

St. Mark's Prayer Calendar for December 2018

Be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph.5.18b-20

Sat 1
Give thanks for this time of Advent beginning tomorrow. Time for reflection, self examination and repentance. May we use it well.

SUN 2 *1st of Advent*
Lord make us watchful and keep us faithful as we await the coming of your Son our Lord; that, when he shall appear, he may not find us sleeping in sin but active in his service and joyful in his praise.



Mon 3
Pray this week for all who live in **ALBERT ROAD**. Pray for all at Our Lady Help of Christians, especially Maureen, their organist.

Tue 4
Pray for Stella and all who live at Devereux House and for those who go to the day centre and all staff.

Wed 5
Pray for The Fellowship meeting this afternoon. Give thanks for all who belong and for Felicity's leadership.

Thu 6
Give thanks for the example we have in Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, who died about 326. Remember our near neighbours across the North Sea, who celebrate his care of the poor and vulnerable. Pray for the Angel dedication service at the Methodist Church tonight.

Fri 7
Pray for all who are involved in the Christmas Fair tomorrow, for a fun day and lots of visitors spending their money.

Sat 8
Pray for the school nativity service tomorrow afternoon, that each family who is involved will take the real meaning of Christmas home and celebrate.

SUN 9 *2nd of Advent*
The word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 3.2b-3

Mon 10
This week we pray for all who live in **CHALFONT DRIVE**. Pray for the Angel Extravaganza this week beginning tonight.

Tue 11
Pray for Fiona and her family in all they do, for God's blessing.

Wed 12
Pray for our Eucharist this morning. for all who support the service and find it helpful.

Thu 13
Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse 304, celebrated today in Scandinavia as part of the festival of light.

Fri 14
Pray for Father Ian at this busy time of year, for peace, health and strength to get through.

Sat 15
Pray for the "Come and Sing Carols" that will mark the finish of the week long Angel Extravaganza.

SUN 16 *3^d of Advent*
Pray for the 8 o'clock congregation, for those who can no longer make the service. Pray that new people will join in.

Mon 17
Pray for the Henry Tyndale School's Carol Service this afternoon, for a blessed time.

Tue 18
Pray for all who live in **CHATFIELD, FIRS,** and **GAINSBOROUGH CLOSES** and the congregation at the Methodist church.

Wed 19
Pray for David and Kathleen and their family. May they know God's peace in their lives and rejoice in his Spirit.

Thu 20
Pray for all who will be getting together with their families over Christmas, for safe travelling and a blessed time together.

Fri 21
Pray for all who will be going out carol singing to cheer people up and stop them worrying for a few minutes about all that has to be done.

Sat 22
Pray for those who will be alone over Christmas.

SUN 23 *4th of Advent*
God of constancy and change, help us to recognize where we have become stuck in the ruts of our familiar lives. Break through our tired repetitions and jaded responses. Prepare your way in us, make our paths straight, that we might welcome your Son, Jesus, the child who is to come.

Mon 24 *Christmas Eve*
Pray for the Crib Service for all the children that will be there, that the story will stay with them. Pray for the adults who will be at the Midnight Service, that they will come closer to God and recognize the need for him in their lives.

Tue 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
Yea, Lord, we greet thee, Born this happy morning, Jesu, to thee be glory given; Word of the Father, Now in flesh appearing: O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!
NEH 30v7

Wed 26 *Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr*
Pray for those who live in **BOUNDARY ROAD** and for all at the Baptist Church. Stephen was a practical man, full of the Spirit of God.

Thu 27 *John, Apostle and Evangelist*
John was the disciple to whom Jesus entrusted the care of his mother when he hung on the cross.

Fri 28 *Holy Innocents*
Children still suffer in every country in the world. Pray for charities that seek to help them.

Sat 29
As life begins to return to "normal" may we retain all the good things that have happened this month and give thanks.

SUN 30 *1st of Christmas*
When heaven's arches ring, and her choirs shall sing, at Thy coming to victory, let Thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room, there is room at my side for thee!" And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus, when Thou comest and callest for me.
NEH 69v5

Mon 31
On the last day of the year we have many things to thank God for and a new year to put in his hands to bless.

HAPPY NEW YEAR