

St Luke's
Willerby



St Andrew's Kirk Ella

**Loved by Jesus, Living for
Jesus**

Prayer Diary – January 2023

Sunday 1st January	Our benefice motto is “Loved by Jesus, Living for Jesus”. Pray that in 2023 you would know even more how much you are loved by him, and that you would live for him more and more each day of this year.
Monday 2nd January	Give thanks for the hundreds of people of all ages who came to our Christmas services and events last month. Pray that those who don't know Jesus would want to explore the claims of the gospel this year.
Tuesday 3rd January	Praise God for the Warm Welcome Space at St Luke's, and the friendships building through it. We meet to pray tonight, 7:45pm at the Memorial Hall. Pray that many from both churches would come, and that we would be churches who more and more love to pray together.
Wednesday 4th January	Many schools start back today. Pray that Christian teachers and pupils would have opportunities to share something of the gospel with their colleagues and school friends this term. If you are a teacher or a pupil, pray this for yourself as well as others.
Thursday 5th January	Praise God for all the non-Christian friends and family who responded to church family members inviting them to church over the Christmas period, Pray that conversations about the gospel would continue in those relationships, and that God would open the spiritual eyes of many through them.
Friday 6th January	Pray that children and youth would return to LaunchPad, Rockets and Impact all restart this afternoon and evening. Tonight and tomorrow is Orthodox Christmas. Pray that church family members from Russian, Ukrainian and Syrian

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	Orthodox backgrounds would be blessed by remembering the birth of Jesus.
Saturday 7th January	Pray that our Mission Partner, Adam Young would raise the support he needs to be able to get to Japan this year.
Sunday 8th January	We meet this morning at St Luke's and St Andrew's and this evening at St Andrew's. Pray that as we gather around God's Word, he would work in and among us as we each have need.
Monday 9th January	Open the Book in in t Andrew's School today and Carr Lane on Wednesday. Pray that Hod would speak to the children and staff through the Bible story presented in assembly. Pray for God's wisdom and love as St Luke's PCC meets this evening.
Tuesday 10th January	Growth Groups meet today, tomorrow and on Thursday beginning studies in the life of Elijah. Pray that members' minds would be blown by our extraordinary God who works through people just like us.
Wednesday 11th January	Praise God for the midweek BCP service at St Andrew's. Pray that those who attend would continue to be fed spiritually through God's Word and the Lord's Supper.
Thursday 12th January	Give thanks for those who look after our three buildings. Pray for continued wisdom and resources for them.
Friday 13th January	Pray that God would bring one more child or youth to LaunchPad, Rockets or Impact this afternoon or tonight.
Saturday 14th January	Pray for our Mission Partners Pete and Katy Myers and their boys in Ethiopia, that they would have water, electricity, internet and food enough to do the good works God has laid out for them to walk in this year.
Sunday 15th January	We meet to hear from God's Word and share in the Lord's Supper this morning. Pray that our hearts and minds would be fixed on Jesus. Pray also for the evening service at St Andrew's.
Monday 16th January	Pray for God's love and for wisdom for St Andrew's PCC as they meet this evening.
Tuesday 17th January	Give thanks for the ministry of Little Stars. Pray that as they meet in the Memorial Hall this afternoon, friendships would

	continue to grow, and Christians would have natural opportunities to share the hope they have with others.
Wednesday 18th January	Praise God for the leaders and helpers at St Luke's Toddler Group that meets this morning. Pray for continued strength and stamina for them as they run the group this morning.
Thursday 19th January	The Women's Christian Book Club meets tonight to begin a new book, <i>Things We All Have In Common</i> . Pray that it would be interesting and would build up those who attend.
Friday 20th January	Pray that God would raise up a new leader for Impact this term.
Saturday 21st January	Praise God for bringing so many new people to join us at our churches over the last year. Pray that he would add one new family, couple or individual to each church each month this year.
Sunday 22nd January	We begin a new series this morning looking at the whole story of the Bible. Pray that this would help everyone at St Luke's and St Andrew's to know and love the Bible more and more.
Monday 23rd January	Growth Group leaders meet this evening to review last term, plan for next and to pray together. Give thanks for Richard Foster who heads up this ministry and for all the work he and the Growth Group leaders put into running their groups. Pray that they would all be spiritually refreshed this term.
Tuesday 24th January	Pray that as Growth Groups meet over the next three days, that Christian friendships would continue to develop between members of each group. Praise God that they are an effective 'first line' of pastoral care, and that this ministry between members would become even more significant in their lives.
Wednesday 25th January	Give thanks that we work in partnership with many of the local churches. Pray that these partnerships would bear much fruit for the gospel.
Thursday 26th January	Open the Book is in Carr Lane School this morning. Pray that there would be more and more opportunities to take the good news of Jesus into all our local schools.
Friday 27th January	Pray for Friendship Club at St Luke's this afternoon. Pray that it would provide real Christian friendship for those who come today.

	Give thanks for all the families who attend LaunchPad, and for the children and youth who attend Impact. Pray that they would all want to (and be able to) attend church on Sunday mornings as well.
Saturday 28th January	Pray for our Mission Partners, David and Ruth Lowry in Senegal. Pray that David would make much progress this year translating the scriptures into the Karon language.
Sunday 29th January	Praise God that we can meet together freely and safely, Pray for Christians in countries where to gather on a Sunday is a risky activity. Pray that God would keep them safe and that they would remember the certain hope they have in Jesus.
Monday 30th January	Give thank for all those who work behind the scenes cleaning, tidying, gardening, doing admin, catering and so on.
Tuesday 31st January	Pray for those in the church family who are struggling to keep their homes warm this winter, that they would seek and find help. Pray that all of us would have opportunity to help those in need. Give thanks for the Warm Welcome at St Luke's that's contributing to helping people once a week.

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you our humble and heartfelt thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all mankind. We praise you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. We pray that you will give us such an awareness of your goodness that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may declare your praise not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves in your service and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days. All honour be to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and through all eternity. Amen. (The General Thanksgiving)

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.