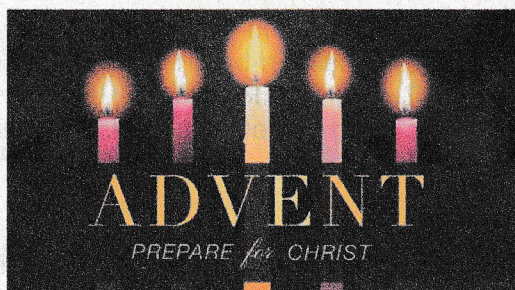


St. Mark's Prayer Calendar for December 2025

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, that on the last day, we may rise to the life immortal.



Mon 1
Give thanks for all the clergy who helped us out over the last couple of years. We must never forget their kindness as they ministered to us.

Tue 2
Pray this week for those who live in **CHATFIELD, FIRS, and GAINSBOROUGH CLOSSES**. Pray also for all who belong to Our Lady Help of Christians.

Wed 3
Pray for a successful week for the Festival of Light. Bless Judith in all that is happening and give thanks for her initiative.

Thu 4
Give thanks for the children in our congregation for the freshness they bring to our community. May they not grow weary of the Christmas story.

Fri 5
Give thanks for Dianna and all she brings to our services and beyond. Give her strength and endurance in her leading us.

Sat 6
St. Nicholas will be remembered in many countries today as the benevolent Saint who showered children with gifts.

SUN 7 *Advent 2*
The advent of our King our prayers must now employ, and we must hymns of welcome sing in strains of holy joy.

CP 36v1

Mon 8
This week we pray for those who live in **BOUNDARY ROAD**. Pray for Deglan and Anne Rowe also Abigail in all they do and may they be blessed.

Tue 9
Pray for our school in this run up to Christmas. May there still be room for reflection on what Christmas is really about.

Wed 10
Pray for all readers and intercessors. May they be blessed in their preparations and in leading the rest of us.

Thu 11
We give thanks, O God our Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, whose coming to this world was proclaimed by prophets of old and who was born for us in lowliness and poverty at Bethlehem.

Frank Colquhoun

Fri 12
Give thanks for our churchwardens, Deglan and Hillary. May they know and feel that they have everybody's support and encouragement.

Sat 13
Lucy, martyred on this day in 304, carried the light of Christ to her fellow human beings.

SUN 14
Wake, O wake! With tidings thrilling the watchmen all the air are filling, arise, Jerusalem, arise!

CP39.1

Mon 15
Pray this week for all, who live in **FARNBOROUGH ROAD**. Give thanks for all that you receive of kindness and friendship from other people.

Tue 16

Pray for the people you'll be spending Christmas with, that it may be a joyful celebration.

Wed 17

Give thanks for Angharad and her sister, Bethan. May they know God's presence in all things.

Thu 18

Pray for all on our PCC. May they have the support of the whole church in what they want to achieve.

Fri 19

Pray for all who spend Friday mornings at church helping clean and making the most of being together.

Sat 20

O be joyful in the lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.

Ps.100.1

SUN 21 *Advent 4*

May we like Mary be ready to greet our Lord when he comes again as our judge.

Mon 22

Pray for all who live in **FARNBOROUGH CENTRAL**. Pray for those who are lonely and forlorn, especially at this time of year. May they find a lasting cheerfulness and meaning in their lives.

Tue 23

Pray for those who will be decorating the church ready for our Christmas services.

Wed 24 *Christmas Eve*

Eternal God, for whom we wait, keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.

Thu 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**

'Glory to God in the highest heaven; and on earth peace among those whom he favours!' When the angels had left them, the shepherds went to Bethlehem.

Fri 26 *Boxing Day*

Pray for everyone spending time together that relationships may be mended and strengthened.

Sat 27

Pray for our service tomorrow, and give thanks for all who will be there to share this first Sunday of Christmas.

SUN 28 *1st of Christmas*

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.

CP 53.3

Mon 29

Pray today for all who live in **AIRCRAFT ESPLANADE, MAITLAND ROAD, SHOE and FORGE LANES** and **VINE CLOSE**. Remember also our friends at The Baptist Church.

Tue 30

Pray for all who have moved into all the new houses in Shoe Lane. May they settle in and enjoy living on the edge of town.

Wed 31 *New Year's Eve*

Come Holy Spirit, help me to wonder at God's love, to wait upon God's word and to act with compassion, that God's Kingdom might be on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Happy New Year