

Loving Father, we pray for joy and hope in our hearts, forgiveness and peace upon earth, and we pray for your blessing on all people. May there be bread for the hungry, healing for the sick, and protection for those living in fear. May the gift of the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with your love and power and bring us new life in Christ.

Join in praying with others from our Churches, between 7 and 8 am and 9 and 10 pm each day.



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THE PARISH OF ST ANDREW & ST MARK SURBITON



PRAYER CALENDAR

December 2023 & January 2024



**"You shall love the Lord your God ...
and your neighbour as yourself"**

(Luke 10:27)

Week beginning:

- December 3rd Advent Sunday, ministry team, arrangements for Christmas services, parish office staff, donations to foodbanks, for an awareness of the impact on the environment of gifts we buy
- December 10th Churchwardens, PCC members, audio-visual teams, sidespeople and welcomers, 2.46 Club lunch, Mothers' Union, YMCA, USPG, people who work in Surbiton, for a resolve not to waste food
- December 17th Carol services, choirs and organist, sacristans, servers, flower arrangers, parish lunch, families who cannot be together, users of our church spaces, for a determination to curb impulse buying
- December 24th Christmas, St Stephen, St John, Holy Innocents, Christingle services, Christmas Day Lunch helpers and recipients, refugees, for a recognition of the distance from field to fork of so much of what we eat
- December 31st New Year, Naming of Jesus, Epiphany, our families and friends, vaccination uptake, the homeless and those who fear becoming homeless, KCAH and Joel Project, for a resolution to reuse or recycle as much as we can

Heavenly Father, we hope for a prayerful and reflective Advent so that we are ready to experience the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.



Week beginning:

- January 7th Kingston Hospital, our local surgeries and pharmacies, all who work in the NHS, SASM School children, staff and governors, Sunbeams, Deanery Synod, for an appreciation of access to clean drinking water
- January 14th Baptism of Christ, Church music, uniformed organisations, parish Facebook page, Oxygen, all carers, key workers, volunteers at food banks and their users, for a commitment to preserve the resources of our planet for future generations
- January 21st Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, conversion of St Paul, uniformed organisations, aid agencies, Churches Together in Surbiton, Street Pastors, for a willingness to help people who are victims of natural disasters or wars
- January 28th Candlemas, baptism families, church gardeners, coffee rota helpers, YMCA, all those who are anxious about rising prices, charity shops, for the restorative qualities of nature and the gradual lengthening of daylight hours

Lord, give us the grace to know you more deeply, in order to love you with all of our being. Grant us a pure heart, to love our neighbour as ourselves. May the gift of your Holy Spirit enable us to see your presence in our sisters and brothers, that we may love each other with the same unconditional love with which you love us.

(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity)

