



# Benefice of St Peter with St Philip, Bolton-le-Moors

## Prayer Diary for **January 2021**



Welcome to January's Prayer Diary. After a very different Christmas we take hope as our theme, to balance current fears. Prayer is made for people living between the north end of Bridgeman St and the Town Hall. On Sundays after Epiphany, the hymn used is '*O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness*' by John Monsell (no 103 in '*Ancient and Modern*').

Friday	01	Happy New Year on the Feast of the Naming of Jesus. <i>For a child has been born for us and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God.</i> Isaiah 9 v6
Saturday	02	Hopes for the Covid 19 vaccine; fears of the new virus strain

Sunday	03	...and he is named <i>Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.</i> Isaiah 9 v6
Monday	04	Hopes for our children's new term this week
Tuesday	05	The hopes and fears felt for Brexit
Wednesday	06	Epiphany <i>O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, bow down before him, his glory proclaim; with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.</i>
Thursday	07	The hopes for Bolton's regeneration plans for the Town Centre, including Church Wharf.

Friday	08	The hopes we share with Grace Hart, looking forward to her ordination later this summer before her curacy here.
Saturday	09	150th anniversary celebrations at Bolton Parish Church although some plans postponed,.

Sunday	10	<i>Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness: high on his heart he will bear it for thee, comfort thy sorrows and answer thy prayerfulness, guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.</i>
Monday	11	Hopes and fears of people in our parishes: Edgar St, Mather St, Derby St.
Tuesday	12	New Street, Great Moor Street, Dawes St.
Wednesday	13	Soho St, Section St, Newport St.
Thursday	14	The Town Hall and surrounding area.
Friday	15	Our elected Councillors, and their staff.
Saturday	16	Employees of our Road and Rail networks, Taxi drivers and their high risk of Covid.

Sunday	17	<i>Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine: truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness. these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.</i>
Monday	18	Day to celebrate Amy Carmichael and her 56 years in India, working to protect children from neglect and abuse. Work continues but on much broader educational and health lines.
Tuesday	19	Bolton Parish Church PCC this evening. The week of prayer for Christian Unity began yesterday. It concentrates on three main themes that we can pray for over the next 3 days:
Wednesday	20	Abiding in Christ as individuals

Thursday	21	That people should see Christians as united
Friday	22	That Christians be aware of our unity with the earth and take our responsibilities to the environment seriously.
Saturday	23	Our responses as people and as churches.

Sunday	24	<i>These (gifts), though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness, he will accept for the name that is dear; mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness, trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.</i>
Monday	25	The conversion of St Paul: A dramatic intervention by God brought change to the murderous man who would later write I Corinthians 13, the hymn of love.
Tuesday	26	For those who need to change but don't know how.
Wednesday	27	Men and women of our parishes currently in prison. Prison chaplains and prison officers.
Thursday	28	St Philip's Church PCC tonight.
Friday	29	Victims of crime.
Saturday	30	Greater Manchester Police Service.

Sunday	31	Presentation of Christ in the Temple – Candlemas <i>O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, bow down before him, his glory proclaim; with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness, kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!</i>
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