

Prayer Pointers for December 2021

Verse of the Month for December:

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

John 8:12

			Wednesday 1 Pray for <u>Tots</u> , meeting Wednesday mornings, to serve the village well and draw families in to hear the gospel stories.	Thursday 2 Pray for the <u>women's group</u> , meeting Thursday mornings, to help one another 'hold fast to what is good' (Rom 12:9).	Friday 3 Pray against growth of <u>Covid infections</u> , <u>hospitalisations</u> , and <u>deaths</u> . Pray that church and family events this month can all go ahead.	Saturday 4 Pray for all in our locality who are <u>sick and ill</u> . Pray for those nearing the end of life to be well cared for to the end, both in body and spirit.
Sunday 5 Pray for <u>Pathfinders</u> (11-14s), with their last meeting of the term today, to 'serve the living and true God' (1 The s 1:9).	Monday 6 Pray for our mission partners <u>the 'Ns'</u> , serving in the Middle East. Pray for their three children to 'heed instruction' (Prov 10:17)	Tuesday 7 Give thanks for the <u>teenage girls' Bible study</u> , with their final meeting of the term today, and for all they have learned in Exodus.	Wednesday 8 Give thanks for <u>home-group</u> studies in John this term, concluding tonight. Pray that we say with the Baptist 'he [Jesus] must increase'!	Thursday 9 Pray for <u>recent TNG-alumni</u> now at university. Pray that they might be encourage one another as they get together over Christmas.	Friday 10 Pray for all members of the church engaged in work and community <u>Christmas events</u> to overflow with the joy of the incarnate king.	Saturday 11 Pray for fellow <u>Christians who face persecution</u> , that the Lord would provide for all their needs and bring joy from hardship.
Sunday 12 Pray for <u>Sunday services</u> today to be full of expectation of the coming king and the preaching of God's word to 'reprove, rebuke, and exhort' us (2 Tim 4:2).	Monday 13 Pray for <u>Kaleidoscope</u> , meeting tomorrow, to be a warm source of fellowship and ongoing growth in godliness and good works.	Tuesday 14 Give thanks for all who serve our church, including the <u>church wardens</u> David and Clive, to be strengthened by Jesus (Rom 16:25).	Wednesday 15 Pray for <u>carolling around the village</u> (from 6pm) to be appreciated and remind many of 'the reason for the season'.	Thursday 16 Give thanks for the <u>church school</u> , whose term ends tomorrow. Pray for all children and staff to have a safe and fruitful Christmas break.	Friday 17 Pray for the <u>village nativity trail</u> , opening today, to be walked by many and for the 'good news of great joy' (Luke 2:10) to be evident.	Saturday 18 "Lord, so replenish [<u>church leaders</u>] with the truth of your doctrine, and endue them with innocence of life, that they may faithfully serve." (PB)
Sunday 19 Pray for the <u>Carols by Candlelight</u> this evening to 'magnify the Lord' (Ps 34:3) through song, reading, and preaching.	Monday 20 Pray for <u>Anchor Church, Lymington</u> to make many local contacts over Christmas and to 'be prepared to make a defence' of their hope (1 Pet 3:15).	Tuesday 21 Pray for the Queen and all <u>those in authority</u> in our nation. Pray for her Royal Christmas Message this year and for her ongoing Christian witness.	Wednesday 22 Pray for <u>time with families</u> over Christmas to be happy and that the word may dwell richly among us (Col 3:16). Pray for patience and love.	Thursday 23 Pray for the ' <u>Hope Explored</u> ' publicity during our festive events this year to catch the ear of many who may prove 'good soil' (Mark 4:20).	Christmas Eve Fri 24 Pray for our <u>nativity 'crib' service</u> to joyfully communicate the good news of Christmas and for spiritual interest among local families.	Christmas Day Sat 25 Almighty God, grant that we being regenerate, and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by the Holy Spirit. (PB)
Boxing Day Sun 26 Pray for all who are travelling to be safe and refreshed for 2022.	Monday 27 Pray for all who work in <u>healthcare</u> , especially those in our church. Give thanks for those working Christmas and New Year shifts.	Tuesday 28 Pray for the <u>children's and youth work</u> at church in the year ahead to be fruitful and fun. Pray for families to enjoy regular devotional time together.	Wednesday 29 Pray against us 'falling in love with this present world' (2 Tim 4:10), but rather to grow in hope of the next, and all the more as the day draws near (Heb 10:25).	Thursday 30 Pray for the Lord to be the light and salvation (Ps 27:1) of our <u>family and friends, neighbours and colleagues</u> . Pray for his kindness in opening eyes and ears to Jesus.	New Year's Eve Fri 31 Pray for the gospel to 'bear fruit and increase in the whole world' during 2022 (Col 1:6), and especially in Shelford and through our mission partners.	2022 begins!