

## November 2023 Prayer Diary

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> – *All Saints Day* - Give thanks for the lives of all the saints who have borne faithful witness to Christ, and pray that we may follow their example and be living saints here on earth.

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> – *All Souls Day* - Remember the departed and pray for all who mourn, however distant or private their loss.

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – *National Stress Awareness Day* - Pray for all who suffer from mental health difficulties, that they may be calmed and comforted.

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> – Pray for everyone attending our Christmas pudding and craft workshop – may it be a happy and productive time for everyone who attends

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - *Bonfire Night* - Pray that everyone may have fun safely tonight, and give thanks for the emergency services at what is often a busy time.

Give thanks and pray for all who contribute to our Sunday worship, and our amazing technical teams. Pray too for the residents of Evelyn Road and the Church Missionary Society

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Give thanks for all who work to keep our church beautiful – flower arrangers, brass polishers, churchyard gardeners and many more. Pray for God's blessing on their labours

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> – *Children's book week* - Give thanks for the gift of literature and pray for all working to increase literacy around the world.

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> – Give thanks for the Book of Common Prayer which has been the foundation of our worship for many centuries – and pray for all who attend our Wednesday morning communion services

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - Give thanks for the love shown by all carers and pray that they will be given the strength and patience needed to go on when times are hard. Pray too for those they care for.

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Give thanks for a special blessing you have been given. Pray for someone you know needs your prayers – and pray for someone you don't want to pray for.

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> - *Armistice Day* – Remember the fallen in all wars, give thanks for their lives and their final sacrifice and pray for peace.

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> – *Remembrance Sunday* - “*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.*” Pray for all involved in the special service today and for all who serve in our armed services, both on active service and in the reserve.

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Pray for our Soup lunch today – give thanks for those who organise and prepare it, and pray that it may be a time of fellowship.

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – *Anti Bullying Week* – Pray for all victims of bullying and for all who support them. Pray for the bullies that they may find a better way to manage their lives.

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Give thanks for all who give their time and talents to sit on our Finance Committee and work for the common good.

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Give thanks and pray for Margaret, Dawn and Mags, our Readers, and all the visiting clergy supporting us during the vacancy.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Pray for anyone you know who needs comfort or hope. May they feel the healing presence of God’s love.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> - Pray for our Christmas Fair - that it may be a time of fun and fellowship as well as financially successful. Give thanks for everyone involved in making it possible.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> – *St Hilda of Whitby, patron saint of learning and culture* – Pray for all our local schools, and pray for girls’ education world-wide, especially in Afghanistan. Pray for the residents of Flowerfield and the work of Tearfund

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – *Universal Children’s Day* - Give thanks for all who support our children and young people through First Steps, Messy Church, Sunday Club, Epic and YPF. Pray that they may be sent strength, wisdom and patience to continue with this ministry – and pray too for all our children and young people.

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Pray for all seeking to find a solution to climate change. Pray for the many communities already adversely affected. Pray that we can find a way to make a difference in our daily lives.

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> - *The feast of St Cecelia, patron saint of Music* - Give thanks for the joy that music gives us, and pray for the special ministry of our organist, choir and worship band.

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Give thanks for the life of our village, and pray for all who contribute to it through running clubs, societies and charities.

Friday 24th – Give thanks for the dedication of our Church wardens Joan and Janet and our pastoral assistants Margaret and Susan and ask for a blessing for them.

Saturday 25th – Give thanks for our bell ringers and pray for all who hear them calling us to worship on Sunday

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> – *Christ the King (Stir up Sunday)* – Pray that we may acknowledge the dominion Christ our Lord has over all aspects of our lives. Pray for Messy Church meeting this afternoon. Pray too for the residents of The Green and the work of the Children's Society.

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – As winter approaches and the weather gets colder, pray for the homeless and for all facing financial hardship. Give thanks for the agencies offering help and support, and pray for a fairer society.

Tuesday 28th – *Thanksgiving Day* - Give thanks for all involved in providing our daily bread, and pray for the millions who do not have enough food – pray for a more equitable sharing of our world's resources

Wednesday 29th - *Day of Intercession and Thanksgiving for the Missionary Work of the Church* - Pray especially for all Christians working in areas of danger and for the people they reach out to in both spiritual and practical ways

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> – *St Andrew the Apostle, patron saint of Scotland* – Give thanks for the life and work of all the apostles and pray for the people of Scotland. Pray for the Advent study group meeting on line tonight.