

# The Parish of Holy Cross, North Bersted

## Prayer diary for January 2021

***Prayer lies at the heart of Christian life. God promises to hear and respond when we pray***

### **Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

Welcome 2021 and pray for all peoples of the world as leaders activate the means whereby all peoples are vaccinated against coronavirus. Be with all nations in this pandemic.

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup>** Lord forgive us when we let you down. Come closer and be our guide always.

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup>** Pray for our NHS staff as they battle with increased numbers in our hospitals. Ask God to be with them as they continue their work.

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the farmers and people who work on the land. The work is hard and the weather doesn't always help, but we pray that they may find the strength and resilience to carry on.

**Tues 5<sup>th</sup>** Lord, we do not know in what ways we may be called upon to do and how willing and able we shall prove to be. Be with us as we strive to do your work.

**Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Epiphany** Almighty God, who by the light of a star led wise men to Jesus, by the light of your Word lead us and all nations to him, the Saviour of the world; that together we may bring him our best gifts, and pay homage to him as our King.

**Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the children and students of Bognor Regis, some having returned to school, some having to learn from home. Be with them in their endeavours so that they may learn, play and be strong and courageous in life.

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup>** Refresh us Lord of Living Water. Water is precious. Teach us to value it and to remember those in the world who do not have clean water.

**Sat 9<sup>th</sup>** Pray for the neighbours in your street. Give thanks for those who have gone the extra mile during the past months to ensure that others less fortunate are not forgotten.

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup>** Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a sensible man who built his house on rocks. *Matthew 7:24*

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup>** Pray for strength, commitment and determination to read God's word every day. "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> The Baptism of Christ** Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptised may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour.

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup>** You O Lord are my lamp. You turn darkness into light. Pray for those who are going through darkness in their lives.

**Thurs 14<sup>th</sup>** Most of us have more than enough of this world's goods to enjoy, but the presence of Foodbanks in our country reminds us that many are not so fortunate. Pray for those without food or shelter.

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup>** Pray for those who during the past year have lost their livelihood through no fault of their own but because of the economic problems caused by the pandemic. Pray that they may soon enjoy employment again.

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup>** Thank you Father for the love of family and friends, the beauty of our land and the peace to be found in quiet places.

**Sun 17<sup>th</sup>** As the rain refreshes the ground, grant that what we have heard and read today may refresh our spirits and cause us to grow in you and the knowledge of your love.

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>** Here I am again Lord, come to you in this quiet time. Not asking for anything just being here before you.

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup>** Pray for all charities who look after sick wild animals, unloved domestic pets and for all who work tirelessly in animal welfare.

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup>** Pray for those who are going through darkness in their lives. You are their lamp to show them the way.

**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>** Pray for your protection on those who man the lifeboats along the dangerous stretches of our coasts. Bless these people for their courage as they risk their lives for others with no thought of reward or gain. Lord, keep them safe.

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** We thank you Father, for all the good gifts around us, which add so much joy to our daily lives, especially our homes, our families and friends.

**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>** Pray for all Christian people throughout the world knowing that for some they worship in secret.

**Sun 24<sup>th</sup>** Pray for all who will attend our services today, whether regular members or strangers who come in. We welcome all.

**Mon 25<sup>th</sup>** We give thanks for those people in positions of leadership – internationally, nationally and locally. May they be ever mindful of their commitment to you.

**Tues 26<sup>th</sup>** Eternal God, our rock and refuge, protect us when the storms of life threaten to overcome us. Underpin our wavering faith with the stress-bearing girders of your love.

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup>** Pray for those who are unwell, isolated and facing the challenge of physical and mental illness.

**Thurs 28<sup>th</sup>** Pray for those who live and work in the parish of North Bersted. May they know your light and power in their lives.

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup>** Give thanks for the work of the Revd Jo as she continues as our vicar. Be with the King family as they move to the new vicarage. Bless their lives and commitment to Holy Cross.

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup>** Pray for all youth organisations – Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Brownies, Beavers and Rainbows. Pray for their leaders in their important work of teaching our youth the joys of life.

**Sun 31<sup>st</sup>** He took the bread and said a blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him.

Luke 24: 30-31

*We thank you for reading and using our prayer diary. We hope you found it useful. We would welcome your feedback. If there is any topic you would like included in a future diary please give it to Revd. Jo.*