



SW7 BENEFICE



PRAYER DIARY DECEMBER 2025

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

1 Monday

We thank God for all the hospitality that is shared across our villages at this Christmas season in homes, our churches, pubs and village halls. May this kindness especially bring friendship to the lonely.

2 Tuesday

Jesus lord of all, as we approach this busy time of year, may you quieten our minds to bring the deep peace and the true meaning of your immense gift to us.

3 Wednesday

We pray for a deep sense of friendship and fellowship as the Long Compton Church Coffee Morning meets in a home today.

4 Thursday

As The Ministry Leadership Team meets this afternoon let us pray that they are led by God for all the preparations for Advent and Christmas and for pastoral care at this season.

5 Friday

International Volunteer Day, we thank you dear Father, for those voluntarily giving their time over the Christmas period to feed and look after others in shelters, hostels, homes and hospitals.

6 Saturday

Pray for the Long Compton morning Bible Study group meeting this morning.

7 Sunday

Pray for Ben as he leads the services at Whichford, Wolford, and GAP this afternoon in Long Compton.

8 Monday

We give thanks for all of our Churchwardens, Treasurers and PCC Secretaries who give freely and generously of their time and talents.

9 Tuesday

Pray for Christians in Nigeria, especially those whose daughters have been abducted from their schools, whose churches have been attacked and pastors and worshippers injured or killed.

10 Wednesday

Let us pray for Clare as she leads a Bible Study group after which they have lunch together.

11 Thursday

Pray for those in our Benefice who have been bereaved this year, for whom Christmas will be hard without the presence of a loved one

12 Friday

Let us pray for BETA in their study of Bear Grylls' book, *'The Greatest Story Ever Told'*.

13 Saturday

Please pray for everyone in these villages unable to attend Christmas services or participate in celebrations due to illness or disability.

14 Sunday

Pray for the Carol Services in Barcheston and Cherington today, and Connect in Long Compton.

15 Monday

Give thanks for the volunteers who help to deliver the Christmas Services leaflet to every household in the Benefice. Pray that Ben's message will be well received and that it will encourage people to come to church over Christmas and hear the good news in person.

16 Tuesday

Pray for a just and lasting peace in Ukraine.

17 Wednesday

Jesus, the light of the World, inspire all who are preparing for leading services and events in our churches, school and communities this month. May the story of the nativity come alive for all ages this Christmas.

18 Thursday

Lord of Creation, at this time of year when we are particularly surrounded by consumerism, help us to reflect upon the environmental and ethical impacts of our purchases and to choose to reduce our impact and waste.

19 Friday

Pray for the School Christmas service taking place in Long Compton church this morning. Pray for staff and pupils at school that the Christmas break would be restful and refreshing.

20 Saturday

International United Nations Human Solidarity Day. We pray that nations will continue to stand firm against tyranny and aggression. May they continue to uphold the humanitarian values which favour peace, and reconciliation.

21 Sunday

Pray for the Carol services taking place today in Burmington, Barton, Long Compton and Wolford.

22 Monday

We pray for the hospice movement providing care at Christmas, especially those local to us at Katharine House Hospice and Shipston Home Nursing.

23 Tuesday

Loving God, we pray for people across our benefice who will be working over the Christmas period, we give thanks for them and ask that they are sustained and inspired by your love.

24 Wednesday

Pray for Ben as he leads the Nativity Service in Cherington, Nine Lessons & Carols in Whichford, and the Midnight Communion Service in Barcheston.

25 Thursday

Please pray for the Christmas Holy Communion services this morning in Burmington, Cherington and Long Compton.

26 Friday

Give thanks for Ben, for his ministry in this Benefice and especially in the busy time over Christmas, and pray for him to have a good holiday with his family, to refresh him for the year ahead.

27 Saturday

Dear Father, please be close to those, and their families, who are suffering terminal illness at this time of year. Help them to find blessings in each other, and the joy possible in shared moments.

28 Sunday

Pray for the Holy Communion service in Barton this morning.

29 Monday

Give thanks for all who give to support the fabric of our churches, especially the Friends' charities in Long Compton and Whichford.

30 Tuesday

Dear Lord, as another year draws to a close we give thanks for the good things with which we have been blessed this year.

31 Wednesday

Pray for a time of reflection as we look forward to the New Year and consider new ways we can share the love of Christ, and serve others.