

St Luke's
Willerby



St Andrew's Kirk Ella

Loved by Jesus, Living for
Jesus

Prayer Diary – December 2021

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| Wednesday 1 December | Give thanks for those who preach on Sundays and midweek. Pray that they would themselves be refreshed in God's word ahead of a very busy few weeks. |
| Thursday 2 December | Tonight is the Willerby Christmas Lights switch-on at The Star. Pray that this would be a good community event and that Christians would attend and use it as an opportunity to invite friends and acquaintances to hear about Jesus in church this Christmas. |
| Friday 3 December | Give thanks for a good start to LaunchPad at St Luke's on Friday afternoons. Pray that the children and families who attend would get to know Jesus better through the games, activities and Bible times. |
| Saturday 4 December | The Women's Christmas Craft event is at St Andrew's tonight. Give thanks for all those who have worked hard to organise it and pray that everyone who attends has a great time. |
| Sunday 5 December | Pray that as we meet together today , we would participate in God's work of building the church by speaking the truth of the gospel in love to one another. The Remembering service is this afternoon at St Andrew's. Pray that those who have lost a loved one during the last year would find comfort in the gospel. |
| Monday 6 December | St Andrew's PCC meets tonight . Give thanks for their unity in the gospel and ministry-mindedness. Pray that their priority would continue to be reaching the lost. |
| Tuesday 7 December | We meet to pray tonight at the Benefice Prayer Evening . (7:45pm at the Memorial Hall). Ask God to form us into a benefice who loves praying together in person as well as at home by ourselves and in our church services. |

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| Wednesday 8 December | Pray for the St Luke's Toddler Group Christmas Party today, that the families who attend would see the real meaning of Christmas. John is at the Springhead School Nativity today. Pray that there is ample opportunity for the true message of Christmas to be heard. The Benefice Men's Group meets tonight. |
| Thursday 9 December | Pray that you would have opportunity to invite a non-Christian family member, friend, neighbour or colleague to one of our Christmas services. Pray that God would give you the courage to take up that opportunity. |
| Friday 10 December | Give thanks for our benefice children's and youth evening groups, Rockets meeting at St Luke's Hall and Impact at the Memorial Hall. Give thanks to God for those who attend and pray that God would continue to add to their number. |
| Saturday 11 December | Pray that very many people from Kirk Ella and Willerby would attend Carols Under the Stars this evening at St Andrew's Churchyard. |
| Sunday 12 December | Pray that many families come to the Christingle service at St Luke's at 4pm this afternoon, and that they hear the good news that Jesus is the Light of the World. |
| Monday 13 December | Give thanks for both churches' PCCs and our Wardens , Ann, Janet, Maureen and Peter. Pray that they would strive to retain their unity and ensure all their decisions are |
| Tuesday 14 December | Carr Lane School children are coming to St Luke's this morning. Pray that they would find out more about Jesus and want to come back to church with their families. Give thanks to God for all the many families He's brought to Little Stars over the last term. Pray that they have a great time at their Christmas party this afternoon. |
| Wednesday 15 December | Today is the Daytime Carol Service . Pray that many who don't usually come to church will respond to invitations and come with their friends and families. St Andrew's School visits St Andrew's Church this afternoon. Pray that the children love hearing about Jesus and want to find out more. |
| Thursday 16 December | The Little Stars leaders and helpers are going for their Christmas meal today. Give thanks for all the hard work they've put in over the term. |

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| Friday 17 December | Schools finish for Christmas today. Pray for our families at St Andrew's and St Luke's with school age children that they would have opportunity to spend time together thinking about God's gift of Jesus during the holidays. |
| Saturday 18 December | Pray that God would bring one new family, couple or individual each month to join each church family and partner with us. |
| Sunday 19 December | Pray that many families would come to the Nativity Service at St Andrew's this morning. |
| Monday 20 December | "People from all nations whom you have made shall come and worship before you O Lord; and shall glorify your name" (Psalm 86:9). God always works for his glory, and this gives us great confidence that he will continue to build a people for himself. Pray that God would glorify his name by building his church here in Willerby and Kirk Ella! |
| Tuesday 21 December | "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" (Isaiah 6:3). Praise God for who he is: The Majestic King of the universe. |
| Wednesday 22 December | Pray that our Mission Partners would have opportunity to speak of Jesus to lots of people in this country and across the world this Christmas. |
| Thursday 23 December | "No-one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again" (John 3:3). Pray that our great God would enable many in Kirk Ella and Willerby to be born again. |
| Friday 24 December | Pray that many people would hear and respond to the Gospel at our all-age services (St Luke's 2pm, St Andrew's 4pm) and our Christmas Communion service (St Andrew's, 11pm). |
| Saturday 25 December | Praise God , "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and for ever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this." (Isaiah 12:6-7) |
| Sunday 26 December | "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs" (Psalm 100:1-2). |

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| | Pray that each of us would encounter the living God in worship today and find our joy in him. |
| Monday 27 December | Give thanks for all the non-Christians who attended our special Christmas services and events . Pray that they would be pondering the good news that they heard, and that many would put their trust in Jesus. |
| Tuesday 28 December | Give thanks for all those in our church families who worked hard over the past few weeks. Pray that they would benefit from good rest over the next few days . |
| Wednesday 29 December | Pray for those in our congregations whose families are far away or who have died . Pray that they would find comfort in Jesus and friendship among the church family. |
| Thursday 30 December | Give thanks that we can worship God freely. Pray for persecuted Christians throughout the world , that God would give them grace to keep trusting him each day and use them to impact their communities with the gospel. |
| Friday 31 December | As we approach a new year , pray that we would all recommit ourselves to God and that we would walk in the good works he's prepared for us for 2022. |

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

*14 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'*

(Luke 2:13-14)

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.