

Friday 1st

Father we give thanks for the Heritage Project, giving greater access to our beautiful church and enabling our bells to ring out again.

Saturday 2nd

We also give thanks for the hard work and time given by the Heritage Project volunteers.

Sunday 3rd

On Advent Sunday we look forward to the coming of the long promised Messiah.

Monday 4th

Many people, like Mary and Joseph, live in occupied, warring countries. Father give them Your blessing and keep them safe.

Tuesday 5th

Many refugees are forced to make long and dangerous journeys. Father be their guide.

Wednesday 6th

May refugees find kindness and freedom from fear in their new homeland.

Thursday 7th

Saying "Goodbye" is never easy. Bless those who travel far from home and those they leave behind.

Friday 8th

Help us to rekindle the true spirit and joy of Christmas.

Saturday 9th

We pray for the Night Shelter providing warmth and companionship in times of trouble.

Sunday 10th

Amid the mountains of preparations for Christmas help us to find time to rest and ponder the miracle of Christ's Birth.

Monday 11th

Be with all those who will miss out on family time because they have to work over the holiday. Thank you for their dedication

Tuesday 12th

We pray for the employees in shops, mail order companies and Post Offices at this busy time.

Wednesday 13th

Father be with all those who have no permanent home.

Thursday 14th

Help us to respond to God's call to care for His wonderful world. Inspire and move us into action.

Friday 15th

Lord help us to find new "green" solutions to the world's energy problems.

Saturday 16th

Please hold in Your arms all those children and adults for whom Christmas will not be happy. We remember and thank you for Eglantine Jebb who in 1928 founded "Save the Children".

Sunday 17th

We give thanks for our organist and choir as they lead us in the Carol Service this evening.

Monday 18th

We praise you for the wonderful gift of music which enriches our lives and inspires us in our worship.

Tuesday 19th

Thank you for the work of the emergency services every day of the year.

Wednesday 20th

We remember all those who have lost loved ones and homes in disasters during 2017, especially the residents of Grenfell Tower, people in earthquake zones and others living on hurricane torn Caribbean islands.

Thursday 21st

On the first day of winter, the shortest day of the year, we ask Father that you give comfort to the elderly and those who dread the cold winter months.

Friday 22nd

Father, as children's excitement and anticipation mounts, give parents and all family members time to share the joy.

Saturday 23rd

On this Saturday, the last before Christmas, we give thanks for the Suffolk Guild of Bell Ringers who ring in churches throughout the town, giving the message to all that Jesus Christ, God's son, was born and dwelt among us 2,000 years ago and is alive in our hearts today.

Sunday 24th Christmas Eve

Father we ask your blessing on all the volunteers working to provide a special Christmas Day for those who otherwise would be alone.

Monday 25th Christmas Day

We give thanks for the perfect gift, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer.

Tuesday 26th Boxing Day

May our homes be welcoming places filled with love.

Wednesday 27th

Lord, like your son Jesus Christ, may we become servers, carers and givers to all without judgement or discrimination so that your peace and your justice will return and your world will become once again the one You created.

Thursday 28th

We thank You for the infinite beauty of the heavens and the star that guided the Wise Men to the stable.

Friday 29th

May we, like the Wise Men, seek You in the coming year.

Saturday 30th

As the old year ends we make our Act of Commitment: "Lord God our Father we pledge ourselves to serve You and all mankind in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering and for the praise of Your name"

Sunday 31st New Years Eve

"Guide us by Your spirit, give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen"

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