



PRAYER DIARY

DECEMBER/JANUARY 2018/19

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1st

Please pray today for Graham. As Chair of Trustees, he holds the responsibility of directing and guiding our Trustee team, as well as a busy professional and church life. We thank God for Graham today.

2nd

We pray for the children and families' team at St John's Church, as they work together with Steph on ideas to help the children at the school understand the Bible more. December will be a busy month for them and we ask God's blessing on them as they prepare the Christmas journey activity for the younger children at St John's and other local schools.

3rd

Please pray for Kymmene and Josh as they deliver Christmas cards to African Adventure schools over the next few weeks. Pray that they would be a blessing and a reminder to staff in these schools particularly, that we are thinking about and praying for them.

4th

Please pray for Northgate Sixth Formers as they plan and run a Christmas Jumper day in the school in aid of F.I.N.D., please pray for enthusiasm and cooperation on the part of the teachers and a really good participation from the pupils.

5th

We pray for the team presenting the "Elevate" assembly this morning at St John's School and ask that Steph will have opportunities to follow up their message with the children.

6th

Let's pray today for all the Westbridge staff; that they would be refreshed over the Christmas break.

7th

Thank God for the successful running of Youth Alpha at St Alban's School last year and the opportunity to catch up with the students who attended this week. Pray for them as they continue their journey with God.

8th

Thank God for the first after school "Messy Church" that took place in November, led by CYM and St Margaret's Church. Thank you for the start of good relationships between CYM and St Margaret's Church.

9th

Please pray that after school "Messy Church" will grow, and be a place of community where parents/carers and children can experience the love of Jesus and find a place to belong.

10th

Pray that God would give the children at St Matthew's School a deeper understanding of the hope there is in Jesus being born into the world.

11th

Please pray for the student team as they finish off their assignments before Christmas. Pray that once they are finished they will be able to rest, refreshed and ready for the New Year.

12th

Please pray for Sizewell Hall and the African Adventure site! Thank God for the privilege we have in the use of the site and pray that the managers and other people that help to run it have a restful holiday period!

13th

Please pray for the Year 7's at St Alban's as they take part in "Advent Experience". Pray also for Chantry Academy's Christmas Celebration this evening where Ant will be sharing about how in Jesus' love there are no outsiders.

14th

Pray that Tim would continue to "shine the light of Christ" to the pupils at Westbridge, that they would ask questions about this "light" being shone amongst them.

15th

Praise God for the unbelievable opportunities which are opening up at St Matthew's Primary School.

16th

Please pray for all the children at St John's Primary School, that they learn and remember the true Christmas message as they prepare to celebrate Christmas.

17th

Please pray for Harry and Nikki as they work on their Dissertations. Ask God for His wisdom and direction as they study so that He may be reflected in their work.

18th

Please pray for all the staff and students as St John's and St Margaret's Primary School as they break for their Christmas Holiday. Pray for a joyful and well- earned rest.

19th

Let's pray today for David. As one of our Trustees, he brings a great level of discernment for God's will for our work. David gives time to us alongside his role as Pastor of Ipswich International Church. Please thank God today for David, his wife and young children.

20th

Thank God for the staff of St Margaret's School, teachers, support staff, pastoral staff and all volunteers. Their " heart" for the children is incredible; we pray that God will refresh them during this Christmas break.

21st

We praise God for the incredible opportunity to share the real meaning of Christmas in so many Primary Schools this month. Pray that the hundreds of children who have heard this message would hold onto it and be truly impacted by it.

22nd

We thank God for the opportunities that have arisen in St Margaret's Primary school this term, for conversations about faith with staff and pupils, and seeds that have been sown. Please join us in praying for more opportunities to practically share the love of Jesus around school.

23rd

Please pray for all the school staff we work with that they have an amazing Christmas break, full of rest and fun.

24th

Please pray for anyone we have met over the last year for whom this Christmas will be the first without a loved one. Pray for the blessing of peace that Christ promises on each of them.

25th

We wish you, our wonderful supporters, a blessed and peaceful Christmas. We, as a team, ask God to bless you today and we join together in thanking God for His precious gift to us in Jesus.

26th

We pray today that Westbridge students would have a great time over Christmas with parents/ guardians. For some this is a very difficult time of year where they can be reminded of difficult family situations. Also pray regarding the practicalities of daily meals for them!

27th

Please pray for our staff team today, having rest and refreshment during the school holiday.

28th

Pray for the staff at Suffolk One college as they rest and recuperate during the holidays. Pray that the break will refresh them before returning for another busy term.

29th

We praise God today for Phil! A wonderful Trustee who dedicates huge amounts of time and energy to African Adventure. We thank God for all that Phil brings to the Trustee team from his educational background.

30th

Thank God for the approaching New Year, new opportunities to know Him and for us to work with some amazing young people. Pray this will be the year that makes all the difference in a young person's life.

31st

Thank God for all of the amazing opportunities we've been given this year to serve and be a blessing in the schools and colleges in which we work . God knows every detail of every child, young person and adult with whom our paths have crossed . Know that His love reaches to every one of them.



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1st

As we commence a new year together, let's pray for God's almighty presence in our work and that He will continue to lead and guide us this year. Happy New Year!

2nd

It's the first day back at school for some staff and children. Please pray that the transition from holiday to work is a positive one and that everyone feels well rested. Please also pray that more opportunities to encourage and share Jesus open up over the next term

3rd

Please pray for the sixth form at St Alban's. Beth is hoping to start some new work with them this term. Pray that doors open and students are engaged.

4th

We are delighted that Mandy Stone has joined our Trustee team. Mandy brings great skills from church leadership, children's work and pastoral care. Please pray for Mandy as she commences this important role with CYM.

5th

Please pray for Kymmene and Josh as they spend time at Sizewell for a leaders' Day Away, for a good time hearing about the future of Sizewell Hall and their vision for the Ministry there.

6th

The Year 9 Reflection Days at St Alban's are imminent so please pray for the team as they prepare and that students would experience God on those days.

7th

Praise God for Tim! Tim joined our team last month and is already working well at Westbridge Academy two days per week. Let's pray that Tim continues to settle well and forms strong, positive relationships in these early weeks.

8th

Thank God for the enthusiasm of all the children that come to "Rock Solid" at St John's that they will always be keen to connect with Jesus.

9th

Please pray for Steph taking an Assembly at St John's today on the theme of Justice- that the children understand God's heart for the poor and they part they can play.

10th

Thank God for Simon and his leadership of CYM, particularly his ability to listen and discern the best path for our work. Pray God's blessing and protection over Simon and his family this year.

11th

Please pray for St Matthew's Church Youth Group SALT & LIGHT at the end of their first full week back at school and college. Pray for strength, renewal and a steadfast will to be the best version of themselves, as God already sees them.

12th

We are so pleased to have Jaehyuk, one of our Gap Years, back with us after a time away! Please pray for him as he settles back into schools and builds great relationships with many young people and staff.

13th

We thank God today for Brian - so much work goes on in the background for finance and bookkeeping and at this time, he will be working on next year's budgets. We thank God for all the time that he gives.

14th

Please pray for all the children with whom we have built relationships in ALFA at St Margaret's. Thank God that we are given this incredible opportunity to teach them all about Jesus' love.

15th

Pray for Nikki, Harry, and Mirin as they restart their studies at Ridley in this new year. Pray that they will maintain a good balance of work and rest as they begin another busy term.

16th

We pray for "Rock Solid" lunch club at St John's. We are so thankful for the school staff who facilitate this. We pray that Steph, Mirin and Luke will continue to excite the children with stories of God's love for them

17th

We pray today for Ant, Luke and Rev. Donna and their work at Chantry Academy. We pray that students and staff will see Jesus in them as they support the Academy.

18th

Thank God for the amazing people that help us every year to make African Adventure what it is. Those that help during the weeks and those who sacrifice time to help prepare the site ready for schools. Pray that God will provide help where needed and encourage others to be part of the African Adventure story.

19th

Mirin is a complete ray of sunshine in our team. Please pray that she would know God close to her this term.

20th

It's a real pleasure to have Melody in our team, as maternity cover for Ruth. please pray that Melody will continue to settle quickly and very much feel part of the CYM family.

21st

Preparations are well underway for our Junior Sizewell weekend in May. Please pray that we would continue to listen to God in our planning and that He would lead us through this whole process.

22nd

Please pray today for Tim, as he continues to build relationships and form ideas about how best to serve Westbridge as their Chaplain.

23rd

Please pray for Susanna today in her work at Suffolk One. Particularly for wisdom in shaping and developing new initiatives within the college.

24th

Please pray for Nikki as she begins her Dissertation research. Pray that as she interacts with the school involved that they will see God through her and her work.

25th

With schools back into the swing of a new term, please pray for Head Teachers across our town today.

26th

Let's pray today for Simon our CYM director, asking God to give him all he needs as he leads us with wisdom, courage and vision.

27th

Today we ask you to pray for a peace that passes all understanding to be in Westbridge.

28th

Thank God for our wonderful Admin assistant Jean and all that she does to serve God's kingdom in so many different places!

29th

Pray that God's presence would the fill the ALFA lunch group at St Margaret's. That Heather, Mirin and Luke would bond with the children well, and their hearts would be encouraged in Jesus Christ.

30th

We pray today for Ruth. Currently on maternity leave, she is doing brilliantly as a new mum! Please pray today for God's continued blessing over her, Dave and baby Layla in these early months as a family.

31st

Please pray for Kymmene as she looks to contact schools for final payments and paperwork for their African Adventure visits, and for Josh as he spends time in schools with the children for their pre-visit lessons and assemblies. Pray for a real filling of the Holy Spirit for them as they look to be "lights for Jesus" in these days.