

## 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:** [15: The Cliffs Pub, LGBT community] [16: Scratton Rd, Clifftown Rd] [17: Weston Rd, Clarence St] [18: Clarence Rd, Alexandra St] [19: Market Pl, Royal Terrace] [20: Nelson St, E15 theatre school] [21: Capel Terr, Cambridge Rd]

### 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, Rosetta, Doreen, Janet, Nick

### 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 Angela Hillman 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

**25/10:** 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

# 15 December

## 3 Sunday Advent



Parmigianino **The Vision of St Jerome** [1526-27]

On this Third Sunday of Advent, we continue to follow Luke's account of St John the Baptist, and here we have an unusual depiction of John, even maybe an uncomfortable image to look at! That weirdly elongated crooked finger. But as we read in the gospel today – those who have come

out to the Jordan to hear John are also getting some rather uncomfortable news! This painting is currently on exhibition at the National Gallery in London. If you are there before the end of March go and see it for yourself. Does it shock or bore you? [Blessings, Mother Cherry](#)

### Our advent reading 3: Watching And Waiting: Noah's Ark on Mount Ararat by Simon de Myle

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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.