



Prayer Diary

January 2021

St. Peter's & St. Mark's Intercessions for January 2021

- Fri 1st Give thanks for God's sustaining grace in 2020, and pray for his leading for you personally, and for the church family, in 2021.
- Sat 2nd Pray for our **online presence** as a church – website, Facebook, and Youtube channel, as well as livestreaming of services. Give thanks for all who make this presence possible. Pray that God would draw many people to himself through these platforms.
Pray that as a church family we would continue to pray for our neighbours and friends, and to make the most of every opportunity to share our faith.
- Sun 3rd “The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life” (John 6:63). Pray that as we hear God’s Word today we would **encounter Jesus Christ** by his Spirit and be renewed to rejoice in him and live for him in the week ahead.
Give thanks for the new people who have joined our church family recently. Pray that God would continue to bring into our family one new family, couple or individual each month.
- Mon 4th An **Essentials course** is due to start this evening. Pray that a number of people would join, and that God would use the course to help them to know Jesus Christ better, and the difference he makes to life.
Give thanks for our **Life group leaders**. Pray for them as they meet this evening.
- Tues 5th We meet to pray **at church family night** tonight. Why not join us if you are able? Please pray that we would be increasingly dependent on our good God for everything, and that we would pray without ceasing.
- Wed 6th Give thanks for the **West Hull Churches** with whom we work closely – All Saints North Ferriby, St Barnabas Swanland, St Andrew's Kirk Ella, St Luke's Willerby, St Nicholas Hull, St Martin's Hull, and Living Hope Church. Pray that the Lord would use our partnership in the gospel to grow his Kingdom.
The West Hull prayer meeting gathers this morning (presently via Zoom), and each Wednesday during term time.
- Thur 7th Pray for our **local schools** as they restart – Rokeby Park, Acre Heads, Anlaby, Springhead, Hull Collegiate and Thomas More. Pray for wisdom and energy for the staff. Pray also for many opportunities for staff and children to hear the glorious good news of Jesus Christ who changes everything for the better.
- Fri 8th Pray for the **House of Bishops of the Church of England**, for wisdom as they negotiate a number of issues in 2021, including financial difficulties, response to the Covid crisis, and the Living in Love and Faith process. Pray in particular for the

Archbishop of York, the Bishop of Hull, and also for Bishop Rod Thomas, the Bishop of Maidstone, who oversees churches like ours which have a resolution in place.

- Sat 9th Give thanks for **WOW (Women of the Word)**, for those who attend, and for the way God is working amongst them at present. Pray for the ladies of the church, that they would continue to grow in faith at this time, and that God would lead them in the good works he has prepared for them.
- Sun 10th Today we will be thinking about our **vision for the year ahead**. Give thanks for our purpose as a church family, that we are “a Christ-centred community, existing to spread a passion for Jesus Christ across the Anlaby Communities and beyond.” Pray that this would be the case more and more over the coming years.
- Mon 11th Pray that the number of new cases of Coronavirus, and deaths resulting from Coronavirus, would decline in the UK and in the local area.
Give thanks that churches can meet physically, while taking appropriate measures to control the spread of Coronavirus. Pray for **wisdom for the church leadership of the Anlaby Churches** as they continue to work out how and when we should meet physically, on Sundays and midweek.
- Tues 12th Pray for church family members in their places of work – that they might be equipped to serve and honour God in all that they do (Colossians 3:23).
Tuesday Life groups meet today. Pray for good rhythms of growth in faith, fellowship, hospitality and outreach to continue to be established. Why not join a Life group if you haven't already?
- Wed 13th Every year more than 200,000 babies are aborted. As many as 98% of these involve a physically healthy foetus and mother. Many of them under coercion from the father. Pray for God's mercy, a growing sense in our society of the infinite value of human life, and that the demand for abortions would come to an end. Pray too for organisations such as the Christian Institute and Christian Concern which seek to bring an awareness of God's good ways into public discourse.
- Thur 14th Give thanks for the **young adults** at the Anlaby Churches. Pray for the group for young adults – that they would be encouraged in their faith and grow in friendship and number.
Give thanks for **Hull Saints**, a Christian football organisation led by members of the Wood family. Pray for wisdom, energy and godliness. Pray that God would be honoured through this ministry, and that many might ultimately be drawn to faith in Jesus Christ.
- Fri 15th **Ablaze** meets tonight, and every Friday during term time: Please give thanks for the young people who attend, and pray that they would grow to maturity in Christ (Colossians 1:28). Pray that they would have courage to invite their friends and numbers would grow. Pray also for God's protection of the gathering, and for “people of peace” in the community who might encourage others to come.

Sat 16th Pray for Christians in **Northern Nigeria**, who are facing what has been described as genocide perpetrated by Islamic Fulani herdsman and the Boko Haram group. Pray that they would know God to be their Rock and Refuge. Pray also that through their witness many of their oppressors would come to put their faith in Jesus. Pray that the Nigerian government would perform its role of protecting its citizens.

Sun 17th "Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs" (Psalm 100:1-2). Pray that each of us would encounter the living God in worship today, and find our joy in him.
Give thanks for our **children's church leaders** who faithfully teach the children each Sunday. Pray for encouragement, wisdom and refreshment for them.

Mon 18th "When the Holy Spirit comes he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement..." (John 16:8). "All who were appointed for eternal life believed" (Acts 13:48). Pray that **all in the Anlaby Communities would be led to reflect on eternal realities** during this time of uncertainty, and that the Lord would bring many people to himself.

Tues 19th Pray for those in the community and city who struggle with mental health problems. Pray that the appropriate help would be available. Pray also that in time many would come to find hope and joy in the Lord Jesus Christ.
Pray for the **countries which are currently most affected** by the Coronavirus pandemic: For God's grace and mercy; and for many to be drawn to him during this time.

Wed 20th Pray for our mission partners, **Nicholas and Amanda Haydock**. Pray in particular for visas to be granted as they seek to move to Asia to continue with their bible translation work. Pray also for the **Clark family**, a Crosslinks mission partner ministering in Belgium, who we have started to support as a church. Finally, pray for our friend **Adam Young** who is seeking the Lord as to whether to serve long-term in Japan.

Thur 21st Please pray for the **men of the Anlaby Churches**, as they seek God as to the future of the Men's ministry. Pray that during this time of crisis **Christian men** would be increasingly encouraged in their faith and friendships. Pray also that God would lead us to the men in the community that he is drawing to himself (Acts 13:48).

Fri 22nd Pray for those in the church family who are **struggling** at the moment – with ill health, relationship problems, bereavement, depression, stress, discontentment, or financial or work difficulties. Pray that God would be their shepherd in the darkness (Psalm 23).
Pray for those on the **parish sick list**, that God would strengthen them in their faith and would bring healing.

Sat 23rd Give thanks for our **buildings**, and for all those who work hard to maintain them, including cleaning them week by week. Pray for God's joy and sustaining of them in their labours. As we prepare to embark on the development of the St Peter's building, pray that our Father would provide the finances needed for the completion of this much needed work.

Sun 24th We come to God today in **great need of his grace**. Pray that he would use the Word, prayer and our heartfelt praise to build us up and equip us for his service in the week ahead. Please also continue to pray for God's protection over his people. Pray that each of us would encounter the living God and be changed to be more like him - whether physically at one of our services or at home.

Mon 25th There is a **Joint church council meeting** this evening. Give thanks for the great PCC members God has given us at the Anlaby Churches, and for our unity. Pray for new members to settle in quickly, and that we would discern God's will for the church family and our ministry to the Anlaby communities.

Tues 26th "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Pray for **our government** - for wisdom in all decisions that have to be made at this time.
Tuesday Life groups meet today. Pray for good rhythms of growth in faith, fellowship, hospitality and outreach to continue to be established. Why not join a Life group if you haven't already?

Wed 27th Pray for **Hull 2030**, due to meet online today. Praise God for bringing up to 15 leaders together every six weeks or so to plan and pray for churches to be planted across Hull. Pray for encouragement, and wisdom to know how we can keep reaching out with the gospel during this time of lockdown. Pray that 20 healthy churches would be planted across Hull by 2030.

Thur 28th "The body is not made up of one part but of many." (1 Corinthians 12:14). Give thanks for the many gifts and abilities God has given us as a church family; pray that he would use them for his glory. Pray also that he would provide those gifts which are needed for the work he wants us to do.

Fri 29th Pray for those in our church family and in the community who are **vulnerable or at high-risk** in the face of the Coronavirus. Pray for God's protection. Pray also that he would help his people to trust him (Philippians 4:6-7).
Give thanks for all who are **seeking to help vulnerable people** at this time. Pray for the Foodbanks in Hull, and the initiatives of the Parish council and the NHS.
Pray for the many **older people** in the community, including in care homes. Many older people are lonely and vulnerable – particularly at this time. Pray that many more older people would find rest and hope in Jesus Christ (Matthew 11:28-30).

Sat 30th Give thanks that **Jesus is the light of the world**, and has decisively defeated the devil at the cross (Colossians 2:15). Pray that the powers of evil in Hull and surrounding area which draw people into spiritualism, tarot cards, mediums, etc. will be overcome by the power and a greater presence of the Holy Spirit.

Sun 31st Pray that our public worship would honour God's name and be attractive to newcomers as we express our delight in and dependence on Jesus Christ.
Pray also for those working behind the scenes to make our worship possible. Pray for protection from all the schemes of the devil.

"Will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off?" (Luke 18:7).