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MON 1

Dear Lord, as we enter a new year we reflect on the words of Isaiah 40:31,

'but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'

Let us be filled with hope and possibilities and guided by your spirit. Amen

TUE 2

The Collect of the day,

Lord God, whose servants Basil and Gregory proclaimed the mystery of your Word made flesh, to build up your Church in wisdom and strength: grant that we may rejoice in His presence among us, and so be brought with them to know the power of your unending love; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

WED 3

Olwyn Powell invites us to pray,
The church family of St Peter & St Paul's, Water Orton seek prayer that a suitable person is called by the Lord in the New Year to fill the post of Youth Worker in the Parish, a joint post with Birmingham City Mission. We pray that they may be able to encourage young people to come to faith & join in many activities associated with the Parish; new or well established.

THU 4

World Braille Day
Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of Braille. Let your love shine through this form of communication, illuminating and uniting us as one family who share in your Word. Amen

FRI 5

We pray for the Revd Leanne Carr, All Saints, Four Oaks and St James, Hill, together with the clergy, readers and churchwardens of the parishes of the Oversight Area.

SAT 6

Epiphany
God of all heaven and earth, from the breath of your love came the creation of the world. We are amazed at the vast beauty of the night sky and at the intimate nature of the love you have for everyone of us. Be our daily star, guiding our lives to search for kingdom love. Amen



SUN 7

Barry Scott, invites us to pray,
Dear God, we remember the Holy Family's flight into Egypt, when they too were forced to flee their homeland to escape persecution. We ask that you be with all refugees.
Guide them to a place of safety and security, protect them on their journey and provide them with the strength and courage they need to overcome the challenges they face. May they receive a compassionate welcome when they reach their place of refuge.
We pray that the world will become a more accepting and loving place, where everyone can live without fear of persecution or discrimination. Help us to be a light in the darkness, and to show compassion and kindness to all those who are in need.
We ask this in your holy name. Amen

MON 8

The Project Management Office invites us to pray,
Father, today we pray for Gas Street South. Lord we thank you for the growth of this church and how many people your Word has touched. Let them find a suitable building in which they can praise and worship you. Amen

TUE 9

Father, thank you for your Word and the ways you communicate through Scripture to guide my life, I pray that I listen to you well and am guided by your will.

WED 10

Prayer today is inspired by 1 Corinthians 12:12,
"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit."

THU 11

As a part of nature's wondrous cycle of new birth, growth, fruitfulness and death we rejoice in the creation of new life. For parenthood, the passing on of knowledge, for understanding and the wisdom of years. Amen



FRI 12

We pray for the Revd Dominic Melville, St Michael, Handsworth and Bishop Latimer & All Saints, Birmingham, and the parishes and the incumbents of the Oversight Area, The Revd Paskal Clement at St Andrew, Handsworth and St James, Handsworth: and St Mary Handsworth, together with the clergy, readers and churchwardens of the parishes.

SAT 13

Merciful God, we come to you because we are weak and have sinned, we ask for forgiveness as we know we are not perfect, and we pray that you will help us and guide us as we walk along your path.

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 14 January

Today's prayer is inspired by the hymn 'Count your Blessings',

"Count your blessings, name them one by one, count your many blessings see what God has done."

You can listen to this song on YouTube or choose your own.

MON 15

Today is Blue Monday,
Gracious God, as we face Blue Monday, a day that weighs heavy and sad for some, we seek for all to know your comfort and strength. May your light cast away the darkness and shine through all gloom, bringing hope and consolation. Lift our spirits and remind us of your steadfast love that endures through every season. Amen

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TUE 16

Loving God, we pray for the upcoming retreat for the curates next week. We pray that they find it inspirational, informative and insightful, as well as a space of deep spiritual refreshment in you. Amen

WED 17

This year's Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18th to 25th) has been produced by the churches of Burkina Faso, threatened both by violence and climate change. "Go and do likewise" focuses on the story of the Good Samaritan.



The churches of Burkina Faso ask us to pray with them as they work with Muslim neighbours to help those suffering from violence exacerbated by climate change both in their country and in our own.

Thoughts

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THU 18

Lord, today we pray that we find the time in our busy week to be still and reflect. Guide us with the correct words and sincerity for our prayers, and let us stay focused on being kind to all those who we meet.

FRI 19

We pray for the Revd Paul Bracher, St Richard, Lea Hall and St Thomas, Garretts Green, together with the clergy, readers and churchwardens of the parishes of the Oversight Area.

SAT 20

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

THANKSGIVING

Sunday 21 January

Today is World Religion Day
Dear Lord, today, we celebrate the diversity of beliefs that you have woven into our world, and your command to come together in unity. Help us to honor and respect each other and guide us in seeking, peace, and love among all faiths, so that together, we may live in a world of kindness and harmony.
Amen



MON 23

The Venerable Gordon Steele, Auxiliary Archdeacon, invites us to pray,
Please pray for the Yardley & Solihull Deanery, for Charitas Cho, the Deanery Support Officer and for the successful recruitment of a new Area Dean to be also incumbent of Marston Green, for our Oversight Areas as they develop their common life and mission, for the institution and induction of the Revd Philip Bowden at Acocks Green on 22 January, and the timely filling of the remaining vacancies in the deanery.

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TUE 23

Emma Sargeant invites us to pray,



Jesus, in your name we pray for the new Commissioned Children's Pathway launching in February. We ask that you give wisdom to those who are planning it and excitement to those who will take part. May your Spirit fill them all. Amen

WED 24

Today a tree is to be planted in the City Centre Gardens to commemorate the Human Chain of 1998 when 70,000 people surrounded central Birmingham and persuaded world leaders to start a programme of \$130 billion debt reduction for the poorest countries.

Heavenly Father, today extreme climate events are driving poor countries into debt again. Let us pray that the wealthy, who cause most of the climate emissions, will cancel debt again and help such countries adapt and improve in the future. Amen

THU 25

The Collect of the day,
Almighty God, who caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world through the preaching of your servant Saint Paul: grant that we who celebrate his wonderful conversion may follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen



FRI 26

We pray for the Revd Arif Anees, Christ Church Oldbury and St John's and St Michael's Langley, together with the clergy, readers and churchwardens of the parishes of the Oversight Area.

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SAT 27

Holocaust Memorial Day
On this day we remember all those who lost their lives in and were affected by the Holocaust. We seek solace in the Lord's presence and pray that we can come together to remember and show respect.



THANKSGIVING

Sunday 28 January

Today's prayer is inspired by Psalm 118:1, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever."

MON 29

The Project Management Office invites us to pray,
We pray for Lighthouse Church, St Marys, Pye Hayes, that they would continue to have opportunities to share Jesus. We pray they would secure all the funding needed for the building project to bring full access to the building for everyone, along with heating and opportunity to become a 'week-long church'. Amen

TUE 30

Revd Denise Jones invites us to pray,
Heavenly Father, thank you for the growth at St Patrick's; the new families you are bringing to us, for the joy of being able to worship you and spread the Good News. We pray for those on the Commissioned Pastoral Training course and our Readers in training. May we be strengthened and empowered by your Holy Spirit. Lead us we pray in all that we do. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

WED 31

Lord, as the month comes to a close and we look towards the next, remind us all of that we have to be grateful for, and let us always keep in our hearts to be kind to one another.

