

St Luke's
Willerby



St Andrew's Kirk Ella

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Prayer Diary – January 2024

Monday 1st	Praise God for the very many people who came to both our churches and heard the good news of the gospel over the Christmas period . Pray that God would add to our number those who are being saved.
Tuesday 2nd	Thank God for the new people who joined our churches in 2023 (you might be one of them!) and ask him to add one family, couple or individual to each of St Andrew's and St Luke's each month during 2024 .
Weds 3rd	Praise God for the good relationships we have with our local schools – Carr Lane, Springhead, St Andrew's and Wold Academy – and pray that God would grant us continued access to help the children and staff know about Jesus in the year ahead.
Thursday 4th	Give thanks for the life of John Davie whose funeral is at St Andrew's today . Pray for Jean, the rest of his family, and all who mourn a patient faith and deep trust in Jesus.
Friday 5th	Thank God for his generosity towards us in every way, especially financially, and pray that he would provide for our needs in the year ahead through the sacrificial giving of the church families throughout the year ahead.
Saturday 6th	Give thanks for all those who work behind the scenes cleaning our buildings and keeping them in good order. Pray that God would give them joy in their ministry.
Sunday 7th	We meet today around God's Word. Pray that God would bring back some today who came over Christmas and that they might find their spiritual home at St Luke's or St Andrew's.

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Monday 8th	Most schools start back today or tomorrow. Pray that God would help the children of our churches to live distinctively for him this term, and that he would give them opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with their friends and courage to invite them to church or our Friday evening groups.
Tuesday 9th	Pray for Little Stars that restarts today and St Luke's Toddler Group that restarts tomorrow . Ask that God would give all the leaders and helpers time to build meaningful, gospel centred relationships with the families who come. We meet to pray tonight at the Benefice Prayer Evening, 7:45 for 8pm at the Memorial Hall. Pray many come.
Weds 10th	Pray for the Open the Book team in Carr Lane School this morning, that God would give them clarity and confidence as they lead the assembly, and also that the children listen well today and all term.
Thursday 11th	Today the Staff Team have their Christmas Recovery Lunch . Pray that God would grant them a slightly quieter month and that they'd all be able to pace themselves well this coming year.
Friday 12th	LaunchPad, Rockets and Impact all restart this afternoon and evening . Pray that God would bring back everyone, and that some who found out about these groups over Christmas would join, hear the gospel, and be saved.
Saturday 13th	Pray that the Church of England would be united around the gospel and that Bishops and Archbishops would drive out error as they promised to do at their concecrations.
Sunday 14th	We meet around God's Word today. This morning we restart our series in Galatians. Pray that God would be teaching us more deeply what it looks like to trust in Jesus alone for all we need.
Monday 15th	Pray for wisdom and courage to follow Jesus in everything for St Andrew's PCC as they meet tonight.

Tuesday 16th	Praise God for Growth Groups , and ask that they would all be unflinchingly Jesus centred each time they meet this term, starting tonight, tomorrow and Thursday.
Weds 17th	Give thanks for the ministry the midweek communion service has which is at St Andrew's at 10:30am this morning, and pray for perseverance to keep following Jesus for those who attend.
Thursday 18th	Pray for St Andrew's Flower Guild and those who make St Luke's look pretty , that they'd always see their work as part of their life of worship and service of God.
Friday 19th	Cry out to God for the children and youth of our parishes , that many would turn to the Light of Christ in this dark world. Pray that many come to our Friday groups today.
Saturday 20th	Pray for our Mission Partners, the Myers Family , that God would give them wisdom to decide their best next move.
Sunday 21st	As we share the Lord's Supper this morning, pray that God would use it to keep us trusting in only the death of Jesus for our rescue from sin and judgment.
Monday 22nd	Pray for wisdom and courage to follow Jesus in everything for St Luke's PCC as they meet tonight.
Tuesday 23rd	Pray that Little Start and St Luke's Toddler Group would reach whole families with the good news of the gospel.
Weds 24th	Praise God that the gospel is for people from every nation . Give him great thanks that increasingly our churches are reflecting the ethnic and cultural diversity of God's Kingdom.
Thursday 25th	Give thanks for how the Women's Christian Book Club that meets this evening at St Luke's has helped many women grow in their faith through reading good Christian books and discussing them together.
Friday 26th	Give thanks for the ministry among older people, at the Men's Coffee Morning Jolly, Faith on Friday, and Friendship Club. Pray for good conversations about Jesus at Friendship Club this afternoon.

Saturday 27th	Give much thanks to God for the completion of the children's room at St Andrew's. Pray that over the coming weeks, months and years many children would give their lives to Jesus because of what they learn there. And give thanks for the new families at St Luke's and pray that the church would be able to provide a fledgling Sunday School for the children.
Sunday 28th	Pray that God would bring visitors and enquirers to all of our services today.
Monday 29th	Pray for Vicky Earle (Derringham) and Kevin Barnard (Swanland) who have recently been appointed as vicars in our neighbouring parishes. Pray that the evangelical clergy in the area would be a great encouragement to them as they seek to hold out the gospel in new settings.
Tuesday 30th	Pray that those who are ill in our parishes would hold firmly to the hope of the gospel and the promise of the new creation where there will be no sickness or death.
Weds 31st	Look back over the month and give thanks to God for one thing in your personal walk with the Lord, and one thing that God has done in our churches.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

Our Benefice Vision Statement

We are one people with all kinds of pasts and backgrounds, graciously forgiven at the cross and called together by God encouraging one another to be faithful to our risen Saviour Jesus in the power of the Spirit by living our whole lives according to his word, and by making Him known throughout Willerby and Kirk Ella, and beyond.

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