

Prayer Diary, February 2024

1st – 4th In the season of Candlemass give thanks for the miracle of Jesus' birth and look towards his journey to Jerusalem, his death and resurrection. He is our redeemer

5th -10th Simeon and Anna, 2 elderly people who recognised baby Jesus as Messiah, pray for our older members of MU and church, the lonely and housebound, our indoor members.

11th Sunday before Lent -13th God said `This is my Son, the beloved listen to him`. As we read our bibles may we meditate on God's holy word.

14th Valentines' day, `Love one another as Christ first loved us` and pray for couples about to be married.

Also Ash Wednesday – 17th may we commit ourselves to a holy Lent by self-examination, repentance, self-denial and prayer.

18th the 1st Sunday of Lent, Jesus came to proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God, may we tell others of all that he has done for us.

19th-24th Our world is in a dark place, in the week ahead watch or read the news and pray, pray for God to be with

and support people who are fearful and suffering due to conflict and terrorism, anxious for their lives, those who have lost everything and flee for safety, for migrants, where there is poverty and death caused by starvation and lack of water, and pray against knife crime and violence on our streets, for the homeless and in homes where there are abusive relationships. Also, give thanks for aiding agencies, the food bank, lunch clubs, night shelter, Haven the women's refuge, Coffee Tots and Afia. 25th The second Sunday of Lent, Jesus said, `The Son of Man must undergo great suffering`.

26th-27th Pray for the work of the NHS, for doctors, nurses, care workers, social services, for those we ourselves know who are ill physically or mentally, or finding life difficult, may they know the love and comfort of our God.

28th Diocesan officers and Deanery chairs meeting, Pray for Karen as she leads that meeting and for her and all others in leadership roles within the Diocese, for our own branch valuing what each member has to offer.

29th Give thanks for the longer hours of daylight, for signs of Spring and pray for a reign of peace and love on earth for a time when no one will be exploited or neglected, may there be fellowship between nations and God's kingdom come on earth. May God bless each one of us.