

January 1st

Psalms: 103 (MP), 115 (EP)

Government/Brexit: Gracious, loving God we give thanks today for all of the blessings we have in the knowledge of your presence and your peace, we give thanks for our nation and the freedom that we enjoy. Almighty God, we beseech You to guide our government and all others involved as we leave the European Union that Your will may be done in the UK and throughout Europe now and in the years to come. We ask that as a nation we would be able to move forward together and may the Christian community provide support to the oppressed and the needy, and in our struggles encourage us to show the love and compassion of our Saviour.

Location/Organisation: For those living in Waits Close and West Garston

Lectionary Readings: Galatians 4: 4—7; Luke 2: 15—21

January 2nd

Psalms: 18: 1—30 (MP), 46 (EP)

Stella Wilson: We pray for all who are in the frontline fighting the coronavirus. We pray for all who are feeling lonely, who are facing financial problems, who sadly have to cope with domestic abuse. We pray for the people in care homes - perhaps living on memories at the moment. At this unusual Christmastide and as we think of the birth of Jesus we celebrated with love, joy and laughter, especially love, and we pray that we constantly care for each other.

Location/Organisation: For those running our local Pubs.

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 60: 1—12; John 1: 35—42

Sunday January 3rd

Epiphany

Matt: This week sees the return of children and staff to the classroom either physically or online. As children begin a new physical year Lord, please be with them. Help them through each day. Raise up adults and other young people who can come alongside them to support them in their studies and in their personal well-being. I pray for all teachers and support staff at this difficult time, rarely have I seen those I know and love look so tired and exhausted as we got to the Christmas break. I pray that we all may learn something new of what it means to be a new community for a new world as we hopefully emerge from COVID and Lockdown this coming year."

Location/Organisation: For those living in West Street and Westfield Crescent.

Lectionary Readings: Ephesians 3: 1—12; Matthew 2: 1—12

January 4th

Psalms: 89: 1—37 (MP), 87 (EP)

Geoff & Rosemary Bailey: Thinking about words from the hymn "Great is Thy faithfulness" - "Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow" - we all need strength to get us through these challenging times; we give thanks for the physical & spiritual support we share in our community. May we see hope in the message of Christmas; Lord, fill our hearts with joy & peace that we may abound in hope. Amen.

Location/Organisation: The NHS, its work and its workers.

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 60: 13—end; John 1: 43—end

January 5th

Psalms: 48 (MP), 97 (EP)

Marion Johnson: O High King of Heaven, have mercy on your world. Free us from this pandemic. Revive your church. Send the Holy Spirit for the sake of the children. May your Kingdom come to our land.
In Jesus name, Amen.
(adapted from Ffald-y-Brenin rhythm of daily prayer)

Location/Organisation: Banwell Bridge Club

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 61; John 2: 1—12

January 6th

Psalms: 132 (MP), 98 (EP)

Caz Carter: Please pray for all schools colleges and universities as they return to school. Pray for all the pupils and staff during these difficult times and pray that they will find peace and hope during this time.

Location/Organisation: For better building laws in Bangladesh & other countries

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 62; John 2: 13—end

January 7th

Psalms: 99 (MP), 118 (EP)

Caroline Haynes: Gives thanks for a nice Christmas and would like to pray for Mums better health and for all the staff and residents at her house in Clevedon who are so supportive. Amen

Location/Organisation: For friendships to develop through Take 5

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 63: 7—end; 1 John 3

January 8th

Psalms: 46 (MP), 145 (EP)

Pearl Salmon: I give thanks that I was able to have family over for Christmas, and was so thankful that although I cannot get to church as often as I would like at the moment, I have kept in pretty good health. Pray for this to be maintained through the winter, and I also give thanks for a kind friend who takes Lucy my dog for walks. Amen

Location/Organisation: Self-employed people

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 64; 1 John 4: 7—end

January 9th

Psalms: 148 (MP), 36 (EP)

Diana Blanchard-Taylor: January is associated with the Roman god Janus, who represented doorways, passages and bridges and who faced two ways at once. Heaven forbid that we be two-faced, but we do ask the good Lord that we may always see two sides of an argument and act as a passage or bridge between two areas of contention.

Location/Organisation: Local music teachers

Lectionary Readings: Isaiah 65: 1–16; 1 John 5: 1–12

Sunday January 10th

1st Sunday of Epiphany

From Methodist prayer manual. Heavenly Father, to share the good news, your Son, Jesus, climbed mountains, wandered through fields and crossed over waters. Help us to remember today, as we travel down different roads, that this earth remains precious, created in love and graced with your presence, so we may tread lightly and discover afresh the way of your kingdom. Amen

Location/Organisation: For people trafficking to be thwarted

Lectionary Readings: Acts 19: 1–7; Mark 1: 4–11

January 11th

Psalms: 2 (MP), 34 (EP)

Elizabeth Cran: Lord, in our prayer today, we remember our traveller community, and other groups throughout our land. May they receive good healthcare in these difficult times and always. Amen

Location/Organisation: For the World Trade Organisation to act fairly and honestly.

Lectionary Readings: Amos 1; 1 Corinthians 1: 1–17



January 12th

Psalms: 9 (MP), 45 (EP)

Foodbank: Lord we give you thanks that people have continued to give generously over Christmas to the foodbank, and that those in need of the service will have been provided for. Pray for this to continue in 2021 amidst the current restrictions. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the Methodist Church Council

Lectionary Readings: Amos 2; 1 Corinthians 1: 18–end

January 13th

Psalms: 20 (MP), 47 (EP)



NHS: The year 2020 has been a long, hard and rocky road for those wonderful professionals in the health service. We pray for them all, but in particular for those who are especially weary and drained physically, mentally and emotionally. Lord, please let them be assured that they are loved, encourage them and lift them up, and fill them with hope and strength for the year ahead.

Location/Organisation: Security and long term stability in Iraq

Lectionary Readings: Amos 3; 1 Corinthians 2

January 14th

Psalms: 92 (MP), 61 (EP)

Grace Isaac: Dear Lord, help us respond to the gospel by loving each other and by sheltering everyone from the storms of life. We ask Lord for your guidance to help us to stand up and speak out for others and to spread your message of love. We give you our all as you did for us, let this be our calling this year. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the work of Christian Aid and TEAR

Lectionary Readings: Amos 4; 1 Corinthians 3

January 15th

Psalms: 67 (MP), 68 (EP)

Nick & Marion Braine: Dear Lord; at this particular time we ask you to take special care of those in the emergency services who have to help victims of Covid 19 in conditions where they are the first to have contact.

Location/Organisation: For wisdom and integrity in UK Government.

Lectionary Readings: Amos 5: 1–17; 1 Corinthians 4

January 16th

Psalms: 33 (MP), 85 (EP)

David Packham: Give thanks that he is being well looked after, and pray he can see Pearl soon as they have not been able to be together since early in the first lockdown. Give thanks at least that they are able to talk on the phone and pray for more direct contact as the restrictions allow. Amen

Location/Organisation: Our Police Force

Lectionary Readings: Amos 5: 18–end; 1 Corinthians 5

Sunday January 17th

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Avril Chapman: Thank You...

Lord, whilst this is such an anxious time, we thank you.

Thank you that you are with us every step we take. May we step in time with you.

Thank you that we are your children and you love us unconditionally. May we love as you do.

Thank you that you have offered to carry all our burdens. May we pass them to you.

Thank you that the Son still shines behind the storm clouds. May we search for that light.

Thank you that, whilst we don't understand all that's happening, you have a plan and that it is good. May we trust you. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the EU - for fair opportunities and legislation

Lectionary Readings: Revelation 5: 1—10; John 1: 43—end

January 18th

Psalms: 146 (MP), 71 (EP)

Jackie Hampson: We are blessed where we live in such beautiful countryside, lots of innocent animals in the fields, and our warm homes. Let's pray and have faith, better times for us all in 2021, appreciate every day, everyone and the beauty of nature. We look forward to a Happy New Year.

Location/Organisation: The World Health Organisation

Lectionary Readings: Amos 6; 1 Corinthians 6: 1—11

January 19th

Psalms: 132 (MP), 89: 1—37 (EP)

Keith & Catherine Andrews: Dear Lord, We pray for all people involved in trade.

We ask that they treat each other fairly, with honesty, integrity and respect.

Protect and guide them Lord, in all things. Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Amen.

Location/Organisation: For good health care for the traveller community

Lectionary Readings: Amos 7; 1 Corinthians 6: 12—end



January 20th

Psalms: 81 (MP), 97 (EP)

The United States of America: Today, Joe Biden will be inaugurated as the 46th President of the United States. After a very divisive election, please pray not only for the new president and his team, but especially for healing for all the people of America so that, in the words of the Pledge of Allegiance, they may indeed become "one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Location/Organisation: For wisdom for the General Synod of the Church of England

Lectionary Readings: Amos 8; 1 Corinthians 7: 1—24

January 21st

Psalms: 76 (MP), 111 (EP)

David & Beth Ashton-Hilton: Today is David's birthday; his birthday wish is that we join in praying the words of the angels on Jesus' birthday: "Glory to God in the highest, and peace on earth to men on whom his favour rests." (Luke 2:14)

Location/Organisation: For peace in Israel/Palestine & that Jerusalem will be a place of peace.

Lectionary Readings: Amos 9; 1 Corinthians 7: 25—end

January 22nd

Psalms: 27 (MP), 73 (EP)

Iris Belsten: Heavenly Father we pray for all our pastoral Leaders, who have been so busy during this pandemic, ringing all there members, consoling those who are worried, and shopping for those who have been shielding and isolating. We ask Lord that you will be with them giving them your strength at all times. Amen

Location/Organisation: For the Toddlers group

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 1: 1—2: 1; 1 Corinthians 8

January 23rd

Psalms: 122 (MP), 61 (EP)

Sue Hoskins: I pray for everyone who struggles with the colder weather and the long evenings; please join me in praying that all of us can be alert to the needs of those around us at this difficult time of year -may we be hope-bearers and joy-givers to all those whom we meet. Please pray as well for my cohort of new Deacons as we continue to try and build relationships with those in our communities who are self isolating, particularly those who don't use the internet.

Location/Organisation: The media - pray for integrity.

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 2: 2—17; 1 Corinthians 9: 1—14

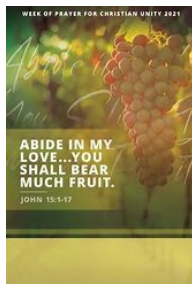
Sunday January 24th

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

Edie Male: As we enter 2021 and reflect on 2020 I pray that the pandemic will soon be over and mass vaccination rolled out around the world. We have learnt so much about caring for people in so many ways. We also need to continue caring for our beautiful world. Thank you for so many blessings. Amen

Location/Organisation: For Cafe Church

Lectionary Readings: Revelation 19: 6—10; John 2: 1—11



January 25th

Psalms: 66 (MP), 119: 41–56 (EP)

Week of Christian Unity: Holy Spirit, vivifying fire and gentle breath, come and abide in us. Renew in us the passion for unity so that we may live in awareness of the bond that unites us in you. May all who have put on Christ at their Baptism unite and bear witness together to the hope that sustains them

Location/Organisation: For the school assemblies.

Lectionary Readings: Acts 9: 1–22; Matthew 19: 27—end

Sunday January 26th

Psalms: 36 (MP), 145 (EP)

Margaret Mellor: Dear Lord after the past year with all its trials, as we begin a new year I want to thank you for all your blessings: for life and health, for laughter and fun, for all our powers of mind and body, for our homes and the love of dear ones, for everything that is beautiful, good and true. Above all, we thank you for giving your Son to be our Saviour and friend. May we always find true happiness in obeying you, for Jesus's sake.

Location/Organisation: For guidance and protection for our armed forces

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 4: 1–16; 1 Corinthians 10: 1–13

January 27th

Psalms: 46 (MP), 29 (EP)

COVID: We are thankful that scientists are using their particular talents to understand this virus. Their discoveries are not just useful but can also display God's wondrous creation. We pray that:

1. That clinical trials - whether of drugs or vaccines - are well designed and conducted and provide conclusive unambiguous results (positive or negative).
2. Scientific integrity, quality and rigour would be maintained, even as we wish for a speedy vaccine approval process.
3. The trial subjects' safety would be paramount and maintained at all times.
4. Decision makers in companies, academia and government would work well together.

Location/Organisation: For those who publish Viewpoint

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 5: 1–7; 1 Corinthians 10: 14 = 11: 1

January 28th

Psalms: 47 (MP), 24 (EP)

Martin & Rosemary West: Almighty God and Loving Shepherd, please bring back those who have wandered; to repent and receive the forgiveness and eternal life of Your gospel. Lift up the vulnerable and wounded and grant them healing, comfort and new hope. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the Deanery Synod.

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 5: 8–6: 6; 1 Corinthians 11: 2–16

January 29th

Psalms: 65 (MP), 67 (EP)

Frances Urwin: In this time of uncertainty and turmoil, I want to pray for the diversity that we see in society. Many people have shown wonderful generosity and kindness and compassion even in personal times of struggle, some people have been more selfish. I pray that we will feel your prompting Lord of how to behave and see the hurting world through your eyes and that more people will come to know You in these times.

Location/Organisation: For the expanding church in Africa, China and S.America.

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 6: 7–7: 2; 1 Corinthians 11: 17—end

January 30th

Psalms: 68 (MP), 72 (EP)

A prayer for NHS and Care workers: Faithful Lord, you make your home among the vulnerable. Hear us as we pray for all in the NHS and in social care who tend to the needs of others. As they continue their works of mercy, may they know your protection and the peace that you give. Amen

Location/Organisation: For the Tuesday drop in coffee

Lectionary Readings: Hosea 8; 1 Corinthians 12: 1–11

Sunday January 31st

Candlemas

Joan Worrall: As we go into the New Year 2021 let us pray to our Lord God and give thanks to all those who have given their time throughout the Christmas and New Year period to care for the sick, elderly and housebound, and to all those who have kept us safe in all walks of life. In our prayers we ask that You keep them all safe as they continue their work. Gracious Lord, we pray for guidance and faith in these changing times. Let us give a gentle smile to those whom we pass that they may feel courage and hope into the coming year. Hear our prayer, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Location/Organisation: For the 'underground' violence in N. Ire-

Lectionary Readings: Hebrews 2: 14—end; Luke 2: 22–40