

Ross and Archenfield Deanery

Praying Together

Prayer Diary

Monday, 1st December 2025 to

Saturday 3rd January 2026



Revd Mark writes;

Welcome to our Deanery Prayer Diary for December

Although the world might be focussed on Christmas, as can be seen in adverts for everything from toys to perfume to what you are going to have for your Christmas Dinner (and then holidays!), our church calendar, keeps us focused on the season of Advent.

Each day represents a step on our journey, each Sunday helps us to think about who God calls to serve him and how that service is rendered.

We think on these theme was we reflect on the Patriarchs, John the Baptist, Mary and the in-breaking of God's kingdom, to be revealed not in the mighty and the powerful but in the birth of a baby, wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger.

God come to us in unexpected ways! And one of the themes of Advent is for us to look for those ways, to spot where God's kingdom is breaking in, where justice is being restored, the poor cared for, the stranger welcomed.

Most importantly as the kingdom is revealed, where is our part? What role do we play? Something for us to reflect on over this Advent and Christmas season..

Revd Mark

Please do get in contact if you have specific places or projects to pray for. Please pray for the parishes of the Wye Reaches Benefice in their interregnum .

Please pray for whoever is appointed as our new Rural Dean.

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## Monday 1st December Andrew the Apostle

### Scripture: Matthew 4 verses 18—20

<sup>18</sup>As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. <sup>19</sup>And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ <sup>20</sup>Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Collect: Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Saint Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ and brought his brother with him:

call us by your holy word, and give us grace to follow you without delay and to tell the good news of your kingdom;  
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.

For our prayers: The people of Scotland, churches dedicated to St, Andrews in our Deanery—Dinedor and How Caple. Those who work in the fishing industry.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Orcop and all who live in the village. For the village hall and the events that take place there.

## Tuesday 2nd

### Scripture: Psalm 118 verses 5 -

<sup>5</sup>Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me in a broad place.  
<sup>6</sup>With the Lord on my side I do not fear.  
What can mortals do to me?

For our prayers: All who are struggling with depression, and those anxious about the coming Christmas period.

Across our Deanery: St. Denys, Pencoyd, St. Mary, Tretire and St. Michael and All Angels, Michaelchurch (under the care of CCT). For all who live and farm in the area.

### Wednesday 3rd

#### Scripture: Psalm 118 verses 7—9

<sup>7</sup>The LORD is on my side to help me;  
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

<sup>8</sup>It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to put confidence in mortals.

<sup>9</sup>It is better to take refuge in the LORD  
than to put confidence in princes.

For our prayers: All who are working for local charities and support organisations, especially those at The HUB, Ross giving support for the vulnerable and homeless.

Across our Deanery: St. Peter, Peterstow, for those who rely on the local shop and those who live in the village, for the church and its role as a village hub.

### Thursday 4th

#### Scripture: Psalm 118 verses 10—11

<sup>10</sup>All nations surrounded me;  
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

<sup>11</sup>They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;  
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

For our prayers: All who feel isolated, especially for those who live as minorities in their home country and who feel exploited or ignored by those in power.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary, Ross-on-Wye, for all who live in the town and those moving into the new housing. For the work of the Messy Church.

Friday 5th

Scripture: Psalm 118 verses 12—14

<sup>12</sup> They surrounded me like bees;  
they blazed like a fire of thorns;  
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

<sup>13</sup> I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,  
but the LORD helped me.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.

For our prayers: Those involved with School life, especially those working with SEND children and their carers. For teachers, Tas and those who lead our schools.

Across our Deanery: For Emily Goy, Life-Link Chaplain, and her links with John Kyrle Academy and community organisations across the Ross.

Saturday 6th Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 326

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6 verses 6—8

<sup>6</sup>There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these.

Collect: Almighty Father, lover of souls, who chose your servant Nicholas to be a bishop in the Church, that he might give freely out of the treasures of your grace:  
make us mindful of the needs of others and, as we have received, so teach us also to give;  
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.

For our prayers: All who are caught up in modern slavery and those working to give them a way out and a chance at a new life, helping them to find dignity and self-respect.

Across our Deanery: St. Tysilio, Sellack and for all who live in the village and farm the local area.

### Sunday 7th Second Sunday of Advent

#### Scripture: Matthew 3 verses 11—12

John said <sup>11</sup>'I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Collect: O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us;  
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: Those who preach a message of repentance that we sometimes find hard to hear, that we will not be afraid to confess our sins before God who will give us forgiveness and a new start.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael, Sollers Hope and for those who live and work in the area.

### Monday 8th Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Scripture: Micah 5 verses 2—4

<sup>2</sup>But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,  
who are one of the little clans of Judah,  
from you shall come forth for me  
one who is to rule in Israel,  
whose origin is from of old,  
from ancient days.

<sup>3</sup>Therefore he shall give them up until the time  
when she who is in labour has brought forth;  
then the rest of his kindred shall return  
to the people of Israel.

<sup>4</sup>And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD,  
in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.  
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great  
to the ends of the earth;

Collect: Almighty and everlasting God, who stooped to raise fallen humanity through the child-bearing of blessed Mary:  
grant that we, who have seen your glory revealed in our human nature and your love made perfect in our weakness, may daily be renewed in your image and conformed to the pattern of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: In this season of Advent, we remember Mary and all that she was going through in this late stage of her pregnancy. We pray for all those who are pregnant and those who care for them.

Across our Deanery: St. Weonards, St. Weonards church, the village hall, the new housing being built in the village, the local shop, and St. Weonards Primary School and the autism unit based there.

### Tuesday 9th

Scripture: Psalm 118 verses 15—16

<sup>15</sup> There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous:

‘The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

<sup>16</sup> the right hand of the LORD is exalted;

the right hand of the LORD does valiantly.’

For our prayers: For unexpected moments when God’s kingdom breaks into our lives, for those moments of joy in the everyday.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, The Lea and all who live and work in the village, The Lea C of E Primary school and all who teach and study there.

### Wednesday 10th

Scripture: Psalm 118 verses 17—18

<sup>17</sup> I shall not die, but I shall live,

and recount the deeds of the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> The LORD has punished me severely,

but he did not give me over to death.

For our prayers: That we may have a joyous heart this day in all that we do, proclaiming the faithfulness of our God.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Upton Bishop, for those who live in the village, for the local pub and the village hall.

### Thursday 11th

Scripture: Psalm 118 verses 19—20

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

For our prayers: All who are seeking faith in God at this time, those who are on the edges of faith and are seeking to grow in God.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Walford and for all who live in the village, for the local shops and pubs and the local school. For the appointment of the House for Duty post.

### Friday 12th

Scripture: Psalm 118 verses 21—22

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.

For our prayers: Giving thanks for Christ the Cornerstone, upon which we can build our faith and our lives, that we may be true and straight in our faithfulness to God.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary the Virgin, Welsh Newton and St. John the Baptist, Llanrothal, the revitalised PCC, and for all who live and work in the villages.

## Saturday 13th Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, 304

### Scripture: Wisdom of Solomon 3 verses 5—7a

<sup>5</sup>Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

<sup>6</sup>like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

<sup>7</sup>In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,

Collect: God our redeemer, who gave light to the world that was in  
darkness by the healing power of the Saviour's cross:

shed that light on us, we pray, that with your martyr Lucy we may,  
by the purity of our lives, reflect the light of Christ and, by the mer-  
its of his passion, come to the light of everlasting life;

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.

For our prayers: The people of Sweden and the Lutheran Church, its  
bishops, clergy and people. Those who seek the light in the dark-  
ness of this present age.

Across our Deanery: St. Lawrence, Weston-under-Penyard and all  
who live and work in the village.

## Sunday 14th Third Sunday of Advent

### Scripture: Matthew 11 verses 7—9

<sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John:  
'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken  
by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in  
soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces.

<sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

Collect: O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you:  
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;  
for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: That we may recognise those who have been called by God to speak truth to power and to witness to God in this world.

Across our Deanery: St. Dubricius, Whitchurch and for those who live and work in the village, for Whitchurch House Care Home and the local C of E Primary school.

Monday 15th

Scripture: Psalm 118 verses 23—25

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvellous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.<sup>[c]</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!  
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

For our prayers: Giving thanks for this day as the sun dawns and as we look towards the bright morning star. May we be filled with the light of Christ.

Across our Deanery: St. James, Wyesham, for its outreach to the local school and for those who live in the village.

### Tuesday 16th

#### Scripture: Psalm 118 verses 26—26

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,

and he has given us light.

Bind the festal procession with branches,

up to the horns of the altar .

For our prayers: Our local church and all who will be decorating it for Christmas, those who will be creating displays and arrangements to welcome people into our churches.

Across our Deanery: John Kyrle High School, Ross on Wye, for the Head, Julian Morgan, staff and pupils. For the LifeLink Chaplain Emily Goy, and a Christian presence in the school.

### Wednesday 17th O Sapientia

#### Scripture: Isaiah 11 verses 2—3

<sup>2</sup> The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,

the spirit of wisdom and understanding,

the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,

or decide by what his ears hear;

Collect: O Wisdom, O holy Word of God, you govern all creation with your strong yet tender care:

Come and show your people the way to salvation. Amen.

For our prayers: That the Wisdom of our God, who was with God at the creation of the world, will dwell in our hearts and lives and bring us blessing.

Across our Deanery: Ross Community Hospital, the staff and patients, and those who visit on behalf of the local churches.

Thursday 18th

Scripture: Psalm 118 verses 28—29

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God, I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup> O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures for ever.

For our prayers: Giving thanks for the faithfulness of God, that we may rest under the shadow of his wing and be protected from all that would do us harm.

Across our Deanery: The Deanery Leadership Team, the Rural Dean, Revd David Howells, a new Deanery Lay co-chair (TBA), Wendy Price (Deanery Secretary) and Paul Baker (Deanery Treasurer).

Friday 19th

Scripture: Psalm 119 verses 1–3

<sup>1</sup> Happy are those whose way is blameless,  
who walk in the law of the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> Happy are those who keep his decrees,  
who seek him with their whole heart,

<sup>3</sup> who also do no wrong,  
but walk in his ways.

For our prayers: Help us to walk in your ways, O Lord, and not to be distracted by this world so that we veer away to left or to right.

Across our Deanery: Ross Market and Shops, and all who work in retail in and around Ross town centre, especially in the rush up to Christmas.

### Saturday 20th

Scripture: Psalm 119 verses 4—5

<sup>4</sup> You have commanded your precepts  
to be kept diligently.

<sup>5</sup> O that my ways may be steadfast  
in keeping your statutes!

For our prayers: May we remember your justice and your mercy to all that you have created and live in accordance with the way that leads to eternal life.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Aston Ingham and for their Church Officers and congregation and all who live in the village.

### Sunday 21st Fourth Sunday of Advent

Scripture: Matthew 1 verses 19—21

<sup>19</sup> Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. <sup>20</sup> But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, ‘Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the

Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup>She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.’

Collect: God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son:

grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: All who will be taking journeys this Christmas-tide and those who will be working in cafes and service stations across the nation.

Across our Deanery: All Saints, Bishopswood in the process of being made redundant, the community centre and the monthly parish breakfast event at Bishopswood Village Hall.

### Monday 22nd

#### Scripture: Psalm 119 verses 6—8

<sup>6</sup>Then I shall not be put to shame,  
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

<sup>7</sup>I will praise you with an upright heart,  
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

<sup>8</sup>I will observe your statutes;  
do not utterly forsake me.

For our prayers: That we may remember the invitation of the Nativity and be drawn, once again, into the heart of the mystery of our God who comes to us in human flesh.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Brampton Abbots. For the people in the village of Brampton Abbots, the C of E Primary School and that the church of St, Michael become a vital part of village life.

### Tuesday 23rd

Scripture: Psalm 119 verses 9—10

<sup>9</sup> How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

<sup>10</sup> With my whole heart I seek you;

do not let me stray from your commandments.

For our prayers: The young people of our market town and villages as Christmas draws close, may they be hearers of the story and wonder afresh at the love of our God for his people and creation.

Across our Deanery: St. Bridget, Bridstow. For the village, Bridstow C of E Primary School and the village.

### Wednesday 24th—Christmas Eve

Scripture: Luke 1 verses 67—69

<sup>67</sup>His father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke this prophecy:

<sup>68</sup>‘Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has looked favourably on his people and redeemed them.

<sup>69</sup>He has raised up a mighty saviour for us

in the house of his servant David,’

Collect: Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ:

grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge;  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: Parents and those who are feeling the pressure of the Christmas Season that all should be perfect and nothing go wrong.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Dewsall and St. Mary Callow (closed). For those in the village of Callow and for those getting married at Dewsall Court and Dewsall Church.

Thursday 25th—Christmas Day

Scripture: Luke 2 verses 5—7

<sup>5</sup>He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. <sup>6</sup>While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. <sup>7</sup>And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Collect: Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin:

grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.

For our prayers: Giving thanks for those who have joined us for worship, sing carols, lighted Christingles and been with us to hear, again, God's story in becoming one with us.

Across our Deanery: St. Peter, Dixon. For the PCC and all working to restore the church.

Friday 26th—Stephen, the First Martyr

Scripture: Acts 7 verses 55—57

<sup>55</sup> Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' <sup>57</sup> But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him.

Collect: Gracious Father, who gave the first martyr Stephen grace to pray for those who took up stones against him:

grant that in all our sufferings for the truth we may learn to love even our enemies and to seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt, looking up to heaven to him who was crucified for us, Jesus Christ, our mediator and advocate, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: All who are oppressed because of their faith, especially those who have had to celebrate Christmas secretly for fear of neighbour or the state.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary, Foy. For the hamlet of Foy and for those who raft and canoe down the Wye past the church.

## Saturday 27th John, Apostle and Evangelist

### Scripture: John 21 verses 21—23a

<sup>21</sup> When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, ‘Lord, what about him?’

<sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, ‘If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!’ <sup>23</sup> So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die.

Collect: Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:

that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;  
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: Churches dedicated to John the Evangelist, for all who proclaim the lordship of Christ and the hope of the future.

Across our Deanery: St. Swithin, Ganarew. For the people of the village, the work going on in the church and the care home next to the church.

### Sunday 26th Holy Innocents

### Scripture: Matthew 2 verses 16—18

<sup>16</sup> When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. <sup>17</sup> Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah:

<sup>18</sup> ‘A voice was heard in Ramah,

wailing and loud lamentation,  
Rachel weeping for her children;  
she refused to be consoled, because they are no more.’

Collect: Heavenly Father, whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong:  
by the suffering of your Son and by the innocence of our lives frustrate all evil designs and establish your reign of justice and peace;  
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.

For our prayers: Children caught up in war or civil strife across the world, those who find themselves child soldiers and those who are exploited or trafficked.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Garway. For those who worship there, those who live in Garway and for its primary school, and those looking to the future of the church building.

### Monday 29th Thomas Becket

#### Scripture: Ecclesiasticus 51 verses 6b—8

<sup>6b</sup> My soul drew near to death,  
and my life was on the brink of Hades below.

<sup>7</sup> They surrounded me on every side,  
and there was no one to help me;  
I looked for human assistance,  
and there was none.

<sup>8</sup> Then I remembered your mercy, O Lord,  
and your kindness from of old,

for you rescue those who wait for you  
and save them from the hand of their enemies.

Collect: Lord God, who gave grace to your servant Thomas Becket  
to put aside all earthly fear and be faithful even to death:  
grant that we, disregarding worldly esteem, may fight all wrong,  
uphold your rule, and serve you to our life's end;  
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.

For our prayers: Those who speak truth to power, who remind leaders and presidents that their authority is temporary, even at great cost to themselves.

Across our Deanery: St. Giles, Goodrich and St. Margaret, Welsh Bicknor. For the people of the villages, for Goodrich C of E School and for visitors to Goodrich Castle.

Tuesday 30th

Scripture: Psalm 119 verses 11—12

<sup>11</sup> I treasure your word in my heart,  
so that I may not sin against you.

<sup>12</sup> Blessed are you, O LORD;  
teach me your statutes.

For our prayers: All who use words to explain our faith and deepen our belief, especially those who write hymns and poems.

Across our Deanery: St. Dubricius, Hentland and St. Catharine, Hoarwithy. For the two villages and those who live there, for the project at St. Catharine's to improve access, the local pub and shop in Hoarwithy.

Wednesday 31st

Scripture: Psalm 119 verses 13—14

- <sup>13</sup> With my lips I declare  
all the ordinances of your mouth.  
<sup>14</sup> I delight in the way of your decrees  
as much as in all riches.

For our prayers: All who will be preaching in the weeks to come, for them to be inspired by the Holy Spirit. For those who are looking forward to a new year and a chance to change.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Hope Mansell. For the people who live and work in the village.

Thursday 1st January 2026 Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

Scripture: Luke 2 verse 21

- <sup>21</sup> After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

Collect: Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name:

give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our prayers: All who will be bringing their children for baptism in the coming year, for Godparents and parents to encourage their children in faith.

Across our Deanery: St. Andrew with St. Mary, How Caple. For those who live in the village and the surrounding farms. For How Caple Court and those who are getting married there this year.

Friday 2nd Basil the Great and Gregory of Nazianzus, Teachers of the Faith, 379 & 385

Scripture: Matthew 5 verses 14—15

Jesus went up the mountain and he began to teach them: ‘<sup>14</sup>You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.’

Collect: 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.

For our prayers: All who have built up the church in the years before us, who have shone like a light across the horizons of history and have shown us the way of faith.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Kings Caple and for those who live in the village. For Kings Caple Primary School and the staff and pupils.

## Saturday 3rd

Scripture: Psalm 119 verses 15—16

<sup>15</sup> I will meditate on your precepts,  
and fix my eyes on your ways.

<sup>16</sup> I will delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget your word.

For our prayers: May we, each day, remember and reflect on the Word of God and the Word made flesh that we may grow in our faith and deepen our understanding of the mystery of God.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary, Linton, and those who live and work in the village.

### Our Deanery Prayer:

Living God, who breathed into your disciples the power of the Holy Spirit, and so equipped them for the work of mission through love and service;

Renew in our churches a vision of your kingdom where all things are made new, and justice and peace will reign; and grant us grace and strength to proclaim this good news, won for us through the love of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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