

Sun 25th Almighty God, already it is the last Sunday of the first month of this New Year! Please bless the services in our church today and in the churches of every denomination in our county. May preachers and worshippers know Your Presence in a real way and may glory rise to You.

Mon 26th Merciful Father, we bring before you folk who are anxious about their health today; waiting for the date for an operation or treatment; or for the results of tests. Keep us faithful as we pray for them and for their families and friends. Thank You that You hold us all in the palms of Your hands.

Tue 27th Pray for all who are finding the cold weather unbearable and cannot afford the cost of heating their houses.

Wed 28th Thank You, dear Lord, for the joy and privilege of Christian fellowship. Please teach us to show more of the Fruit of the Spirit in our lives - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control - so that others will be attracted to You in us and want to know You too.

Thu 29th Please pray for Philip as he conducts regular assemblies in our schools. Thank God for the open door that there has always been in St Peter's Junior and Callis Infants Schools.

Fri 30th Pray for all who arrange flowers at St Andrew's. It 's lovely to see the church looking beautiful!

Sat 31st And so another month draws to a close. 2026 is well established and some of our plans for this Year are taking shape. Thank You, Jesus, that You have gone ahead of us, and that we can trust that what we attempt in Your Name will bring results for the extension of Your Kingdom

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

January 2026

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

Thu 1st Happy New Year! Eternal God, thank You for bringing us safely to the beginning of another year. We can't know what this year will bring, but You know. Help us to put ourselves into Your hands, trusting You, both for ourselves and for those who are precious to us.

Fri 2nd Gracious Lord, thank You for the gift of a New Year. Help us to make it properly new, putting away the things which we regret and resolving to live each day positively, using it as a gift from You.

Sat 3rd Pray for the work of Food banks in the UK and especially for all who want to make use of them because of unemployment or low wages.

Sun 4th The first Sunday of this New Year : Living Lord, bless those who come to worship You today. May Your Word find soil ready to receive it. May our praise rise to You.

Mon 5th *Because the Lord is my Shepherd, I have everything I need.* Ps.23.1
Thank You, Good Shepherd, that You will definitely provide for us, no matter what. Perhaps I could share this with someone else...

Tue 6th *I can do everything through Him Who gives me strength.* Phil.4.13. The compiler of this Prayer Diary certainly needs this as he prepares this material and through each day of the month. If it is true for you that you are helpless without our God, pray with me: Lord, make this real to me today.

Wed 7th Have you made any New Year Resolutions? Many of us don't because we know we won't keep them! If you don't already do this, a good resolution for 2026 might be to spend even five minutes with God at the beginning of each day, perhaps with this Prayer Diary. You'll be amazed at the result!

Thu 8th Schools have resumed and hopefully everyone is refreshed following the Christmas break. Loving Lord, help us not to take for granted the good education which our children receive. Strengthen the staff in what can be a hard term with unpredictable weather.

Fri 9th The YPaSTA and Junior Church will be looking forward to coming together after the Christmas break. There will be much to share! Thank You, Heavenly Father, for each of these children. Thank You too for a very successful Christmas Nativity. Please continue to give the leaders the resources they need for the term ahead.

Sat 10th Almighty Father, we pray for friends and family members facing difficult situations today. Help us to know how to help, and also when to remain silent, talking about them only with You. Thank You that You always know what is best.

Sun 11th Lord of the Church, prompt Your people to attend our services today and to reach out in genuine friendship to one another.

Mon 12th God of the whole world, every year is marked by suffering and loss in so-called natural disasters and in war, terrorism, racial hatred... Your heart must have broken so many times because each person involved is known to You by name and loved by You. Enlarge our vision to care more and to do what we can, even if it seems so little.

Tue 13th Remember our Vicar Philip and Reader Michael in your prayers. Ask God to give them the wisdom they need and energy in all their commitments. May God bless them as they work together to further His Kingdom.

Wed 14th Loving Father, we pray for those who have been bereaved in recent weeks as they strive to come to terms with what has happened. Protect any from turning against You in their grief and give to those who seek to bring comfort and help the right words - or the companionable silence. Minister to those in need, Lord!.

Thu 15th Show us, Merciful Lord, how to help the vulnerable people in our neighbourhood. Some people do a great job, but some of us could make more of an effort. Prompt us, and strengthen us, we ask - and help us to do it for Your sake and not to bring glory on ourselves!

Fri 16th Pray today for all who are forced to risk their lives seeking refuge from danger in countries other than their own. Pray that they may travel in safety and receive Christian welcome.

Sat 17th Although we know that the shortest day is far behind us, days still seem short and darkness comes early. Remind us, Lord, that You are Light and that we can find comfort in You. Encourage us too as we see the moon and the stars. What a wonderful world You have made!

Sun 18th Lord, awaken Your people! We hear that in most churches today numbers attending are diminishing. In our own parish we know that some are prevented by poor health from attending and we join with them in the fellowship of the Spirit. But how we long to see more of those who are able resuming the habit of regular weekly worship with us!

Mon 19th Thank God for His word and for the privilege of prayer

Tue 20th Pray for our Bible study groups as they continue to meet. Pray for God's help as we explore ways of attracting more to join us. Ask God to prompt us as we share.

Wed 21st Welcoming God, how we rejoice in all the possibilities offered by our Community Hall! Bless each one, young and old, believer and doubter, who use our hall this year.

Thu 22nd Pray for the King and his family

Fri 23rd All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. How precious to me are your thoughts, God! Ps.139.16,17 It is awe-inspiring to think that Jesus calls us personally, just as He did His first disciples. Prompt me, Living Lord, to listen for Your voice, however it comes, and to respond.

Sat 24th Pray for the work of MAF.