

St Luke's  
Willerby



St Andrew's Kirk Ella

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## Prayer Diary – December 2024

<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Today is <b>Advent Sunday</b> when the church traditionally remembers that Jesus will one day return in glory. Pray that we would all be ready for his return, waiting in patience and holiness. This afternoon is the <b>Blue Christmas</b> service. Pray that it would provide comfort and hope for anyone who is finding the run up to this Christmas difficult.
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Pray that the <b>Bible Storytelling Assembly</b> at St Andrew's School today and Carr Lane School on Thursday connects well with the children such that they want to know more of Jesus. Pray that the children would remember the assemblies for many years to come and be ready to hear more of the gospel.
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	We <b>meet this evening to pray</b> for God's work at all this year's carol services and other Christmas events, at 7:45pm at the Memorial Hall. Please come if you can.
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Praise God for all the work he has done and continues to do through <b>St Luke's Toddler Group</b> . Pray that he would give <b>strength and perseverance to all the leaders and helpers</b> .
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Give thanks for the <b>Mum's Book Group</b> and pray that all the mums who could attend would be able to today.
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>LaunchPad, Rockets and Impact</b> all meet this evening. Pray that children who are tired at the end of term still have enough energy to come to hear about Jesus together.
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Pray for people in our church families who are having a particular tough time for various reasons. Pray that they would all find comfort in the gospel and experience God as their immovable Rock and protective Shield.
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	We meet this morning for the <b>Nativity Service</b> at St Andrew's and Morning Prayer at St Luke's, and again at St Andrew's this evening. Pray that all who attend each service would meet deeply with God.

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<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Give thanks that God has incorporated beauty into creation, and give thanks for St Andrew's Flower Guild and the people at St Luke's who arrange flowers. Pray that they manage to do all they'd like to do in the churches for Christmas.
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Pray that relationships at <b>Little Stars</b> would grow and deepen as parents and carers get to know one another and the leaders and helpers. <b>Growth Groups</b> meet this week, some for Bible Study, others for Christmas socials. Pray that each group continues to deepen in love for Jesus and one another.
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	Pray that fun would be had at <b>St Luke's Toddler Group</b> Christmas party. Today is the <b>Daytime Carol Service</b> at St Andrew's at 10:30am. Pray that all those who would like to attend would be able to and that a good number of non-believers would hear the good news of Christmas.
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Pray that people in the parishes who received invitations to carol services through their doors would remember them and plan to come to one in the next few days.
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	It's <b>Christingle</b> at 4:30pm at St Luke's this evening. Pray that many families would come and hear about Jesus, the Light of the World. Pray also that God would keep everyone safe with all the candles about.
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Give thanks for our <b>musicians</b> . Pray that they would have a productive practice this afternoon for tomorrow's Carols by Candlelight services at St Andrew's.
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Today is <b>Carols by Candlelight</b> at 4pm and 7pm at St Andrew's. Pray that everyone who comes clearly hears the gospel and some put their trust in Jesus. Pray also that everyone involved in the services (preacher, leader, readers, musicians, singers, refreshments servers, welcomers, stewards, etc) would be well and be enabled by God to play their part in serving him.
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	The <b>ministry staff team</b> meet today. Pray that God would give them all endurance this month.
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Andrew's School</b> visit St Andrew's Church for their Christmas services today. Give thanks for the good relationship we have with our local schools.

<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	It's <b>Carr Lane School's Christmas services</b> today, one in the school and the other at St Luke's. Pray that the Christmas message is really clearly heard by everyone, and that the logistics of the same team running both services in different locations works well.
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Praise God for the ministry of books, and pray that women at the <b>Women's Christian Book Club</b> that meets tonight at St Luke's would be encouraged and challenged as they discuss the book they're reading together.
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Most schools break up today. Pray for a good rest for children, teachers and support staff.
<b>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	Give thanks for the work of St Martin's Hub at St Martin's church, Anlaby Road. Pray that this Christmas they would meet both the physical and spiritual needs of all those who seek to use their facilities.
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Pray for many visitors to hear the gospel at <b>St Luke's Nativity service</b> this morning and the <b>Contemporary Carols service</b> at St Andrew's this evening.
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Pray for those in our church families who are housebound, or whose family live far away, or who don't have family, that they would not be alone this Christmas, but that church family would be able to step up and look after them.
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Pray that many would come to afternoon carol services at St Andrew's and St Luke's and to the 11pm Christmas Communion service at St Andrew's. Pray that we would remember the birth of Jesus and all that means for us today at each of these gatherings.</b>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<i>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (John 1:5).</i> Praise God for the birth of Jesus and that he has brought the light of life into the world. Pray that we would worship Jesus with heartfelt celebration at our morning services.
<b>Boxing Day</b>	Give thanks for all the people God brought to our services throughout December. Pray that very many of the visitors would return in the coming weeks, and that God would add to our number those who are being saved.

<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Give thanks for all those who were involved working or volunteering at carol services and other events this month. Pray that they would all be able to rest this week.
<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Many Christians around the world are persecuted for believing the gospel and following Jesus. Pray that God would give them patient endurance in their suffering and relief from it.
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Pray that as we meet at St Luke's and St Andrew's this morning that God would speak to each one of us as we have need.
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	Give thanks for the partnership in the gospel that we have shared in 2024 with likeminded churches in the Hull Ministry Association and West Hull Prayer networks: All Saints North Ferriby, St Peter's Anlaby, St Mark's Anlaby Common, St Martin's Hull, St Thomas's and Church of the Ascension Hull, Christ Church Hessle, St Columba's Drypool, St Aidan's Southcoates, St John's Bransholme and Kingston Evangelical Church. Pray that God would bless each one in 2025 and bring revival to our city.
<b>New Year's Eve</b>	Look back over 2024 and give thanks to God for two things that you have seen him do in your life, two things you've seen him do in the life of friends, and two things he's blessed us with in church.

*Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.'*

*'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'* (Luke 2:11-12, 14)

### **Our Benefice Vision**

*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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