

We pray:

For the church around the world: Especially those who are persecuted for their faith. We pray for compassion and kindness, inclusion and love for all. We pray for all who have not yet let Jesus into their lives. For peace & reconciliation

For our world: All the casualties of war and conflict; victims of natural or manmade disasters; those who are living in poverty or under oppressive regimes; for all who have no safe place to live in. For the earth and all the damage done to it by humankind. For more empathy and compassion.

For our local community: [1: Hamlet Rd, Princes St] [2: Ashburnham Rd, Gordon Pl] [3: Gordon Rd, Napier Av] [4: Elmer Av, Elmer Approach] [5: Luker Rd, High St] [6: Queen's Rd, London Rd] [7: College Way, Park St]

For those who are sick or in need:

Margaret Jones, Terry, Maff, Ken, Valerie, Brogan, Tony, Kat, Violette, Judith, Christine, Mark, Diana, Audrey, Chris Binks, Louis, Natasha & family.

And all on our long term list.

Prayers for all sick in hospitals, hospices, care homes and at home. For those who are caring for them.

For the recently departed:

In Memoriam: December

5/12; Ronald Rouse, 12/12 Helen Sandover, 24/12 Patricia Swinford, 27/12 Flora Sleebush and Ginny Savory

All who have died with no-one to pray for them.

NOTE: Words for final prayer for the departed and for Hail Mary is in Mass Book

Advent & Christmas at St Mark's All Welcome

8/12: Winter Wonderland Christmas Show
[£10 per person, Children under 12 free]
6.30pm

9/12: Diddy Christingle 1100am

9/12: Mudlarks/Feelgood Choirs Christmas
Concert Free Entry 8pm

13/12: Scouts Carols 6pm

15/12 Christmas Lunch Social 1pm [Free - but
contact us so we can plan]

22/12: Queer Carols 230pm*

23/12: Messy Christingle/Christmas 2pm

24/12: Crib Service 3.30pm

24/12: Midnight Mass 1130pm

25/12: Christmas Day Mass 10 am

28/12: Darren Jones Christmas Folk Music
7.30pm

Family Friendly Sunday Services during Advent at 1130am

*Please check website for any updates on times.

Parish of St Alban. Westcliff & ST MARK, SOUTHEND

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James Tissot, **Jesus Before Pilate: The First Interview** [1886-94-62]

We are now gearing ourselves up for Advent, but rather than follow the secular world's plunge into the consumerist run up to Christmas, we Christians are focusing on the end times. Not very jolly jingle bells at all! But we have to remember that there will be an end time when we will be judged according to how we live. Are we trying hard to get closer to the heart of God, knowing that his only desire for us is to love abundantly all we encounter? Or are we going to allow ourselves to be distracted by the devil who will try to seduce us away from the **real** meaning behind getting ready for Jesus to be born? [Blessings](#), [Mother Cherry](#)

Advent Reading: From Sunday I December I will be offering a reading and reflection handout for all who are interested. These are selected from Jane Williams' book, *The Art of Advent*. There will be 4 handouts each Sunday.

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Our parish is a member of Inclusive Church. This means that we are committed to work towards being a church which celebrates and affirms every person.