**Prayer Diary December 2022**

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5*

The prayers each day are for:

* the mission and ministry of a benefice
* organisations, schools, events of the diocese and the wider community
* our link Diocese Kagera and World Mission

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For details of the Church of England calendar please visit [here](https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/churchs-year/calendar).

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| **Thurs** **1 Dec 2022** | Gipping Valley DeaneryClaydon Benefice: The Revd Cathy Austin; Wendy Hooper (Licensed Evangelist); Liz Stone and Ruth Dennigan (Readers) | For churches taking part in ‘Inspiring Angels’ during December | On World Aids Day, pray for all those suffering from this terrible disease, that they might get the medication they need to live normal lives. Globally 38 million people have the virus. |
| **Fri** **2 Dec 2022**  | Gipping Valley DeaneryCombs and Finborough: The Revd Sarah Jenkins; The Revd Canon Pauline Higham | International Day for the Abolition of Slavery | Biharamulo: The Revd Timotheo Petro, pastor at Nyabungombe and Nyabyondo Parishes |
| **Sat** **3 Dec 2022** | Gipping Valley DeaneryHaughley with Wetherden and Stowupland: vacant | Chaplains to Mental Health Care | Pray for the people of Nepal as they try to recover from the three earthquakes that hit the country in early November. Pray for comfort for those grieving; protection from further earthquakes and pray for provision for the rebuilding work. |
| **Sun** **4 Dec****2022** | Gipping Valley DeaneryMendlesham St Mary: The Revd Philip Gray | For the work of the Mothers’ Union both in Suffolk and in other countries | Kagera: The Revd Joseph Kalekezi, Pastor of Chivu Parish and Rural Dean of Kumubanga |
| **Mon** **5 Dec 2022** | Gipping Valley DeaneryStowmarket St Peter and St Mary: The Revd Michael Eden; The Revd Richard Stretch; Tony Ingham (Reader); Matt Levett (Licensed Youth Minister and Diocesan Youth and Young Adults’ Officer) | On International Volunteers Day, pray for all who volunteer at our churches | Pray for ‘Peter’ Yuan Shiguo in Chengdu, and the Sichuan seminary where he teaches; for the students preparing to serve in churches among the many minority people groups in Yunnan, Sichuan and Guizhou provinces |
| **Tues****6 Dec 2022** | Hadleigh DeaneryThe Brett Valley Benefice: The Revd Elke Cattermole; Teresa Lester (Reader) | On St Nicholas’ Day we pray for the St Nicholas Hospice in Bury St Edmunds; The Revd Canon Sharon Connell (Chaplain) | Kagera: The Revd Odace Buchendole Rural Dean in Bushangaro Parish. |
| **Wed** **7 Dec 2022** | Hadleigh DeaneryElmsett with Aldham, Hintlesham, Chattisham and Kersey: The Revd Adrian Waller | For all Ordinands, AOPs and Readers in Training | Kagera: The Revd Nathanael Makaka, Parish Pastor Mwivuza |
| **Thurs** **8 Dec 2022** | Hadleigh DeaneryHadleigh, Layham and Shelley: The Very Revd Jo Delfgou | For the Diocesan Advisory Committee and their work with church buildings | Biharamulo: The Revd Simon Karukubila, pastor of Katoke Parish |
| **Fri 9 Dec****2022** | Hadleigh DeaneryHigham, Holton St Mary, Raydon and Stratford St Mary: The Revd Manette Crossman; The Revd Nicola Tindall | Church Primary Schools in Hadleigh Deanery: Elmsett; St Mary’s, Hadleigh; Hintlesham and Chattisham; Kersey; and Whatfield | Biharamulo: The Revd Lazore Joram, Bwanga Parish. |
| **Sat** **10 Dec 2022**  | Hadleigh DeaneryThe Benefice of Stoke by Nayland with Leavenheath and Polstead and Nayland with Wissington: The Revd Stéphane Javelle; Derek Johns (Reader) | Alcoholics Anonymous groups | Flooding has now impacted almost 1 million people in nine states across South Sudan. As entire towns are submerged and hunger grows, pray for those affected and for aid agencies like Tearfund working in the area. |
| **Sun** **11 Dec****2022** | Hartismere and Hoxne DeaneryAthelington, Denham, Horham, Hoxne, Redlingfield, Syleham and Wingfield: The Revd Eleanor Goodison; The Revd John McCracken | Lightwave staff and groups | Human Rights Day was yesterday. Pray for those living in countries where human rights are ignored. Pray for those who are discriminated against because of their religion, their ethnicity, their gender or their sexuality.  |
| **Mon** **12 Dec 2022** | Hartismere and Hoxne DeaneryEye: The Revd Dr Guy Sumpter | The Emergency Services’ Carol Service at the Cathedral and all who will be working over Christmas to keep us safe | Kagera: Pray for Joel Aleku, Headteacher at Ngara Anglican Primary School  |
| **Tues** **13 Dec 2022** | Hartismere and Hoxne DeaneryFour Rivers: The Revd David Mulrenan; The Revd Rebecca Artiss; The Revd Chrissie Smart; The Revd Clive Mobbs | Church Schools in Hartismere and Hoxne Deanery: Botesdale, Eye, Gislingham, Mellis, Palgrave, Thorndon, Wetheringsett, Bedfield, Fressingfield, All Saints, Laxfield, Stradbroke, Wilby and Worlingworth | Kagera: The Revd Emmanuel Jeconiah, Rural Dean Murongo Deanery |
|  **Wed****14 Dec 2022** | Hartismere and Hoxne DeaneryNorth Hartismere: The Revd Adrian Watkins | Doorstep Carols this evening | Biharamulo: The Revd Simon Sekanabo, pastor at Bwengabo parish |
| **Thurs 15 Dec 2022** | Hartismere and Hoxne DeaneryRedgrave cum Botesdale with Rickinghall: The Revd Chris Norburn; Barbara Norburn (Childrens’ and Families’ Minister) | Chaplains of Schools, Colleges and University | Kagera: Mrs Malicelina Mboya, Headteacher, Mchungaii Mweba (Good Shepherd) Secondary School |
| **Fri 16 Dec 2022** | Hartismere and Hoxne DeanerySancroft: The Revd Canon Susan Loxton: The Revd Diane Ekins Powell; Maria Price (Reader) | For schools, colleges and universities, staff and students as school breaks up for Christmas | Kagera: The Revd Sylvester Shedrack Rusizila, Pastor, Mukarehe Parish. |
| **Sat****17 Dec 2022** | Hartismere and Hoxne DeanerySouth Hartismere: The Revd Canon Julia Lall; The Revd Lauren Moore; The Revd Debbie Nicholls; Emma Morris (Children’s and Families’ Minister) | Suffolk Family Carers and all they support | Pray that following Cop27 the leaders of developed countries will be generous in giving money to the fund for ‘loss and damage’ caused by the climate crisis in developing countries.  |
| **Sun** **18 Dec 2022** | Ipswich DeaneryIpswich All Hallows: The Revd Carol Mansell; The Revd Kiran Lotay; The Revd Nancy Sloan-Capasso | Longest Night Service held at the Cathedral for all those for whom Christmas may be difficult | Pray for Uganda where there has been an outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus. The new outbreak is of the Sudan variant for which there is no vaccine. Pray for those who are suffering and for those families that have lost loved ones. |
| **Mon** **19 Dec 2022** | Ipswich DeaneryBridge Church: The Revd Andy Buttress; Rob Collett (Licensed Evangelist) | Church Primary Schools in Ipswich Deanery: Morland; St John’s; St Margaret; and St Matthew’s  | Kagera: Shemasi Deo Phillemon, Parish Pastor for Muruvyagila |
| **Tues****20 Dec 2022** | Ipswich DeaneryIpswich St Augustine: The Revd Al Metcalfe; Matt Cornwell (Licensed Youth Minister) | Inspiring Ipswich and churches in the Ipswich Deanery | As we approach the celebration of the birth of Jesus, pray for peace in the Middle East. Pray that the new Israeli government will seek to improve relations with their Palestinian neighbours. |
| **Wed****21 Dec 2022** | Ipswich DeaneryIpswich Waterfront Benefice: The Revd Susan Allison | Diocesan Safeguarding Team | Kagera: The Revd Josias Buneye, Coordinator of Bible Knowledge |
| **Thurs 22 Dec 2022** | Ipswich DeaneryIpswich St John the Baptist with St Andrew: The Revd Mark Prentice: Emma Allinson and Lizzie Kent (Children’s and Families’ Ministers); Tracey Needham and Dawn Gillett (Licensed Evangelists); John Gillett, Andrew Taylor and Rowland Howarth (Readers) | All in hospitals or hospices over Christmas, for staff, patients and visitors | Kagera: The Revd Bariki Verediana Mihigo, Parish Pastor of Kanazi Parish  |
| **Fri 23 Dec 2022** | Ipswich DeaneryIpswich St Margaret: Helen Prior-Townsend (Licensed Evangelist) | Food banks, Top-up shops and for all who are finding it hard to make ends meet | Kagera: The Revd John Ruzabila, Rural Dean of Murugalama |
| **Sat** **24 Dec 2022** | Ipswich DeaneryIpswich St Mary le Tower: The Revd Tom Mumford | Christmas services taking place across the diocese | Kagera: The Revd Fr Phocas Nshimiyimana, Tutor at KCTC, Murgwanza |
| **Sun** **25 Dec 2022** | Ipswich DeaneryIpswich St Mary-at-the-Elms: The Revd John Thackray | Prisons in our diocese, chaplains, staff and prisoners | On Christmas Day pray for Christ’s message of love and peace to reach all corners of the world. Pray for Christians who struggle to practise their faith in their own countries. |
|  **Mon**  **26 Dec 2022**  | Ipswich DeaneryIpswich St Mary Stoke: The Revd Sophie Cowan; Linda Preston (Licensed Evangelist) | All who work in the NHS | Kagera: The Revd Amon Jackson, Principal at KCTC. Pray that he will be able to continue to make the changes which ensure the future of the College and a better education for his students. |
|  **Tues****27 Dec 2022** | Ipswich DeaneryIpswich St Matthew with Triangle and All Saints: The Revd Canon Nick Atkins; The Revd Ruth Best; The Revd Danny Morrison; The Revd Lawrence Carey; The Revd Dimitri Theulings; The Revd Linda Pepper; Karen Nelson (Lay Pioneer); Jane Cornish (Reader); Hannah Ponting (Licensed Evangelist) | Local Government Councils and Councillors | Biharamulo: The Revd Erasto Rushongo, pastor of Buseresere Parish |
| **28 Dec 2022** | Ipswich DeaneryIpswich St Thomas: The Revd Rachel Revely; The Revd John Irwin; Emma Knight (Children’s and Families’ Minister) | For immigrants and refugees settling in Suffolk | Kagera: The Revd Celestin Yusuph Sunzu (Archdeacon) Rural Dean of Kabanga |
| **Thurs** **29 Dec 2022** | Ipswich DeaneryIpswich: St Bartholomew: The Revd Paul Carter | For the Church Army and its officers working in this diocese | Biharamulo: The Revd Cosmas Bonifas, Pastor of Maweni Parish |
| **Fri 30 Dec 2022** | Ipswich DeaneryLindbergh Road Community Church: the Revd Ian Daniels; Julie Daniels (Children’s and Families’ Minister) | Farmers and agricultural workers | Kagera: Pray for all diocesan staff, including secretaries, accountants, administrators, cooks, cleaners, night guards, drivers, who support the priests. |
| **Sat** **31 Dec 2022** | Ipswich DeaneryRiver Church: The Revd Amy Key and The Revd Matt Key | For hope and faith as we journey together as a diocese into 2023 | In February 2023, the people of Nigeria are set to vote for a new president. There are already concerns over high levels of violence. Pray that the lead-up to the election will become more peaceful. Ask God for local churches to model peace and help reconcile between conflicting communities. |