



St Andrew's Kirk Ella and St Luke's Willerby Prayer Diary for December 2018

We will explore with anyone who will listen the good news that God saves and transforms sinners through Jesus Christ

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray...." (Luke 11.1)

Saturday 1st December - Psalm 39 - St Andrew's Christmas Fair

Today is the St Andrew's Christmas Fair. Please pray for this event that through it people will see Christ through our church community. Pray also that many will be prompted to return to one of the Christmas services.

Sunday 2nd December - Psalm 40 - Sunday Services

As we prepare to meet today to worship the living God, pray that it will be a time of growth for everyone. Pray particularly for our Sunday groups and Ignite, for those who give their time and energy to lead them. Pray that the young people will grow closer to Jesus in faith, knowledge and love through their groups.

Monday 3rd December - Psalm 41 - PCC

Please pray for the wardens and PCC members from our two churches. Please pray that they would lead us wisely and together with Ash seek your direction for the future of our two churches.

Tuesday 4th December - Psalm 42 - Prayer Evening

At St Andrew's monthly prayer meeting when we meet to pray for God's work in our church and the world. Pray for us at our various prayer meetings to be praying as God would have us pray, that he might be glorified. Pray also that prayer would be high on our agenda as churches.

Wednesday 5th December - Psalm 43 - St Luke's Friendship Club

St Luke's Friendship Club meets this afternoon. This is a time when older people in our community can share Christian fellowship together. Pray for more new members and those who attend that they may experience the love of God as they meet together.

Thursday 6th December - Psalm 44 - Mission Partners

Remember the St Andrew's mission partners. We remember Hull Youth for Christ as they work with the children and families down on The Boulevard. Their after-school activities with primary school aged children has restarted. Pray for Emma and the volunteers as they develop this work, for it to be a fun and happy place where the children can be introduced to the unfailing love of Christ. Pray also for Mike and Jo serving God in Myanmar.

Friday 7th December - Psalm 45 - Youth Groups

Pray for Rockets and Impact who meet for their Christmas parties! Pray for that these groups will have a good family atmosphere and a good balance between fun, fellowship and learning. Pray that the young people will grow in their love of Jesus through the groups.

Saturday 8th December - Psalm 46 - St Luke's Christmas Tea

The Christmas Tea at St Luke's today will welcome elderly folk who live alone for an afternoon of fellowship and entertainment. Pray that the love of Jesus will be seen in the service of the helpers.

Sunday 9th December - Psalm 47 - Infant's Nativity

Thank God for the opportunity to meet together today to worship God and learn from him. Thank you that today is the family nativity service at St Andrew's. Pray that we would welcome many from outside our churches today and that this would be an opportunity for all of us, whatever age, to appreciate again the wonder of Christmas.

Monday 10th December - Psalm 48 - Clergy and Staff

Mondays see the staff team at St Andrew's meeting to plan and prepare for the coming weeks and months. Please pray for extra strength and inspiration for the staff team at a busy time of year and particularly for Ash as he continues to grow into his role of Rector.

Tuesday 11th December - Psalm 49 - Loneliness

Christmas can be a time when loneliness can feel very acute. Pray for those on their own at Christmas for God's loving presence to be with them. Is there someone you could invite to join you this Christmas?

Wednesday 12th December - Psalm 50 - St Luke's Toddlers

This morning, the Toddler Group meets at St Luke's. This popular group is at the forefront of our mission to Willerby and beyond. Pray for both St Andrew's and St Luke's Toddler groups, that the love of Jesus will be shared with the parents and grandparents who bring their toddlers along. Thank God for those who work hard to put on these groups.

Thursday 13th December - Psalm 51 - Mission Partners

Pray for the work of our Mission Partners. Today we remember David, Ruthie, Emily and Aiofe Lowry who are working in Senegal translating the Bible. We also remember the Moore family (David, Emma and Joshua) in their second year in Papua New Guinea supporting other missionaries through medical work and teaching.

Friday 14th December - Psalm 52 - Bible study Groups

Thank God for the opportunity to meet with God in our various small groups across our churches to learn from the Bible and to grow in our faith together. Please pray that we would be able to support each other in the groups as we face life together.

Saturday 15th December - Psalm 53 - Hull Male Voice Choir

The Hull Male Voice Choir visits St Luke's this evening for a concert of Christmas songs with a Christian emphasis. Pray that those who attend will hear the true message of Christmas through the music.

Sunday 16th December - Psalm 54 - Carol Services

Thank God for the opportunity of two carols services at St Andrew's today and one at St Luke's. Pray that many would come and join us and through this evening put Jesus at the heart of their Christmases.

Monday 17th December - Psalm 55 - Salvation Army

The gifts on the Christmas food table at St Luke's will be taken to William Booth House this week. Pray for the work of the Salvation Army and other Christian organisations as they seek to serve those who are at the greatest need in our society.

Tuesday 18th December - Psalm 56 - Local Government

Willerby Parish Council meets this evening. Pray for our local councillors in our villages and East Yorkshire that their decisions and choices may be based on Christian values and, where relevant, be supportive of our local churches.

Wednesday 19th December - Psalm 57 - School Service

Today is the St Andrew's School Christmas service in church. Pray that the service might point the children towards Jesus as the centre of Christmas. Pray also for our local schools and our students as they begin their Christmas holidays. Pray for those revising for post-Christmas exams.

Thursday 20th December - Psalm 58 - Our Witness

Christmas is a time when people are more open to thinking about the things of God, many people join us at Christmas who wouldn't at other times. Pray that God will use all we do in our churches to draw people closer to God.

Friday 21st December - Psalm 59 - Westfield House

Pray for the team from our churches leading the service at Westfield House Residential Home this morning, that they may be able to share the Christmas message in such a way that speaks to the home's elderly residents.

Saturday 22nd December - Psalm 60 - Family Life at Christmas

Christmas can be a testing time in families. We might spend time with and talk to people we seldom are in contact with through the rest of the year. Pray that Christmas might be a time of strengthening of family life in our church and community, and a time of reconciliation.

Sunday 23rd December - Psalm 61 - Sunday Services

In the run up to Christmas and our many services, let's not give up meeting together - praise God for the joy and privilege to meet together to worship him in freedom. Pray that God might draw more people to join our congregation and find the freedom and forgiveness that Jesus offers to us.

Monday 24th December - Psalm 62 - Christmas Eve

Spend some time thinking over the Christmas story and praying that Jesus would be the centre and star of your Christmas.

Tuesday 25th December - Psalm 63 - Christmas Day

Thank God for the amazing gift of his son and his humility in giving up his glory to live as a poor, helpless baby.

Wednesday 26th December - Psalm 64 - Boxing Day

On a day famous for its sales, pray that God would break through our society's materialism and help people realise that they need to build up treasure in heaven, not on earth.

Thursday 27th December - Psalm 65 - Mission Partners

Pray for the work of The Gideons as they seek to share God's word throughout the world. Millions of people have never seen a copy of the Bible. By supporting the Gideons prayerfully, financially and practically, we can help to bring the Word of God into their lives.

Friday 28th December - Psalm 66 - Holy Spirit

Pray for the ministry of the Holy Spirit among us, directing our attention to the Lord Jesus, opening our hearts to hear God's call to us and mediating to us the love of God. Pray that he would move our hearts to respond to God's love, produce his fruit among us and empower us to serve Christ.

Saturday 29th December - Psalm 67 - Thanksgiving

Spend some time today looking back over the last year and thanking God for all his faithfulness and answered prayers.

Sunday 30th December - Psalm 68 - Sunday Services

As we meet to worship God this morning and learn from his Word, let's pray that this would equip and inspire us to speak of him as we go out into the world to serve him. Pray for our workplaces as many return from Christmas breaks, that we might have opportunities to witness to Jesus with confidence and without hindrance.

Monday 31st December - Psalm 69 - A New Year

Tomorrow is the start of a New Year - why not spend some time today reflecting on and praying about what God might wish you to do differently in this new year.

Space to add the names of family members or friends who do not yet believe, or who are in particular need at the moment



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