

Prayers for December 2020

Keep awake for you know neither the day nor the night.

May we encounter the light and life of the Christ-child in unexpected ways as we pray with and for each other

1. **Week 1: HOPE.** *O God of Advent Hope, you invite us to journey with you, in the midst of the challenges and the changes. Emmanuel, come to us, abide with us. We pray for all who live in Conghurst Lane, Ridsen, Foxhole Lane. In our Deanery, we pray for the parish of Headcorn and The Suttons, and the Vicar, Revd Fiona Haskett.*
2. *God our heavenly Father, as we begin this advent journey, fill our hearts with your comfort and joy, that we may wait with confidence the coming of your Son. We remember in prayer today those who live in Cowden Lane and Horns Road.*
3. *Advent calls us to slow down in order to make room for the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We pray for the people living in Delmond Lane, and North Hill Road, and remember the parishes of Etchingham and Hurst Green.*
4. We pray for the ministry in and from the St Laurence Parish office. We pray for all living in Red Oak and Hensil Lane.
5. Bless all the doctors, nurses and staff who work at Benenden Hospital and Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital. We pray for families who live on The Moor and in The Chestnuts.
6. **Week 2: PEACE.** *O God of Advent Peace; in you we place our trust. In our anxieties and concerns; in you we place our trust. Emmanuel, come to us, abide with us. We pray for all shops and businesses in the High Street and in our village. We pray for all living on Horns Corner and Horns Hill.*
7. We pray for all living on Moor Hill, Talbot Road and The Hawthorns; Stream Lane and Hastings Road. Bless and guide the Queen and all members of the Royal family.
8. We remember all living in All Saints Road, Smugglers, Smugglers Mews and Dickens Way.
9. We pray for the parishioners of Trinity Church, Sissinghurst and with St Mary's Frittenden and the Vicar, Revd. Pete Deaves.
10. We pray for the families living in Barretts Road and Hartenoak Road.
11. We pray for all who live in Tongswood Drive and Whites Lane and for the parish of Goudhurst and Kilndown, for the Churchwardens and members of the PCC, during the Interregnum.
12. We pray for all who live in Cranbrook Road and Sand-rock Cottages. We pray for the parish of Cranbrook and the Vicar Revd Ann Pollington.

13. **Week 3: LOVE.** *O God of Advent Love, with gratitude and praise we give thanks for your mighty promises of love. Emmanuel, come to us, abide with us.* We pray for all who worship in the Parish of Marden and the Vicar, Revd. Nicola Harvey. Bless and guide those living in Fairview and Northgrove Road.
14. We pray for all members of the Methodist Fellowship in Hawkhurst. We pray for those living in Gills Green and Wellington Cottages, Tubs Lake and those living in Bedgebury.
15. We pray for all who worship and serve in the Roman Catholic Church of St Barnabas and for Father Vic McClean. Bless those living in Gingerbread Lane and The High Street.
16. We pray for those living in Gunther Court, Hartnokes and Basden Cottages, and also for the parishes of Ticehurst and Flimwell and the Vicar Rev Ashley Evans.
17. **O Wisdom,** *coming forth from the mouth of the Most High: Come and teach us the way of wisdom* We pray for all who worship in the Baptist Church in our village, and for the Minister Revd. Ben Gotts and his family. We pray for those who live in Copthall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
18. **O Adonai,** *who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush: Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.* We pray for all who live in Mercers, Lorenden Park and Highgate Hill, and Herschel Place
19. **O Root of Jesse,** *standing as a sign to the people: Come and deliver us and do not delay.* We pray for all those living in Murton-Neale Close and Camerons. We also pray for all living in Oakfield and Theobalds.
20. **Week 4: JOY.** *O God of Advent joy, circle our world with the light of your presence. As our advent journeying draws to an end, and our Christmas rejoicing begins. Emmanuel, come to us, abide with us.* We pray for all living on Slip-mill Lane, Slipmill Road and Sobers Lane. Pray for the parishes of Ewhurst and Bodiam and the Rector Canon Christopher Irvine.
21. **O Dayspring,** *splendour of light eternal. Come and rise on the darkness in our hearts with healing in your wings.* We pray for all living in the area of Queens Road, Park Cottages and Dunlop Court.
22. **O Israel's Anointed,** *and king over all the earth: you are the cornerstone, making both one. Come and deliver man, whom you formed from the dust.* We pray for those who live in Copt-hall Avenue, Fieldways and Church Walk.
23. **O Emmanuel,** *God with us, you are the hope of the nations and their deliverer. Come and save us, O Lord our God.* We pray for all living in Queens Close and Hammonds.
24. **Christmas Eve.** *Make ready to hear the angels' glad tidings and to join in praise with the company of heaven.* We pray for the parish of Staplehurst, and the Vicar Revd Silka Tezlaff. We bring to you in our prayers today, all living in Western Road and School Terrace, Rye Road and Highfield Close.
25. **Christmas Eve.** *Make ready to hear the angels' glad tidings and to join in praise with the company of heaven.* We pray also for all living in Oaklands Road and Tates.

26. *Sing aloud! The Lord God is among us, the Mighty One who saves us. We pray for all living in Winchester Road, Woodbury Road and Vale Road.*
27. **Week 5: RENEWAL.** *O God of Christmas renewal, when we realise that you love us, something in us is renewed and even transformed. Emmanuel, come to us, abide with us. We keep in prayer those living in, Ockley Road, Barretts Green and Norris Close.*
28. **The Holy Innocents:** *In your love and mercy, protect unborn babies and children from cruelty, abuse and persecution, and bless them and their parents, and all who care for them. We pray for the Revd. David Commander, Rector of the Benefice of Benenden and Sandhurst, Ylva Blid-Mackenzie, the Licensed Lay Worker and all the parishioners. We pray for all living in Attwater Lane and Potters Lane.*
29. We pray today for all living in Herschel Place, Woodham Close, Birchfield Grove and all new homes in our village. We keep in prayer the residents of Water Lane and Gun Green.
30. **Holy Family.** *Heavenly Father, you gave us a wonderful example of family life in the home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph at Nazareth. We pray for our Vicar and Area Dean, Fr Rodney Dreyer and his family. We also pray for our Churchwardens, and all the members of our PCC. We remember all the members of our fellowship who live outside the parish.*
31. **Almighty God, looking back on 2020 we see a year of disappointments: church and family plans wrecked, education disrupted, employment thwarted, hopes dashed. As we look ahead to 2021, lift our eyes, renew our minds, soften our hearts and transform our lives for the sake of the world you love.** (Archdeacon Stephen Taylor) We pray for Justin Welby, our Archbishop, Right Reverend Rose Hudson-Wilkin, the Bishop of Dover and Stephen Archdeacon and Chaplain to Bishop Rose, and Andrew Sewell Archdeacon of Maidstone. We pray for the work and ministry of the Anglican Consultative Council.

***Let us continue to prayer “Thy Kingdom Come” until it does.
Come Holy Spirit: gift us with yourself.***

