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Advent is a busy time, shopping, thinking, decorating, writing cards, planning, visiting - doing all that is necessary to make Christmas both a blessing for those we love and a proclamation of the Good News to all.

Use these prayers to help you each day to take time to prepare yourself for Christmas and to pray for others in the Diocese. You may like to light a candle each day.

Give away an Advent candle and the assurance of your prayers during this season

Almighty God, Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility: so that, on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal. Amen.

O Lord our God, make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may find us not sleeping in sin, but active in his service and joyful in his praise; for the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer. Come Lord Jesus...

*O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee.*

In joyful expectation of His coming, we pray for His church.....

Come to your world as King of the nations....

That God may bind up the broken hearted and restore the sick...

That the light of God's coming may dawn on all who live in darkness and in the shadow of death. Come Lord Jesus.....

We pray for a Christmas celebration built not on the hardship and slavery of others.

Saturday 1- World AIDS Day

Around 100,000 are currently living with HIV in the UK and globally an estimated 34 million people have HIV.

*Lord, we believe in the grace of your healing, your power to mend all that is broken, and your desire for wholeness and renewal.
We pray that we may be healed and made whole,
and treat all affected by HIV in the name of Jesus. Amen*

Wednesday 26

Pray for all who suffer persecution because of their faith.

Lord Jesus, friend to the weary, be the strength of all who come to you. Amen.

Thursday 27 - St John

As St John stood faithfully at the Cross, pray that we may remain steadfast in our faith.

Father God, when we are waiting, help us to find you through the whisper of your love in the silence, with the candle-like flame of your hope in the darkness, and in the warmth of your arms in the cold light of day. Amen.

Friday 28 - Holy Innocents

Pray for all children, particularly those who have suffered any form of abuse.

Pray for those working to support them.

God, born as a baby, we pray for children who cry and are not comforted. Amen.

Saturday 29

Pray for and all those involved in the healing professions and for hospital chaplains: Revd Andrew Hope, Revd Marise Hargreaves, Revd Tracy Robinson, Revd Lew Greaves, Revd Paul Waters.

*Lord Jesus, You sent us to those in hardship,
Help us to see where you are calling us,
To speak the words that strike a chord,
To show your love to those in desperate want.
Let your church serve those who are weak,
And reflect your love in time of need,
Through your Son, the Lord of healing and bringer of wholeness and life. Amen.*

Sunday 30

For clergy and people reflecting on their christmastime and their aspirations for 2019.

Monday 31

*May God the Father keep you in all your days.
May God the Son shield you in all your ways.
May God the Spirit bring you healing and peace.
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you
and pour upon you blessing and light.*

*Lord of yesterday,
Lord of this moment,
Lord of tomorrow,
Teach me to trust you.*

The Diocese of Derby wishes you a Happy and Blessed New Year

Wednesday 19

Light your candle and write a prayer for those with whom you expect to share your Christmas

The kingdom of God is not food & drink but righteousness, peace & joy in the Holy Spirit.

*Come Lord of us all, Stir up the darkness
We light just one candle To keep us awake.
Come Lord of nature, Wise and just ruler.
The light of two candles Shows us how to live.
Come Lord of our life. Deserts are greening.
The light of three candles shows that you are near.
Come Son of David, He who was promised.
By four candles' brightness the true king will come.*

Thursday 20

God of peace, encourage those who seek to establish a fair and just peace in the Middle East. Bless their efforts as they work to end conflict.

Church Mission Partners serving in distant and dangerous places

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow or death a light has dawned.

Friday 21

In the United Benefice, the parishes of St Helen, Etwall, and St Wilfred, Egginton.
Wardens: Pat Riley, Vicki Keene, Alec Bemment, Andrew Walley, PCC and congregation .

Saturday 22

The parish of All Saints, Hatton. Clergy: Revd Lee Martin, Reader: Rosalind Evans (PTO),
Wardens: Lindsey Ashenden, Pauline Neal, PCC and congregation.

Sunday 23

Hospice Movement - Pray for all who work in our hospices as they support those nearing the end of their earthly life: Ashgate hospice in Chesterfield, Treetops hospice in Risley, Nightingale Macmillan continuing Care Unit at the Royal Derby Hospital, Blythe House Hospice in Buxton

Monday 24 - Christmas Eve

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

Pray that this light will shine throughout our dark world.
For all those who have been invited to attend church and those in need of a friend.

Tuesday 25 - Christmas Day

*Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.*

Pray for peace throughout the world this Christmas time.

Light your candle and pray for those who you love



Sunday 2 - Advent Sunday

Deanery of Dove and Derwent

Area Dean - Jacqueline Stober
Lay Chair - Richard Chapman and Gordon Thornhill
Deanery Administrator - Claire Critchlow

*With the shepherds of Bethlehem help us, Lord, to stand in vigil on the eve of your Coming,
to run with haste to meet you, to see your face in the faces of others
and to wake from our sleep as a new world is being born.*

*With the angels of Bethlehem help us, Lord, to tell the whole world of your presence
God is with us!*

Let us create peace amongst people and work for justice amongst nations.

*With Jesus, the infant Christ help us, Lord, to cherish the hope that is born at Advent,
to hear the calling of your people, to nurture the seeds of your Kingdom
and through our actions to be messengers of your love
in building communities of service and prayer. Amen.*

Monday 3

In a United Benefice, the parishes of St Anne Ambergate and St Luke Heage. During this Clergy vacancy, Wardens Alec Dodd and Fran Hanna, PCC and congregation and all who support them.

Tuesday 4

In a United Benefice, the parish of St Peter Belper, St Mark Openwoodgate and St Swithun Belper. Clergy: Revd Anne Stratton, Revd April Tompkins, Revd Andrew Baguley, Revd Jane Lyon, Readers: Dinah Dawson, Michael Fletcher, Jonathan Tillin, John Walker, Wardens: Sue Allen, Julie Fogarty, Administrators: Julie Meredith, Dawn Holden, PCC and congregation.

Wednesday 5

In a United Benefice, the parish of Christ Church, Belper. Clergy: Revd Jonathan Page, Revd Alison Roome, Readers: Eileen Hardy (PTO), Anne-Louise Hodcroft (PTO), Tony Winslade (PTO), Wardens: Derek Twigg, Karl Huber, PCC and congregation.

Thursday 6

In a United Benefice, the parish of All Saints, Turnditch. Clergy: Revd Jonathan Page, Revd Alison Roome, Warden: Angela Jeffery, PCC and congregation.

Friday 7

In a United Benefice, the parish of St Alkmund, Duffield. Clergy: Revd James Hughes, Revd David Barnsley, Reader: Richard Lindop, Administrator: Emma Rollin, Wardens: Stuart Holmes, James Rollin, PCC and congregation.

Saturday 8

In a United Benefice, the parish of St Paul, Little Eaton. Clergy: Revd James Hughes, Revd David Barnsley, Wardens: Andrew Hardwick, Linda Crowder, PCC and congregation.

Sunday 9 - Advent 2

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to share, with confidence and clarity, the story of our Redeemer and the Maker's love this Advent

For all who will speak, especially through the media, and on our attempts to communicate a welcome to church this Christmas.

*Lord, we expected you to be grand, but you have come as a helpless infant.
We expected you at another time, but you have come in the silence of the night.
We expected you to be dazzling, a king, but you have come as a fragile one, like us.
We thought you would be different, but you are humble.
Hardly anyone recognises you, just seeing you is not enough.
We have to believe that you are God, like this, so human.
We had our own idea of you and you have defied all our expectations.
Give us faith to believe in you and recognise you as you are
and as you have come to us. Amen.*

Monday 10

The parish of St Mary, Hilton with Marston on Dove. During this Clergy vacancy, Wardens: Edith Barber, Andrew Hibbert, PCC and congregation and all who support them.

Tuesday 11

In a United Benefice, the parishes of St John the Evangelist, Hazelwood, St Michael, Holbook, Holy Trinity, Milford and St Lawrence, Shottle.
Clergy: Revd Nicky Fenton, Reader: Hilary Smith, Wardens: Roy Hicklin, Tessa Hibbert, David Joseph, Francine Franklin, Cythia Varney, John Maxwell-Jones, Christopher Lamb, PCC and congregation.

Wednesday 12

In a United Benefice, the parish of St Michael, Kirk Langley, and the parish of All Saints, Mackworth.

Clergy: Revd Jacqueline Stober, Wardens: Geoff Meynell, Mary Debling, Betty Bond, Prof Bryan Jones, PCC and congregation.

Thursday 13

In a United Benefice the parish of All Saints, Mugginton and Kedleston.
Clergy: Revd Jacqueline Stober, PCC and congregation.

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The real work of Christmas Liz Babbs

*when the last present has been opened and the last mouth fed.
When weariness lays like a blanket over all mankind -
The real work of Christmas begins:
To seek the lost, to support the lonely
To feed the starving, to shelter the homeless
To console the broken, to love, the unlovelyto LOVE*

Friday 14

In the South Dales United Benefice, the parishes of St John, Alkmonton, St Cuthbert, Doveridge, St Giles, Marston Montgomery, St Peter, Somersal Herbert, All Saints, Sudbury, St Paul, Scropton, St Andrew, Cubley,

Clergy: Revd John Vickerstaff, Revd Jane Legh, Readers: James Battie (PTO), Marlene Weston, Ann Roe (PTO), Lynda Herbert, Wardens: David Legh, Jonathon Johnson, Philip Slack, Trudy Jones, Jo Ewing, Cliff Ewing, Sue Haslam, Gordon Thornhill, Eric Philips, Mark Foley, Alan Smith, Benefice Administrator: Helen Bailey, PCC and congregation.

*Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease.
Take from our souls the strain and stress
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.*

Saturday 15

In a United Benefice, the parishes of St John the Baptist, Boylestone, St Michael, Church Broughton, All Saints, Dalbury, St Chad, Longford, Christ Church, Long Lane, St Andrew, Radbourne, St Michael, Sutton-on-the-Hill, All Saints, Trusley. Clergy: Revd Jane Legh in her post as Interim Priest in Charge, Wardens: Pauline Hill, Ray Bird, Michael Emery, Jean Goodall, Rita Shanks, J.R. Shirley, M. Tipping, Roy Dutton, Val Smith, D.A. Bailey, Charles Buckston, David Coke-Steel, Jennifer Hammond, Geraldine Owen, Anne Spall, Angela Churchill, PCC and congregations.

*That our children will understand the real meaning of Christmas
Come my Lord, my light, my way*

Sunday 16 - Advent 3

For all those who have, for whatever reason, stopped going to church.

*Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray;
and in your mercy,
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Monday 17

For Bishop Jan and all our clergy, that they will be strengthened to serve faithfully at this busy time and for all those who support them; especially the Bishop's staff.

Bishop's Chaplain (Lay) - Pippa Rowen
Personal Assistant - Claire Beavis
Administrative Assistant - Frances Morrison
Assistant Chaplain - Revd Nicky Fenton

Tuesday 18

Parishes where there is a clergy vacancy .

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.