

St. Mark's Prayer Calendar for December 2024

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life.

SUN 1 *1st in Advent*

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory.

Luke 21.25&27



Mon 2

Pray this week for all, who live in **CHALFONT DRIVE**. Pray for all at Our Lady Help of Christians.

Tue 3

Pray for Yvonne Hayden in all she does and give thanks for her engagement in our church.

Wed 4

Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. May God be their rock and refuge and a strong fortress to save them.

Thu 5

We give thanks for the time we had Phil and Helen Roche, for all the good things they put in place, and we ask for God's continued blessing on them and their family.

Fri 6

Give thanks for the Flower Festival which has been happening this past week organised by Judith Gibbons.

Sat 7

Pray for our service tomorrow. It is such a blessing having a slot for the children and we thank God for it and may he bless Angharad and Mary working with the children.

SUN 8 *2nd in Advent*

Father in heaven, who sent your Son to redeem the world and will send him again to be our judge: give us grace so to imitate him in the humility and purity of his first coming that, when he comes again, we may be ready to greet him with joyful love and firm faith.

Mon 9

Pray this week for all, who live in **CHATFIELD, FIRS, and GAINSBOROUGH CLOSSES**. Pray for our Churchwardens and PCC as they work for the whole church.

Tue 10

Pray for all the anticipation of Christmas. In all the business may we not forget what it is all about and honour Him who came to save us.

Wed 11

Pray for those who translate the Bible into other languages that their inspiration and knowledge may keep them going.

Thu 12

Be close to those who are dying and those who care for them, whether they are at home or in hospital or in our hospice.

Fri 13

Give thanks for our churchwardens, Deglan Rowe and Hilary Bellamy. Bless them both in all they do for our church.

Sat 14

Pray for those who have helped you get an understanding of the Christian faith.

SUN 15 *3rd in Advent*

Lord, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way for your son's first coming. Help us not to forget that at his second coming he comes to judge the world.

Mon 16
Pray for all who live in **BOUNDARY ROAD** this week. Pray for all at the Methodist Church and especially Anne Day, who is the minister.

Tue 17
Give thanks for those groups who are using our church for their pre-Christmas services.

Wed 18
God be in my head, and in my understanding. Thank you, Lord, for always being near me.

Thu 19
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking
Keep my ways close to yours and your will for me.

Fri 20
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking
May I always praise you whatever the world throws at me.

Sat 21
God be in my heart, and in my thinking. May your word never be far from me.

SUN 22 *4th in Advent*
God be at mine end, and at my departing.
Thank you for being there when the time comes to depart this earth.

Mon 23
God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge. Pray for all who live in **FARNBOROUGH ROAD**.

Tue 24 *Christmas Eve*
Lord, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ, grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge.

Wed 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds.

Thu 26 *Boxing Day*
Give thanks for all the gatherings that happen over Christmas. May they bring blessings to all.

Fri 27
Give thanks for the space we enjoy in our church building.

Sat 28
Give thanks for Jason and Felicity Lewis and their family, for all they do in and out of church.

SUN 29 *1st of Christmas*
Jesus came to share in our humanity. May we share the life of his divinity.

Mon 30
Pray for all who live in **FARNBOROUGH CENTRAL**. Pray also for the New Testament Church of God.

Tue 31 *New Year's Eve*
On this last day of the year may we be able to thank the Lord for bringing us thus far and ask for his blessing on the New Year.

HAPPY NEW YEAR