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2nd Sunday Of Epiphany

Sunday 19th January 2025

Sermon Snippets

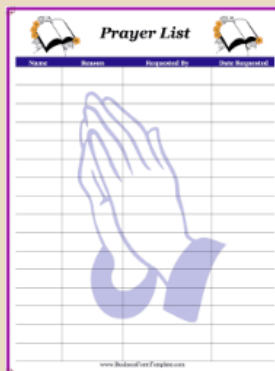
Christ Church Colossians 1: 9-14

I am not the regular shopper in our house so, when I am sent out, I am given a list and sometimes even information which tells me which aisle to look in and certainly which size, number, and often make!

We have lists for all sorts of things as reminders. In today's passage, St Paul speaks of praying for the folks in the Colossian Church - one of many that he was used by God to found.

He is so enthusiastic that he must have had a list to remember all the names of the people. He tells us what he prays for the people; 'that they may be filled with the knowledge of God's will'.

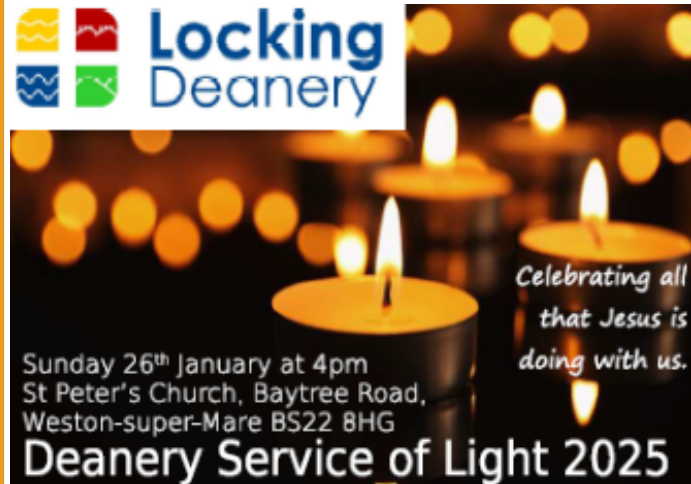
Do we pray for each other regularly...?



Emmanuel Colossians 1: 1-8

I hope that there are some things to look forward to in 2025; maybe you're thinking of a holiday somewhere? For most of us there is likely to be a mix of the good and one or two more challenging things. It can be easy to feel a bit overwhelmed with all that's to come. I pray that we can all move into 2025 with the strength, grace, and encouragement that comes from our Christian identity. This is what we'll be looking at in Paul's letter to the Colossians.

I'll be starting the series by looking at the difference our Christian hope can give us.



PLEASE DO COME ALONG TO THE ANNUAL DEANERY SERVICE OF LIGHT WHICH WILL BE TAKING PLACE ON:

DATE: SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY

TIME: 4PM

VENUE: ST PETER'S CHURCH

THE WORK OF STREET PASTORS WILL BE HIGHLIGHTED DURING THE SERVICE - DAVE & JANE MILSOM WILL BE SPEAKING AND THERE WILL BE A COLLECTION FOR THEIR WORK.

REFRESHMENTS AND PRAYER MINISTRY WILL BE AVAILABLE AFTER THE SERVICE.

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!



Watch the Morning Service

at www.ccwsm.org.uk

Go to the 'Church Life' menu and click on the 'Sunday Services' page

What's On This Week

Saturday 18th January

Ambassadors Group at 10am in The Spire Centre
(*Dance Workshop with Kerry*)

Monday 20th January

Ladies Together at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre

Tuesday 21st January

Parish Prayers at 9:30am at Emmanuel
The Beacon at 12noon at Emmanuel

Wednesday 22nd January

Seedlings Toddler Group at 10:15am at Christ Church

Thursday 23rd January

Craft & Chat at 2:30pm in The Spire Centre
Welcome Group at 2:30pm at Emmanuel
Alpha Course at 7pm in The Spire Centre
(*for those who have signed-up*)

Saturday 25th January

Active Men's Outing to Helicopter Museum
(*for those who have 'booked'*)

Sunday 26th January

Deanery Service Of Light at 4pm at St Peter's Church

Notices

Verse For The Year Bookmarks

There will be a handful of 'Verse For The Year' bookmarks available at the back of both churches on Sunday for anyone who would like one. If all these go but you would like one, please contact Emma in the Church Office as more can be printed.

Desserts For Alpha

If you are able to supply a dessert for our Alpha course (either home made or shop bought) please add your name to the sheet at the back of Christ Church.

Church Office Closed

Please note that the Church Office will be closed from Friday 31st January til Tuesday 4th February inclusive.

Verse For The Week

" For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the spirit gives, so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way. "

Colossians 1: 9-10a

Prayer Pointers

Monday

We persist in praying for peace in the Middle East and give thanks for the ceasefire which has been agreed. We continue to pray for aid to reach those suffering in all conflicts. We pray too for the residents of Los Angeles - for those who are bereaved or injured, those who have been made homeless, and for the emergency services.

Tuesday

Thank you, Lord, for all those who lead and teach in our churches and those we support in the mission field. Please grant them wisdom, discernment, and resilience. We pray that they and their families will know your closeness and love.

Wednesday

Let us pray for God's healing for any in our church family who are unwell, for his comforting presence for those who mourn, and for his peace to those who are facing trouble. We pray for your blessing and sustaining power for our medical, emergency, and care personnel. Also, for Street Pastors, the Foodbank, CAP, and Somewhere To Go.

Thursday

We thank you, Lord, for our new 'Verse For The Year'. May our ears be open to hear what you are saying to us and our hearts open to receive your message.

Friday

Father, we pray for all our young people and families to continue engaging with you - learning and experiencing your loving arms around them. We pray for Nicky and her team. We pray that more families come and that the team grows.

Saturday

We pray for everyone who connects with us online. Please minister to those who can't get to church for any reason. Please call to those who are just looking, and those searching hard - may they all hear your voice.

Coffee after the Service...

Active Men's Group

The Active Men's Group trip to the Helicopter Museum on: **Saturday 25th January at 10am** with lunch at The Landing Light afterwards.

If you would like to attend, please put your name on the sign-up sheet available at the back of Christ Church.

(NB/ if any men from Emmanuel would like to join, please get in contact with Paul Sodzi or the Church Office).



Ambassadors Women's Group

If you would like to come to a social breakfast on **Saturday 15th February at 9:30am** at The Beefeater please do sign-up on the sheet at the back of church - numbers will be needed asap for the purposes of booking table(s) at the venue.



**Would you like to support young children to lift their mood, build their resilience and know that they are safe and well-supported?
Can you join our school team as a part-time volunteer and be a ROC mentor?**

Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) mentors are everyday people, who are trained by the ROC staff, to use their life experience and skills to be a 'friend with purpose'. Mentors come alongside children in our school, helping them to make positive life choices, improve their resilience as well as self-esteem and personal wellbeing.

If you are interested in this, please email ROC directly on info@roc.uk.com to register your interest. **Deadline for expressions of interest now extended to Friday 31st January.**

Further information can also be found on <https://roc.uk.com/roc-mentors/>
Online training sessions start at the end of January 2025.

One or two hours per month of your time would make a massive difference to children.

Old Christmas Cards!

If you still haven't disposed of your Christmas cards, the Craft & Chat group would be happy to take these off your hands - just pop them in the blue plastic box at the back of Christ Church.



BRIDGWATER
CONVENTION

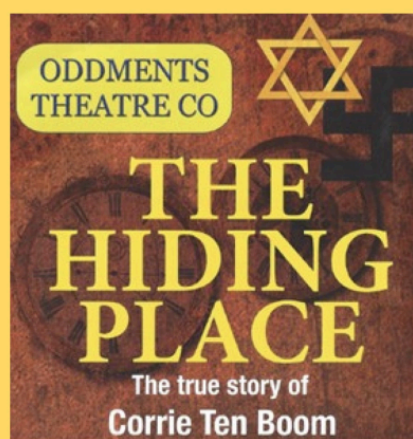
28TH FEB
& 1ST MARCH

Main Speaker: Andy Bannister
Gospel Confidence In A Confused Culture

For more information about the event this year, please click [here](#) or go to www.bridgwaterconvention.com
Tickets are approx. £20

I attended this event last year when they had Andrew Ollerton as the main speaker and it was really good. If anyone is interested in attending, please speak to me or email: office@ccwsm.org.uk

Emma



All are welcome to this performance at
St Nicholas Church, Uphill, BS23 4SD
Saturday
8th February 2025
@ 7 pm

Tickets are limited so book early
£10.00 Advance
£12.00 On the door
£8.00 Students
www.oddments-theatre.co.uk

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