

Tuesday 24... As we make plans for Christmas, we pray that we may share "comfort and joy" to our families, friends and local community

Wednesday 25... Continue to pray for politicians, both national and local – for wisdom in their decision making

Thursday 26... Pray for the chaplaincy at Wormwood Scrubs. Especially pray for the appointment of the new Anglican chaplain, pray for wisdom, guidance for those whose task it is to select the candidate

Friday 27... Pray for Peter Holloway, from **Prison Fellowship**, who will be preaching at our 11am service on Sunday

Saturday 28 ... (Interserve) Christine Morris was hoping to return to her teaching work in India in December but people with employment visas are still not allowed to return. Give thanks that she has been able to get occasional teaching here but is anxious about sufficient finance to pay for her Indian house rent and regular bills

Sunday 29... Advent Sunday "Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen"

Monday 30... "Heavenly Father You know our struggles and weaknesses, even better than we do. We ask for Your steady hand to guide us, Your loving Spirit to shape us, and your good presence to comfort us. Strengthen us for these days and may Your Love allow us to endure, knowing You are with us and always will speak the words we need to hear so that we will find our rest and peace in You alone. In Jesus Name Amen"

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Please supply any prayer requests for December 2020 **by Wednesday 18th November 2020** to ray@stmarysealing.org.uk
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Prison Fellowship - PF's mission is to show Christ's love to prisoners by coming alongside them and supporting them. They seek through prayer and practical care to help, support and develop a Christian ministry to prisoners, staff and their families.

Church representative – Roger Foster Smith

Also, during 2020, please pray on the 20th of each month at 20:20 (8.20pm) for 20 minutes, that God will give us many opportunities to speak about Christ (Colossians 4 v3)

Please pray or thank God for...

Sunday 1... All Saints Day Thank God for Christians over the centuries who have witnessed to Christ in their lives, and especially those who brought us to faith

Monday 2... Prison Fellowship We give you thanks that Prison Fellowship have been able to put a free Prayer Line into prisons so prisoners can call and Prison Fellowship volunteers can pray for those requests

Tuesday 3... Pray for the elections in the United States. That the people will elect the person of God's choosing. Pray for peace and unity in that nation. For God's blessing and that He may have the glory of what happens

Wednesday 4... Prison Fellowship Pray for the prisoners who are at the moment in a 23½-hour lockdown, separated from their families, especially missing their children. "Good and Faithful Father when we miss our families, our children and our grandchildren; when it has been days without a real conversation; when the return to normal life seems to be taking backward steps, fill us again with the joy of your presence. Be our hiding place, our strong tower, and our unshakable refuge. When silence is deafening, may your gentle whisper speak your love to our hearts"

Thursday 5... Pray for Angela and Steve, leading our services on Sunday

Friday 6... Thank God for the steering group who are making plans to improve the church garden. Pray for many to come to the garden working party tomorrow

Saturday 7... Pray for the Gardening Team as they work away this morning 10am - 12 noon

Sunday 8... Remembrance Sunday. Thank God for all those who have taken part in conflicts past and present, and for the bereaved. Pray for our armed forces

Monday 9... Service of Mourning and Loss at 3pm next Sunday afternoon. Please pray for the planning - for a sensitive, insightful and helpful time for all who are dealing with grief and loss at the present time

Tuesday 10... "O God of justice, we cry out for those who are denied justice, and for all who are persecuted because of their faith. Protect them, turn the hearts of those who persecute them, and bring in your kingdom of justice and peace in all places

Wednesday 11... Pray for those in our Church who are self-isolating for a variety of reasons, particularly for those on their own

Thursday 12... Clergy Inset Training Day: Climate, Coronavirus and Church: The Environmental Challenge. Please pray for a big turnout and

a big response to this day for the Willesden Area Clergy and the launch of the Willesden Area Eco Action Plan to all parishes

Friday 13... Prison Fellowship Pray for the chaplains in our prisons as they minister day to day in the prisons to staff and prisoners alike. "Protect them from illness, give them your strength and guidance as they meet the spiritual needs of both prisoners and prison staff"

Saturday 14... Tomorrow we have a service of Loss and Mourning at 3pm. Pray for all those who have been bereaved, ill, or suffered greatly during this past year

Sunday 15... Pray for Angela, Steve and Alex leading our services today

Monday 16... Pray for the Finance Committee meeting today

Tuesday 17... Pray for safety as we go about our daily lives. For an atmosphere of responsibility to each other during this Covid 19 situation

Wednesday 18... "Open Doors" strengthens millions of persecuted Christians in more than 60 countries, including some of the most dangerous places. Our prayers are a lifeline to them, and assure them that they are not forgotten

Thursday 19... Prison Fellowship Pray for those prisoners and staff that are suffering from COVID-19, that your healing hand will be upon them. "We pray for the families and friends of those who had died as a result of the virus. We pray for the strain that has been put on the Prison Service as they cope with the absence of many officers who are suffering from the virus and those who have been placed in isolation. We pray for peace in prisons"

Friday 20... God of compassion, thank you for coming to seek and save the lost. Help us in all that we do to look out for those in our communities who are living on the margins. May we always seek to bring your love and justice (John 10:14).

Saturday 21... Pray for Angela, Steve and Jonny leading our service tomorrow

Sunday 22... Christ the King. God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King, and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; Amen"

Monday 23... Prison Fellowship Give thanks for the Angel Tree Project. "We give thanks that despite lockdown, at Wormwood Scrubs, they have had 123 requests for Christmas presents." This is a vital link between prisoner and child as there has been no visiting at the prison for months