

DAILY PRAYER IN JANUARY

- 1st An end to the Coronavirus Pandemic in 2021
 - 2nd Those rolling out the vaccination programme
 - 3rd EPIPHANY – mission to those yet to hear of Jesus
 - 4th The safety of staff and pupils returning to school today
 - 5th Those who live in Underwood Avenue
 - 6th The work of Christian Solidarity Worldwide
 - 7th The unemployed
 - 8th Families facing financial difficulties
 - 9th The homeless and those charities helping them
 - 10th BAPTISM OF CHRIST – those awaiting baptism
 - 11th Members of the Fire Service
 - 12th Doctors, nurses and staff at the Health Centre
 - 13th Members of the Police Force
 - 14th Walsh Infant School – staff, pupils and governors
 - 15th Staff of Care Homes
 - 16th Funeral Directors
 - 17th Little Fishes – staff and children
- THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY
- 18th Pope Francis and members of the Roman Catholic Church
 - 19th The Ecumenical Patriarch and members of the Orthodox Church
 - 20th Leaders of the Protestant Churches
 - 21st The work of the World Council of Churches
 - 22nd Fr Robin and our friends at Holy Angels

- 23rd Churches Together in Ash, Ash Vale and Tongham
- 24th The Methodist Church
- 25th CONVERSION OF ST PAUL – more people coming to faith
- 26th Those who live in College Road
- 27th The chaplaincy team at Frimley Park Hospital
- 28th ST THOMAS AQUINAS – theologians and teachers of the faith
- 29th Phyllis Tuckwell Hospice – staff and patients
- 30th CHARLES 1st, King and Martyr – HM the Queen and the Royal Family
- 31st Volunteers helping the lonely and isolated in Ash and Ash Vale

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This year the theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, chosen by the sisters of the Community of Grandchamp in Switzerland, is: “Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit”. It is the great desire of God, expressed by Jesus, that we might come to him and abide in him. He waits for us tirelessly, hoping that, united to him in love, we will bear fruit that will bring life to all. Faced with our differences, we risk withdrawing into ourselves and seeing only that which separates us. But Christ calls us to abide in his love, and so bear much fruit. The path of unity begins in our intimate relationship with God. Abiding in God’s love strengthens the desire to seek unity and reconciliation with others. This is an important fruit, a gift of healing for the divisions within us, between us, and in the world.

‘Lord, you are the vinedresser who cares for us with love. You call on us to see the beauty of each branch united to the vine, the beauty of each person. And yet, too often the differences in others make us afraid. We withdraw into ourselves. Our trust in you is forsaken. Enmity develops between us. Come and direct our hearts toward you once again. Grant us to live from your forgiveness so that we may be together and praise your name. Amen’

‘Holy Spirit, you create and re-create the Church in all places. Come and whisper in our hearts the prayer which Jesus addressed to his Father on the eve of his passion: “that they may all be one... so that the world may believe”. Amen.

For more prayers and information go to the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity website, from which these extracts were taken.