

Blessed are you, O Lord:

Blessed are you for the air that gives us life.

Blessed are you for the earth that nourishes us.

Blessed are you for the water that quenches our thirst.

Blessed are you for the fire that warms us.

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



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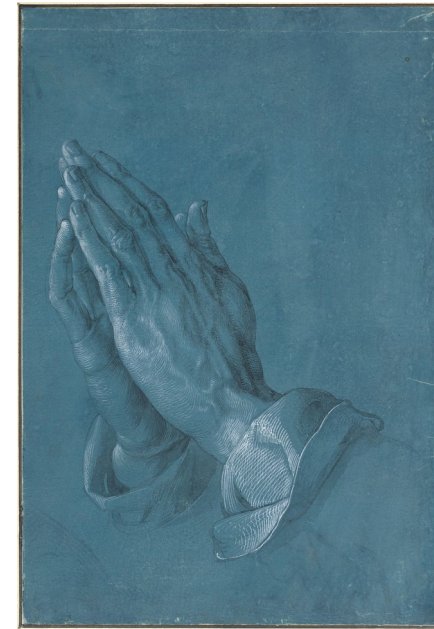
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THE PARISH OF ST ANDREW & ST MARK SURBITON



PRAYER CALENDAR December 2024 & January 2025



"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

(John 11:25-26)

Week beginning:

- December 1st Advent Sunday, ministry team, arrangements for Christmas services, parish lunch, for a generation of leaders with the courage to take responsibility and to act justly for our changing climate
- December 8th Carol services, churchwardens, PCC members, audio-visual teams, sidespeople and welcomers, people who work in Surbiton, for the strength of youth who raise awareness of climate change in their community
- December 15th Not So Merry Christmas service, choirs and organist, sacristans, servers, lesson readers, flower arrangers, parish office staff, users of our church spaces, for a determination to curb impulse buying
- December 22nd Christmas, St Stephen, St John, Holy Innocents, Christingle services, Christmas Day Lunch helpers and guests, Mothers' Union, refugees, for all who advocate for climate-friendly practices
- December 29th New Year, Naming of Jesus, our families and friends, the homeless and those who fear becoming homeless, KCAH and Joel Project, for a willingness to challenge ourselves to live more sustainably in 2025

God of all, we thank you for a time of preparation in Advent and for celebrations with friends and family at Christmas. As we experience the peace and love of Christ in our hearts, may it be reflected in kindness, compassion and generosity to those who need our help.

**Week beginning:**

- January 5th Epiphany, Baptism of Christ, coffee rota helpers, study groups, SASM School children, staff and governors, Kingston Hospital, our local surgeries and pharmacies, USPG, for eyes to see the stark beauty of nature in winter
- January 12th Church music, uniformed organisations, intercessors, Sunbeams, Oxygen, all carers, key workers, for those suffering from chronic hunger because harvests were destroyed last year by extreme weather conditions
- January 19th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, conversion of St Paul, parish website and Facebook page, hospital and prison chaplains, Street Pastors, charity shops, for wise choices when trying to buy sustainably produced food
- January 26th Baptism families, Last Wednesday Lunches, church gardeners, Deanery Synod, donations to foodbanks, their volunteers and users, YMCA, all those who are anxious about rising prices, for joy at signs of spring

Father of compassion, renew our faith in you and bind us together through your love, so that we can recognise each other as your children, and come together as one.

(Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2025)

