

St Luke's  
Willerby



St Andrew's Kirk Ella

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## Prayer Diary – December 2023

<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Give thanks that <b>many new children and their grown ups</b> since half term. Pray that they would all stick, and tat they would invite their friends to join them.
<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Give thanks for the <b>new people God has added to our number</b> at both churches and the Evening Service recently.
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Pray that many who are hungry to hear the gospel attend <b>the Nativity Services</b> this morning. Also pray that <b>Blue Christmas</b> would provide a comforting space for anyone who's missing a loved one this Christmas.
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December</b>	The <b>staff team</b> meets today. Pray that they would catch any loose ends for the Christmas period. Pray that <b>books ministry</b> would be valuable this Christmas, both through giveaways and the bookstall.
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Pray that relationships between families at <b>Little Stars continue to grow.</b> We meet to <b>pray this evening, 745 for 8pm at the Memorial Hall.</b> Pray that this evening <b>God would oversee the meeting at Swanland setting vision for Hull Deanery</b> with the Bishop of Hull.
<b>Weds 6<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Thank God for <b>St Luke's Toddler Group.</b> Pray that the leaders' vision for families to join the church on Sundays would be met under God.

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<p><b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Praise God for the amazing <b>engagement with the Bible stories</b> among the children at Carr Lane school assemblies on Thursdays.</p> <p>Give thanks for our <b>Church Councils</b> who carry lots of responsibility for our churches, and are invited to Ash's for Christmas drinks.</p>
<p><b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Give thanks for two <b>children at Rockets beginning to follow Jesus for themselves</b> for the first time. Pray that they would be rooted and established in the faith.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Pray for those of our Mission Partners who will be spending time away from friends and family this Christmas. Pray that they would find fellowship in church and joy in the Lord.</p>
<p><b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>We meet <b>this morning at St Luke's and St Andrew's</b>. Pray that we would grow in faith and love as we set our hearts of the certain hope of the gospel.</p> <p>This afternoon and evening is <b>City Carols</b>. Pray that very many people are born again as they encounter Jesus.</p>
<p><b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Pray that the <b>children at Springhead School</b> would want to follow Jesus as they hear more about him in this morning's assembly.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p><b>Growth Groups</b> all meet this week. Give thanks for the past term, and pray that the word would dwell richly in each member.</p>
<p><b>Weds 13<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Pray for a fun time at the <b>St Luke's Toddler Group Christmas Party</b>.</p> <p>Pray that <b>Morning Carols</b> (10:30am, St Andrew's) would be a great opportunity to celebrate the birth of Jesus for those who prefer to be out during daylight hours.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December</b></p>	<p>Give thanks that <b>Pub Night</b> (tonight, 7pm at the Wheatsheaf) has been a good opportunity to chew over aspects of Christianity.</p>

<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Pray that many people would come to the <b>Christingle service</b> after school at St Luke's, and that some hear the gospel for the first time. Pray that the <b>Impact Christmas Party</b> would build friendships between members, and be lots of fun.
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Give thanks for all those who <b>work behind the scenes</b> cleaning, keeping our buildings and grounds in good order, working in administration and finance, and many other roles.
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Give thanks that many people still attend traditional carol services. Pray that very many would come to this evening's <b>Carols By Candlelight services</b> at St Andrew's.
<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Give thanks for <b>those who make the churches look beautiful</b> with flowers and decorations, especially at Christmas.
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>St Andrew's School</b> visit St Andrew's Church for their Christmas services today. Pray that the gospel would be heard and believed by many.
<b>Weds 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Pray for the <b>children and staff of Springhead School</b> as they visit St Luke's today. Pray that they would enjoy celebrating the birth of Jesus.
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	Give thanks that <b>Carr Lane School</b> are <b>visiting St Luke's today</b> . Pray that some would want to return on Sundays. Pray for John and Sally as they take a <b>Christmas assembly at Wold Academy</b> this afternoon, and ask God to soften the hearts to the gospel of children and staff alike.
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	Praise God for the work <b>Friendship Club</b> does among older people in the community.
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	Give thanks for all our <b>musicians</b> . Pray that they would be able to worship God through their playing.
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	Pray that all our services today – morning services, all age Christmas Eve at St Andrew's, Traditional Carols at St Luke's, late night Christmas Communion at St Andrew's – would clearly and engagingly point to the saviour of the world.

<b>Christmas Day</b>	Joy to the world, the Lord has come! Spend some time today praising God for Jesus.
<b>Boxing Day</b>	Pray for those who are lonely and those struggling financially this Christmas. Pray that they would know God's love for them in Jesus.
<b>Weds 27<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Ask God to <b>fan into flame the gospel</b> in the hearts of very many people who will have heard it in our parishes and beyond this month, and that there would be a <b>bumper harvest of new Christians this Christmas</b> .
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Think back over the last year and give thanks to God for something he's done in your life or the life of our churches. If you can think of more than one, keep going until you run out.
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Pray for Lee and Emma who are being married at St Luke's today. Pray that they would grow in their knowledge of and love for Jesus over the months and years to come.
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Pray for Rosie Featherstone and Nick Sharp who are being married at St Andrew's today. Pray for a joyful, Christ-centred celebration.
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	We meet today to worship the Lord of the years at St Luke's and St Andrew's this morning. Pray that we would individually and corporately commit to him once again.

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.  
(John 1:5)*

### **Our Benefice Vision Statement**

*We are one people with all kinds of pasts and backgrounds, graciously forgiven at the cross and called together by God encouraging one another to be faithful to our risen Saviour Jesus in the power of the Spirit by living our whole lives according to his word, and by making Him known throughout Willerby and Kirk Ella, and beyond.*

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