

# St. Mark's Prayer Calendar for December 2017

As we work together with him [Christ], we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. For he says, "At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you." See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation!

2Cor. 6.1-2

Fri 1  
Pray for our school at this busy time of year, for the teachers and all support staff and for governors.

Sat 2  
As the new church year starts tomorrow with a penitential period, a very good place to start, give thanks that we at church at least are given time out to prepare for Christ's first coming. Pray for a successful Christmas Fair today.



SUN 3 *1<sup>st</sup> of Advent*  
Lord, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light in this life, in which Jesus came in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal.

Mon 4  
This week we pray for all who live in **ALBERT ROAD**. Remember also Father Chris and his flock at Our Lady Help of Christians.

Tue 5

Pray for Stella in Devereux House and all her neighbours, for the staff and Day Care Centre.

Wed 6  
Nicholas, who was bishop of Myra in the 4<sup>th</sup> century is remembered today, and at our fair. Pray for the Angel Yarning Launch Service tonight at the Methodist Church. Gifts for the community with a message.

Thu 7  
Pray for all staff and patients at Frimley Park Hospital as the Chief Executive, Sir Andrew Morris, prepares to retire. Pray that a new head of the Trust will be found, who will be able to carry on his good work.

Fri 8  
Pray for Father Ian and Freda in their daily lives, for strength, peace and comfort.

Sat 9  
Pray for areas of our country where there has been flooding, that people affected will have the right help and support.

SUN 10 *2<sup>nd</sup> of Advent*  
A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Is. 40.1-5

Mon 11  
This week Jane Austen will be celebrated soundly with our Readathon. Pray for readers and listeners alike, for stamina and great enjoyment and for a good outcome.

Tue 12  
This week we pray for all who live in **CHALFONT DRIVE**. Pray for the future of our church community.

Wed 13 *Lucy, martyr*  
Pray for the Fellowship Christmas lunch today, for everyone taking part and Daryl preparing it.

Thu 14  
Pray for Fiona and her husband and family. May they all know God's blessing.

Fri 15  
Pray for all at The Triangle bookshop and cafe. Give thanks that we have that resource.

Sat 16  
Pray for Open Saturday today, for all who will be there, for fun making Christmas crafts.

**SUN 17** *3<sup>d</sup> of Advent*  
Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.

Mon 18  
This week we pray for all who live in **CHATFIELD, FIRS, and GAINSBOROUGH CLOSES**. Pray also for all at the Methodist Church.

Tue 19  
Pray for David and Kathleen, for good health. Give thanks for their spiritual input to our fellowship. Pray for their family too, for every blessing.

Wed 20  
Give thanks for the Bible Society who spreads God's Word to those who do not have it.

Thu 21  
Pray for all who will be travelling over the Christmas period, on land, sea or by plane.

Fri 22  
Reflect on your spiritual journey through Advent till this point. God give us strength for the road ahead.

Sat 23  
Pray for all who will take part in decorating the church for Christmas, a riot of festive colour.

**SUN 24** *4<sup>th</sup> of Advent/Christmas Eve*  
Pray for our services today, for everyone taking part and seeking a connection with the spiritual in their being and God's response.

Mon 25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**  
God our Father, whose Word has come among us in the Holy Child of Bethlehem: may the light of faith illumine our hearts and shine in our words and deeds. Emmanuel, God with us. Hallelujah!

Tue 26 *Stephen, Deacon/Boxing Day*  
Stephen, first martyr, who prayed for his assailants (Paul among them), give us grace to pray for our enemies. Pray this week for everyone who live in **BOUNDARY ROAD**. Pray for all at the Baptist Church while they are without a pastor.

Wed 27 *John, Apostle and Evangelist*  
Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we are the children of God. when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments.

*1John 5.1-3a*

Thu 28 *Holy Innocents*  
Herod the king in his raging killed all male children of a certain age. How familiar that sounds even in this day and age. Pray for those who have lost children.

Fri 29  
Pray for Deglan and Anne and their daughter, Abigail. Give thanks that Deglan serves as one of our church wardens.

Sat 30  
Pray for the new year that now stretches ahead of us, for God's blessing and help.

**SUN 31** *1<sup>st</sup> of Christmas*  
As we continue to celebrate Christmas and the New Year, let us adore God's gift of himself in Jesus.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR**