Parish.
- Sat
28.12.19**
**The Holy
Innocents.**
- ❖ Ipswich St Bartholomew: Paul Carter (Vicar).
 - ❖ That we work for the elimination of preventable child deaths.
 - ❖ Fredericton (Canada) The Rt Revd David Edwards. Freetown (Sierra Leone) (West Africa) The Rt Revd Thomas Arnold Ikunika Wilson.
 - ❖ Kagera : Rev. Celestin Yusuph Sunzu (Archdeacon), Rural Dean, Kabanga Deanery.
- Sun
29.12.19**
**First
Sunday of
Christmas.**
- ❖ Churchwardens and members of Deanery Synods and Parochial Church Councils.
 - ❖ People who are recently retired.
 - ❖ Gahini (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Alexis Bilindabagabo. Gahini (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Manasseh Gahima. Gambia (West Africa) The Rt Revd James Allen Yaw Odico.
 - ❖ Biharamulo: Re. John Paul, Rusuno Parish & Re. Joas Jeremiah, Igarula Parish.
- Thomas
Becket,
Archbishop of
Canterbury,
Martyr, 1170.

Mon
30.12.19

- ❖ Chaplains to industry and commerce in our diocese.
- ❖ People working in manufacturing.
- ❖ Gasabo (Rwanda) The Rt Revd Onesphore Rwaje. Gboko (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Emmanuel Nyitsse.
- ❖ Pray for those involved in Christian leadership in China. May they have the grace and wisdom of God to sustain them as they walk a tightrope between church and state priorities.

Tue
31.12.19

John Wyclif,
Reformer,
1384.

- ❖ Clergy (W) with PTO: Bishop John Waine, Margaret Wainwright, Bruce Wakeling, Jill Walker, Marion Walker, Peter Walker, Malcolm Walkey, Jeremy Walsh, Susan Warne, Brenda Webb, Richard Webb, Terry Wells, Deirdre West, David White, Ian White, Janice White, Val White, Tony Wilcox, Penny Wilkes, Joyce Willis, Rosemary Willis, Peter Wintgens, Nick Woodcock, Fred Woods, Roy Wormald, Anna Wright, Pat Wright.
- ❖ People who have been baptised and/or confirmed this month.
- ❖ George (Southern Africa) The Rt Revd Brian Marajh. Georgia (The Episcopal Church) The Rt Revd Scott Benhase.
- ❖ Kagera: Re. Emmanuel Jonathan, Mchungaii Mwebwa (Good Shepherd) Secondary School.