

St Luke's
Willerby



St Andrew's Kirk Ella

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Jesus

Prayer Diary – February 2022

Tuesday 1 February	<i>“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”</i> (Eph 6:18). We meet to pray at 7:45pm this evening at the Memorial Hall. Pray that many from both our church families come to pray together in corporate dependence on God.
Wednesday 2 February	There is a funeral at St Andrew’s today. Pray for the many friends and family of the man who died, that they would hear the hope of the gospel and some would believe.
Thursday 3 February	Give thanks for the St Andrew’s Flower Guild and the ladies who provide flowers for St Luke’s. Give thanks to God for his beautiful creation.
Friday 4 February	Pray for LaunchPad at St Luke’s today. Pray that those who attend would feel welcome, have fun, but most of all learn more about Jesus. Pray for Rockets and Impact, giving thanks for the children who have begun attending because they have been invited by their friends.
Saturday 5 February	Alison White, the Bishop of Hull has her retirement service at Hull Minster. Give thanks for the good things she has done while in post, and pray for her and Frank as they begin the next phase of their life. Pray that a clear Bible teaching evangelical would be appointed as the next Bishop of Hull.
Sunday 6 February	<i>“Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs”</i> (Psalm 100:1-2). Pray that each of us would encounter the living God in worship today, and find our joy in him.

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<p>Monday 7 February</p>	<p>The Open the Book team should have been going into schools this week, but because of covid this is unlikely. Pray that the video they have made and sent into the schools would be watched and well received.</p> <p>The new Joint Events Team meets tonight. Pray that they would work well together from the very start and propose a creative calendar of events covering the whole benefice.</p>
<p>Tuesday 8 February</p>	<p>Deanery Synod meets tonight at St Barnabas, Swanland for an open meeting to which all are welcome. Andy Broom, Archdeacon of the East Riding will be presenting the Diocese's plans for the next 10 years. Pray that many people from St Andrew's, St Luke's and our partner churches would have opportunity for constructive input.</p>
<p>Wednesday 9 February</p>	<p>Give thanks for Adam Young's desire to serve as a missionary in Japan. Pray that many churches and individuals would partner with him in prayer and also financially.</p>
<p>Thursday 10 February</p>	<p>Pray that God would bring one new family, couple or individual to St Luke's to partner with us in gospel ministry.</p>
<p>Friday 11 February</p>	<p>There is a funeral at St Andrew's today. Pray that the bereaved friends and family would put their trust in Jesus who has defeated death and holds out the promise of eternal life for all who believe.</p>
<p>Saturday 12 February</p>	<p>Praise God for all the visitors we had at our Christmas services especially from the St Luke's Toddler Group and Little Stars. Pray that many would return over the coming weeks.</p>
<p>Sunday 13 February</p>	<p><i>"The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life"</i> (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.</p>
<p>Monday 14 February</p>	<p><i>"This is how God showed his love among us: he sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."</i></p> <p>Pray that as we meditate on God's love, so we would grow in Christian love for one another, right across the benefice.</p>

Tuesday 15 February	Give thanks to God for Liz Telford who is working hard behind the scenes organising our safeguarding training. Pray that this runs smoothly and proves to be useful.
Wednesday 16 February	The Benefice Men's Group meets tonight. Give thanks for the men we have in both church families and pray that as they meet together they would continue to get to know Jesus better and better, and increasingly live their whole lives according to his word.
Thursday 17 February	The Women's Book Group meets tonight at St Luke's. Give thanks for Christian authors who God has gifted to the church. Pray that we would all read at least one Christian book this year.
Friday 18 February	Give thanks for our staff team – Alison, Ash, Chris, Jane, John, Josh, Mithu and Sally. Pray that God would use each of them in their different roles to make Jesus known in Willerby and Kirk Ella and beyond. Pray that God would bring one extra family or child to each of LaunchPad, Rockets and Impact each half term.
Saturday 19 February	Pray for members of our church families who can't get out to church, that God would sustain them in their faith and provide for their needs. Pray that we are able to support them appropriately.
Sunday 20 February	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 21 February	This week is half term. Give thanks for the work teachers do and for all the opportunities Christian teachers have to live a distinctive life while at work. Pray that they would all have a restful week this week.
Tuesday 22 February	Pray that those children attending Yorkshire Camps Key Stage 2 camp this week would develop good Christian friendships and continue to get to know Jesus better for themselves.
Wednesday 23 February	Give thanks that covid seems to be less of a threat than it was in the last two years. Pray that, in God's kindness, this year we would see the back of the pandemic.

Thursday 24 February	There will be a Holiday Club called <i>The Wonder Zone</i> for primary age children at St Andrew's at the start of the Easter holidays. Pray that planning goes smoothly and that enough volunteers come forward from both our churches.
Friday 25 February	<i>"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters."</i> (Colossians 3:23). Pray for church family members in their places of work – that they might be equipped to serve and honour God in all that they do.
Saturday 26 February	Give thanks for the buildings we have. Pray that God would give us the resources and the people to make the best use of them for the gospel.
Sunday 27 February	Pray that our public worship would honour God's name and be attractive to newcomers as we express our delight in and dependence on Jesus Christ.
Monday 28 February	Pray that as children in our church families return to school today would seek to live God's way among their friends. Also pray that they might have opportunities to invite their friends to church or one of our children's or youth groups.

'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.' (John 13:34-35)

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.