



Prayer Diary

December 2021

WEDNESDAY

1 December

Charles de Foucauld, hermit, 1916

- for the Deanery of Dove and Derwent
- Ife East (The Church of Nigeria)
- St Edmundsbury Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the choirs and music team
- Derbyshire County Council
- people at work: engineering, manufacturing and commerce
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

Prayer is offered daily at Derby Cathedral for Libby, Bishop of Derby; Malcolm, Bishop of Repton; for the Diocese of Derby; and for:

THURSDAY

2 December

- for Christ Church Belper and All Saints Turnditch
- Ifo (The Church of Nigeria)
- Salisbury Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our neighbours in Derby Church House
- Derbyshire Community Bank; financial and advice services in Derby and Derbyshire
- people in trouble: those affected by abuse and prejudice
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

FRIDAY

3 December

Francis Xavier, missionary, 1552

- for St Peter's Belper, St Mark's Openwoodgate and St Swithun's Belper
- Igbomina (The Church of Nigeria)
- Sheffield Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our ecumenical and inter-faith links
- the Padley Centre; the YMCA in Derby and Derbyshire
- relief agencies
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

SATURDAY

4 December

John of Damascus, monk, teacher of the faith, c.749
Nicholas Ferrar, deacon, founder of the Little Gidding Community,
1637

- for St Alkmund's Duffield
- Igbomina, West (The Church of Nigeria)
- Southwark Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the flower team and the embroidery workshop
- Agricultural and Farming industry in Derby and Derbyshire
- agencies working to end modern slavery
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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SUNDAY

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

5 December

- for the Diocesan Communications Team
- The Anglican Church of Burundi

MONDAY

6 December

Nicholas, bishop, c.326

- for St Mary's Marston on Dove with Hilton
- Ihiala (The Church of Nigeria)
- Southwell Minster
- Derby Cathedral: the children and young people, the Ark and Education teams
- the District of Chesterfield
- people in trouble: those affected by war or violence
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

TUESDAY

7 December

Ambrose, bishop, teacher of the faith, 397

- for St John the Evangelist Hazelwood and St Michael's Holbrook, with St Lawrence's Shottle
- Ijebu (The Church of Nigeria)
- Truro Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our social outreach
- emergency and rescue services in Derby and Derbyshire
- people at work: farming and fishing
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

WEDNESDAY

8 December

Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ember Day

- for St Michael's Kirk Langley and All Saints Mackworth
- Ijebu, North (The Church of Nigeria)
- Wakefield Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Cathedral Council
- the Derby City of Sanctuary network; asylum seekers and refugees in Derby and Derbyshire and those who care for them
- people at work: science and research
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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THURSDAY

9 December

- for All Saints Mugginton and Kedleston
- Ijebu, South West (The Church of Nigeria)
- Wells Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the welcomers and stewards
- the High Sheriff of Derbyshire, Louise Potter; the Recorder of Derby, HH Judge Nirmal Shant QC; courts and mediation and reconciliation services
- people at work: medicine, nursing and healing
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

FRIDAY

10 December

Ember Day

- for St John 's Alkmonon, St Cuthbert's Doveridge, St Giles Marston Montgomery, St Peter's Somersal Herbert, All Saints Sudbury, St Paul's Scropton and St Andrew's Cubley
- Ijesa, North East (The Church of Nigeria)
- Winchester Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the office staff; and the car park staff
- the University of Derby and the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Kathryn Mitchell
- people at work: counselling and advice services
- those in need or distress, and those who have come here to pray

SATURDAY

11 December

Ember Day

- for St John the Baptist Boylestone, St Michael's Church Broughton, All Saints Dalbury, St Chad's Longford, Christ Church Long Lane, St Andrew's Radbourne, St Michael's Sutton-on-the-Hill, All Saints Trusley
- Ijesa, North (The Church of Nigeria)
- Worcester Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our financial stewardship
- the District of Derbyshire Dales
- people at work: leisure and tourism
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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SUNDAY

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

12 December

- for all those who have, for whatever reason, stopped going to church and all who will attend a seasonal service today
- the Anglican Church of Canada

MONDAY

13 December

Lucy, martyr, 304
Samuel Johnson, moralist, 1784

- for St Paul's Little Eaton
- Ijuma (The Church of Nigeria)
- York Minster
- Derby Cathedral: those exploring a vocation to ordained ministry
- the District of Erewash
- people in trouble: those affected by famine or disaster
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

TUESDAY

14 December

John of the Cross, poet, teacher of the faith, 1591

- for St Anne's Ambergate and St Luke's Heage
- Ikara (The Church of Nigeria)
- Birmingham Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Friends of the Cathedral and fundraisers
- looked-after children in Derby and Derbyshire
- people at work: teaching and learning
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

WEDNESDAY

15 December

- for all who work in our hospices, and for Ashgate hospice in Chesterfield, Treetops hospice in Risley, Blythe House Hospice in Buxton, Nightingale Macmillan continuing care unit at the Royal Derby Hospital
- Ikeduru (The Church of Nigeria)
- Blackburn Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Cathedral Chapter, the Chief Operating Officer
- carers in Derby and Derbyshire
- people at work: the media and the arts
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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THURSDAY

16 December

- for Church Mission Partners serving in distant and dangerous places
- Ikka (The Church of Nigeria)
- Bradford Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral; the altar servers
- Derby and Derbyshire Members of Parliament
- people at work: conservation and care of the natural world
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

FRIDAY

17 December

O Sapientia
Eglantyne Jebb, social reformer, founder of 'Save the Children',
1928

- for St Helen's Etwall and St Wilfrid's Egginton
- Ikwerre (The Church of Nigeria)
- Bristol Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the safeguarding and the pastoral teams
- prisons and prisoners in Derby and Derbyshire
- people at work in families and households
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

SATURDAY

18 December

O Adonai

- for All Saints Hatton
- Ikwo (The Church of Nigeria)
- Canterbury Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the communications team
- Amber Vallley Borough Council
- people at work: the fire and ambulance services
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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SUNDAY

19 December

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

O Radix Jesse

- for the work of The Children's Society and all churches holding Christingle services at this time
- the Church of the Province of Central Africa

MONDAY

20 December

O Clavis David

- for and all those involved in the healing professions and for hospital chaplains
- Ikwuano (The Church of Nigeria)
- Carlisle Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the congregations and the Community Committee; the Bridge Chapel congregations, Trust and Council
- hospitals and health services in Derby and Derbyshire
- people at work: the catering industry
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

TUESDAY

21 December

O Oriens

- for the faithful ministry of all our retired clergy
- Ilaje (The Church of Nigeria)
- Chelmsford Cathedral
- Cathedral parish of All Saints Derby
- HM Lord-Lieutenant of Derbyshire, Elizabeth Fothergill
- people without work
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

WEDNESDAY

22 December

O Rex Gentium

- for all our children and young people to understand the real meaning of Christmas and encounter Christ for themselves this Christmas time
- Ile, Oluji (The Church of Nigeria)
- Chester Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the College of Canons
- trades unions in Derby and Derbyshire
- people at work: those whose work is dangerous or difficult;
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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THURSDAY

23 December

O Emmanuel

- for Bishop Libby, Bishop Malcolm and all our clergy
- Ilesa (The Church of Nigeria)
- Chichester Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: our work of learning and teaching
- The District of North East Derbyshire
- peacekeepers; the armed forces
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

FRIDAY

24 December

Christmas Eve

- for the gift of Christ
- Ilesa, South West (The Church of Nigeria)
- Coventry Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Chaplains and associate clergy
- The District of South Derbyshire
- people at work: in offices and administration
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

SATURDAY

25 December

CHRISTMAS DAY

- for peace throughout the world this Christmas
- North East India
- Derby Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral; the bellringers
- The Voluntary and Community sector in Derby and Derbyshire; Community Action Derby
- people at work: public transport
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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SUNDAY

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

26 December

- for all who suffer persecution because of their faith
- Iglesia Anglicana de la Religion Central de America

MONDAY

27 December

John, Apostle and Evangelist

- For the many lay people who have made Christmas services in our churches possible
- Northern Indiana (The Episcopal Church of the USA)
- Durham Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Mothers' Union
- libraries, museums and galleries in Derby and Derbyshire
- people at work: funeral directors and all those who minister to the bereaved
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

TUESDAY

28 December

The Holy Innocents

- for all children, particularly those who have suffered any form of abuse, for those working to support them and for our Diocesan Safeguarding Team and Education Team
- Indianapolis (The Episcopal Church of the USA)
- Ely Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: Wardens, Gwyneth Shooter and David MacAlister
- The Peak District National Park Authority
- people at work: the police
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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WEDNESDAY

29 December

Thomas Becket, archbishop, martyr, 1170

- for all who heard something of the Saviour's love during December
- Iowa (The Anglican Church of Canada)
- Exeter Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the Dean and the Residentiary Canons
- the Mayor of Derby, Councillor Robin Wood; the City of Derby and the City Council
- people in trouble: those affected by poverty and oppression
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

THURSDAY

30 December

- for the courage to reflect upon the last year and the generosity to commit to those things that will give life to others as we prepare to enter 2022
- Iran (The Episcopal Church of the USA in Jerusalem and the Middle East)
- Gloucester Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: those who care for its fabric; cleaners, menders and decorators
- schools and colleges in Derby and Derbyshire; Derby Cathedral School and the headteacher, Jenny Brown
- people at work: social and community services
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

FRIDAY

31 December

John Wyclif, reformer, 1384

- for those for whom the new year offers little to look forward to
- Irele, Eseodo (The Church of Nigeria)
- Guildford Cathedral
- Derby Cathedral: the vergers
- Bolsover District Council
- people at work: those who work in maintenance and cleaning
- those in need or distress, and those who come to the Cathedral to pray

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THE ADVENT ANTIPHONS

17 December – O Sapientia

O Wisdom, coming forth from the mouth of the Most High,
reaching from one end to the other mightily,
and sweetly ordering all things:
Come and teach us the way of prudence.

18 December – O Adonai

O Adonai, and leader of the House of Israel,
who appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush
and gave him the law on Sinai:
Come and redeem us with an outstretched arm.

19 December – O Radix Jesse

O Root of Jesse, standing as a sign among the peoples;
before you kings will shut their mouths,
to you the nations will make their prayer:
Come and deliver us, and delay no longer.

20 December – O Clavis David

O Key of David and sceptre of the House of Israel;
you open and no one can shut;
you shut and no one can open:
Come and lead the prisoners from the prison house,
those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

21 December – O Oriens

O Morning Star,
splendour of light eternal and sun of righteousness:
Come and enlighten those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death.

22 December – O Rex Gentium

O King of the nations, and their desire,
the cornerstone making both one:
Come and save the human race,
which you fashioned from clay.

23 December – O Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our King and our lawgiver,
the hope of the nations and their Saviour:
Come and save us, O Lord our God.