

St Luke's
Willerby



St Andrew's Kirk Ella

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Prayer Diary – January 2022

Saturday 1st January	Praise God for bringing us to the start of a New Year . Ask him to show you how you can best serve him in 2022, particularly at church, but also elsewhere.
Sunday 2nd January	“Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs” (Psalm 100:1-2). Pray that each of us would encounter the living God in worship today and find our joy in him.
Monday 3rd January	Pray for those who lost loved ones in 2021 , particularly over the Christmas period. Pray that they would find comfort in the hope of the gospel.
Tuesday 4th January	We meet to pray tonight at the monthly Benefice Prayer Evening . Give thank that God answered our prayers in December and pray that many would come to pray again tonight.
Wednesday 5th January	Give thanks for all the visitors who came to our various events and services over Christmas , many of whom were not believers. Pray that lots would join in coming weeks and months and that some would be born again.
Thursday 6th January	Pray for the schools in our parishes which have started back this week. Pray that this term would not be interrupted by any restrictions.
Friday 7th January	LaunchPad, Rockets and Impact restart today . Pray for many to return after the Christmas break.
Saturday 8th January	Praise God that he has brought lots of new people to St Andrew's during 2021. Pray that he would bring one family, couple or individual to both St Andrew's and St Luke's each month throughout 2022.

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Sunday 9th January	“The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life” (John 6:63). Pray that as we hear God’s Word today, we would encounter Jesus Christ and be renewed to rejoice in him and live for him in the week ahead.
Monday 10th January	“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 11th January	Growth Groups meet tonight and tomorrow. Pray that members would all grow in their love for Jesus.
Wednesday 12th January	Pray for the Open the Book team going into Carr Lane School this morning. Give thanks for the strong links built with the school and pray that children would continue to come from there to LaunchPand and Rockets and then on to church with their families.
Thursday 13th January	Give thanks for the unity in the gospel God has already given us through our shared faith in Jesus. Pray that we would seek to express that unity more and more across the Benefice.
Friday 14th January	Give thanks for the leaders in our various children’s and youth groups. Pray that God would give each of them stamina to keep going for the term.
Saturday 15th January	Give thank for the many families who attend our churches. Pray that parents would continue to bring up their children in the faith, and that the rest of the church family would continue to provide a supportive environment for them to do so.
Sunday 16th January	We come to God today in great need of his grace. Pray that God would use the Word, prayer, the sacrament and our heartfelt praise to build us up and equip us for his service in the week ahead.
Monday 17th January	Pray for the Diocese of York and the wider Church of England. Pray particularly that God would cause Bible teaching churches to thrive.

Tuesday 18th January	Give thanks for the bellringers at St Andrew's. Pray that as the village hears them, people would be encouraged to come to church.
Wednesday 19th January	Praise God for a good start to the Benefice Men's Group . Pray that as it meets again this evening at St Luke's that the men of both churches would enjoy fellowship together, spurring one another on to love and good works.
Thursday 20th January	Give thanks for our Wardens (Ann Burt, Janet Elwick, Peter Roberts and Maureen Binks) and our PCCs. Pray that God would give them all wisdom to make good decisions that lead to the gospel heard even more throughout Willerby and Kirk Ella.
Friday 21st January	Pray for the world . Ask God to bring about peace where there is war, comfort where there is distress, and provision where there is need. Pray most of all that lives, communities and whole nations would be transformed as people recognise Jesus as Lord.
Saturday 22nd January	"The body is not made up of one part but of many." (1 Corinthians 12:14). Give thanks for the many gifts and abilities God has given us as a benefice family; pray that he would use them for his glory. Pray also that he would provide those gifts which are needed for the work he wants us to do.
Sunday 23rd January	Pray for Adam Young who is preaching for us at both St Luke's and St Andrew's today. Pray that God would provide him with the prayer and financial support he needs to go to Japan as a missionary later this year.
Monday 24th January	Pray for St Luke's PCC meeting today. Pray that they would be in one mind as they discuss issues and make decisions.
Tuesday 25th January	Give thanks that Little Starts , which meets at the Memorial Hall this afternoon, has led to many new friendships with families not yet attending church. Pray that some would start coming on Sundays to St Luke's and St Andrew's.
Wednesday 26th January	Pray for St Luke's Toddler Group . Pray that many families from the local area would attend and that this would lead to increasing numbers of families joining us on Sunday mornings.

Thursday 27th January	The Women's Book Group meets tonight. Pray that those attending would once again be fed from God's word.
Friday 28th January	Pray for those who lead and preach at our Sunday services , that they would dwell in God's word and be taught by him before they teach the rest of us.
Saturday 29th January	Praise God for his generosity to us. Pray that he would cause each one of us to be always generous in our use of time and money . Pray that through our response to God that he would meet our financial needs in the two churches.
Sunday 30th January	As we gather around God's Word today, pray that he would speak to each of us as we have need.
Monday 31st January	Pray for our partner churches in Brandsholme and west Hull. Pray that we would be a blessing to them and they to us as we seek to make Jesus known in Willerby, Kirk Ella and beyond.

*Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things;
his right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made his salvation known
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
He has remembered his love
and his faithfulness to Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God. (Psalm 98:1-3)*

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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