

## **Circuit Prayer Diary December 2018 January February 2019**

### **December**

- 1** Pray for the children and families at Godalming's Messy Church today
- 2** On Advent Sunday pray for joyful expectation of the coming of Jesus. Also for the "Christmas Tree for Gambia" at Godalming and other Advent events in Circuit churches
- 3** Pray for Merrow Women's Fellowship Christmas Service/Time for Reflection at St Mary's Guildford
- 4** Remember Reverend Keith Beckingham and Hilary Beckingham in your prayers today
- 5** Pray that children might hear the story of Christmas and Christ's birth at school this term
- 6** "Come thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free" : STF 169 Charles Wesley
- 7** Pray for ways of sharing the Christmas story sensitively with people of other faiths
- 8** Offer a prayer for teenage single mothers as we remember Mary the mother of Jesus
- 9** Pray for a new outreach venture at Knaphill today - Christmas Tea Party and Carols for the elderly
- 10** Hold Reverend Sydney Samuel Lake and his family in your prayers today
- 11** Pray for light for people who find the dark evenings difficult and the winter depressing
- 12** Pray for all Carol services, Christingles and crib services that the love of Jesus is made real
- 13** Give thanks for charities which give shelter and food to the homeless at Christmas
- 14** Pray for all those who are housebound and unable to attend Sunday worship
- 15** Pray for all those who come to the clothing bank at Knaphill and for Carols on the Green at Merrow
- 16** Advent 3 : Thank God for John the Baptist who prepared the way for Jesus
- 17** Give thanks for the Christmas lights that remind us of the light of Christ coming into the world
- 18** Pray for time in busy preparations to contemplate the greatest gift of all – Jesus Christ.
- 19** Pray for peace, aid and security for the suffering people and children of Yemen
- 20** Give thanks for carols, Christmas music and carol singers. Pray for Night Vision.
- 21** Pray for all those who work long hours in the retail industry in the Christmas season
- 22** Give thanks for all new-born babies and their mothers
- 23** Advent 4 : join with Mary in joy and rejoicing and in the expectation of the Messiah
- 24** Pray that all might see the star shining over the stable and hear the angels singing at Jesus' birth tonight
- 25** Hark! The herald angels sing glory to the new-born King! Pray for all to know Jesus Christ as Saviour as families celebrate Christmas Day together. Remember those who are alone.
- 26** On Saint Stephen's Day remember in prayer all who are persecuted for their faith
- 27** "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John." (John 1.6) Find and pray for prophets in today's world.
- 28** This is Holy Innocents day when King Herod ordered children to be killed. Pray for an end to abuse and violence against all children everywhere.
- 29** Jesus was a refugee in Egypt. Pray for all who have to flee their homes and countries.
- 30** Ask for God's blessing on the Circuit morning worship at Merrow
- 31** Pray for yourself, your hopes and dreams, asking God to guide you.

## **January**

- 1** Offer prayers for new initiatives in our churches in 2019
- 2** Pray for comfort and God's healing love for all those who are ill or in pain
- 3** Give thanks for the work of church treasurers
- 4** Pray for Reverend Paul Hulme and his ministry at Godalming United Church
- 5** Pray for all the children who come to the community party at Knaphill this afternoon
- 6** Pray for a deepening of personal faith and commitment on Covenant Sunday
- 7** "A charge to keep I have: a God to glorify" Charles Wesley STF 658
- 8** Give thanks for the work of All We Can striving to help all those in most need around the world
- 9** Pray for your neighbours by name
- 10** Pray for inspiration and energy for the Circuit Mission Group meeting tonight
- 11** Pray for all who are involved with the life of the churches in Wey Valley Circuit
- 12** Be bold and ask God to lead you to someone in need of the love of Christ
- 13** Remember Christ's baptism today and pray for all new Christians
- 14** Pray for safety for refugees attempting to reach Europe across the sea in flimsy boats
- 15** Pray for stronger bonds of fellowship between churchgoers
- 16** Hold Reverend Asif Das and his family in prayer today
- 17** At the beginning of the week for Christian Unity pray that all Christians are one in Jesus Christ
- 18** Give thanks for the work of other churches in your locality
- 19** Meditate on John 15.12 : "My command is this : Love each other as I have loved you."
- 20** Pray for ministers, local preachers and worship leaders leading services today
- 21** Give thanks for the worldwide community of Methodists
- 22** Pray for the Chair of the District John Hellyer and for Superintendent Ministers
- 23** Give thanks for small kindnesses received from friends that brighten our days
- 24** Pray for resilience for all those facing pain or weakness today
- 25** Give thanks for the conversion of Saint Paul and his subsequent life of witness to Jesus Christ
- 26** Pray for all the children and families attending Messy Church at Walton today and the volunteers
- 27** On Holocaust Memorial Day, remember the suffering of the Jews and other minorities
- 28** Pray for all lay employees in our Circuit churches
- 29** Pray for everyone involved in the Big Read and give thanks for their commitment to read the Bible from cover to cover
- 30** Pray for vulnerable teenagers tempted to join gangs or take drugs
- 31** Keep Reverend David Faulkner his wife and children in your thoughts and prayers today

## **February**

- 1** Light a candle in grateful memory of all those whose lives have been as shining lights to us
- 2** Remember the faithfulness of Simeon, thankful that he had seen Jesus, as God promised
- 3** Give grateful thanks for volunteers who serve the Circuit in various responsible roles
- 4** Pray for a Time for Reflection at St Mary's Guildford
- 5** Give thanks for the contributions to Circuit life of all the Supernumerary Ministers
- 6** Pray for all who work in the NHS and for carers
- 7** Praise God for his generous love, grace and forgiveness
- 8** Pray that everyone who comes on church premises will be curious about Jesus Christ
- 9** Give thanks for the fun and enjoyment of the pantomime Pinocchio at Godalming
- 10** Pray for Breeze and those coming to Pudding and Praise at Walton on Thames tonight
- 11** Pray for justice, equality and an end to bullying in the workplace
- 12** Offer up prayers to strengthen the mission of all the Circuit churches
- 13** Ask for the power of the Holy Spirit to inspire and bless you today
- 14** Give thanks for the warmth of human love and for the romance of falling in love
- 15** Pray for wisdom and compassion for politicians and all who have influence over the lives of others
- 16** Praise God for times of rest and relaxation
- 17** Give thanks for the work of Action for Children
- 18** Pray for prisoners and for volunteer prison visitors
- 19** Pray for the elderly and infirm that they might be comforted by the loving presence of Jesus
- 20** Pray for all displaced people and refugees that they might find help and a welcome
- 21** "Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16.3
- 22** Pray that our churches become more effective witnesses of the gospel message
- 23** Pray for Rev Mike Long, speaker at the Mission Supper tonight
- 24** Pray for all victims of disaster, tragedy and accident
- 25** Give thanks to God for one good thing he has given you
- 26** Pray for an end to war and conflict around the world
- 27** Offer up prayers for all those who have to use foodbanks
- 28** Give thanks for the tiny shoots of green that show new life coming in the spring