

Thu. 25th CHRISTMAS DAY. “God grant you the light of Christmas, which is faith; the warmth of Christmas, which is purity; the righteousness of Christmas, which is justice; the belief in Christmas, which is truth; the all of Christmas, which is Christ.”

Fri. 26th Give thanks that God discarded the safety of heaven and came to earth as a vulnerable infant. Pray that we too would place our reliance on a God of love who can take our hand through any storm we may encounter.

Sat. 27th Pray today for all hospital staff and care workers in nursing homes throughout the land, giving thanks for their commitment to others.

Sun. 28th Continue to pray for all refugees, especially for those who have come to live in this country. Pray that they will experience a haven of welcome, and ask that they will be given sufficient and appropriate support as they begin to rebuild their lives.

Mon. 29th Pray for those affected by violence and the perpetrators of violence. Fervently ask that somehow, through the destruction of cities and the death of many through terrorism, our God will reign.

Tue. 30th Pray for those who have found the Christmas season a struggle – may it be financially, difficulty with relationships, sorrow, or loneliness. Ask that they will be encouraged to start the New Year holding the hand of God.

Wed. 31st Let us look back on the year of 2025 – the highs and lows, both personally, nationally and internationally. Give thanks for all that the Lord has done for us.

Thank you for reading and using our prayer diary, we hope you found it helpful. We would welcome your feedback. If there is any topic you would like included in a future diary, please telephone the Church Office on 609513, or call in between 10 -12 noon Monday to Friday

The Parish of St Andrew's, Reading Street

Prayer Diary

December 2025

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

Mon. 1st Today we pray for the work of the Mothers Union. Thank God for all that being a member of the MU brings and ask for His blessing on all branches around the world.

Tue. 2nd Pray for the Junior church as they prepare for their nativity play in a few weeks time. Give thanks for all children as they experience the wonder of the new born child.

Wed. 3rd Pray for the work of the Foodbank this Christmas . Pray that people will continue to give generously.

Thu. 4th Pray for those who will be homeless this Christmas, and give thanks to God for the organisations whose doors are open to those without a permanent home.

Fri. 5th Pray for Philip as he leads a Christmas service at Maurice House and St George's Secondary school today.

Sat. 6th Pray for all the visitors who joined us for worship last month, asking that they will return to a service, possibly over Christmas, which will start a journey which will lead them to meeting with the risen Christ.

Sun. 7th Philip will be leading Christmas services in schools this month. Pray that those attending will experience the peace and love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mon. 8th Pray for those who will be going with friends and family to Christmas dinners this month. Give thanks for those who prepare the meals and ask that everyone attending will feel the warmth and love of the Lord Jesus, who was born and died to bring salvation to everyone who believes in Him.

Tue. 9th Thank God for all musicians who enhance our worship, and pray especially for members of our choir as they prepare for our Christmas services.

Wed. 10th Christian Solidarity Worldwide works for religious freedom through advocacy and human rights, in the pursuit of justice. Pray with them as they work and campaign on behalf of those who are persecuted for their faith and treated unjustly.

Thu. 11th Pray for all who will attend the Churches Together Carol service at Tesco's today at 4.30pm. Pray for Philip as he leads the service.

Fri. 12th Pray for the staff at Mission Aviation Fellowship, asking that they will be refreshed and renewed by the love and peace that only Jesus can bring this Christmas time.

Sat. 13th This is a busy time of year for the clergy and Readers. Pray that, although challenged, each one of them may have time to relax with their families and enjoy "peace on earth".

Sun. 14th Pray for those attending school services this week, particularly our local schools, St Peter's and Callis Grange. Ask that those taking part in the services will be able to impart the Christian message in a relevant way.

Mon. 15th Pray for Philip as he leads the Christmas service for Callis Grange school at St Andrew's this morning.

Tue. 16th Pray for all who work for Tearfund. Ask that poverty will be made history, through the transforming of lives that the work of Tearfund brings to the poor and needy.

Wed. 17th Pray for the Democratic Republic of Congo. Please pray especially for the end to the fighting and a long lasting peace agreement. Many women have been rejected by their communities because they have been raped. Pray for practical and psychological help for them.

Thu. 18th As we approach Christmas let us remember that God discarded the safety of heaven and came to earth as a vulnerable infant. Pray that we would place our reliance on a God of love who can lead us through any storm we may encounter.

Fri. 19th Today is the Mission Action Christmas Dinner at the Racing Greyhound. Pray for a wonderful fellowship.

Sat. 20th Nine Lessons & Carols at 6.00 pm today. Carol Services in our Church attract many of our community to sing well-known tunes and to hear familiar words. Pray this evening that there will be a freshness and vitality in what they hear.

Sun. 21st Pray for all those attending the Junior church nativity service today, asking that, through the children's depiction of the Christmas story, we may also look upon the Christ Child with love and innocence.

Mon. 22nd Pray for all those working in retail, who possibly have to work long hours at this time of year.

Tue. 23rd Throughout the country people will be travelling to be with their families at Christmas. Please pray for safety in travel and give thanks for all those working over the holiday in our transport industry.

Wed. 24th "No room at the inn". Pray that each one of us may make room for the Christ Child this Christmas and always.