

DAILY PRAYER IN DECEMBER

- 1st That we may use the gift of Advent to draw closer to God
- 2nd Those working on vaccines against the Corona virus
- 3rd That we help each other to keep the Covid guidance rules
- 4th Those who live in Japonica Court
- 5th Those whose operations have been delayed due to Covid
- 6th That God will help us to be 'prophetic voices' today
- 7th NHS staff under pressure
- 8th CONCEPTION OF MARY – all those expecting babies
- 9th The work of Citizen's Advice
- 10th Those suffering with Parkinson's Disease
- 11th Members of the Armed Forces
- 12th Doctors, nurses and staff at the Health Centre
- 13th People whose jobs are under threat
- 14th Walsh Junior School – staff, pupils and governors
- 15th Those who are moving the new housing in Ash
- 16th Members of Parliament
- 17th Political prisoners and their families
- 18th Those working to counter climate change
- 19th People living with HIV/Aids
- 20th Those who live in Youngs Drive/Kingfisher Walk
- 21st People doing essential work over Christmas
- 22nd The bereaved facing Christmas without loved ones
- 23rd Those fighting online fraud and cyber crime

- 24th CHRISTMAS EVE – the work of the Children's Society
- 25th CHRISTMAS DAY – those who will be alone this Christmas Day
- 26th ST STEPHEN – Christian Martyrs in today's world
- 27th ST JOHN, Apostle & Evangelist – theologians & teachers of the faith
- 28th HOLY INNOCENTS – children suffering neglect and abuse
- 29th ST THOMAS BECKET – Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury
- 30th Those who live in Oaktrees
- 31st Thanksgiving for people who have helped others cope in 2020

THE WORK OF THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Each year we support the work of the Children's Society with our home boxes and with the collection at our Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. Sadly, we cannot hold that service this year, so you may like to send a donation, also please keep the Society in your prayers. From the website:

'Young people's hopes and happiness are being threatened by abuse, exploitation and neglect. The pandemic has turned their lives upside down. They've spent months in lockdown, unable to go to school or see their wider families. We are stepping up the fight for young people's hope, at a time when it's more at risk than ever before.

We fight for hope by deeply understanding the needs of young people and by supporting them through their most serious life challenges. We work with young people who have suffered years of abuse, who have run away from home or are struggling with mental health issues. We look out for young carers and those who are at risk of being groomed by gangs. We help refugees who have no one else to turn to in this country.

The young people we meet have complicated lives. Their experiences are always different, but young people all have hope. Hope for a happier home life. Hope of getting a job, of getting away from the people who exploit or hurt them. So, we find their hope and start there, working with them little by little, giving them whatever they need and empowering them to make decisions for the future they want. We work with young people for as long as it takes and across all different aspects of their life as it's rarely simple for them. There might be aggression, mistrust, anger or disappointment, but even when hope is hanging by a thread we help them find it again.'