**Prayer Diary December 2020**

*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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| **Tues 1 Dec 2020** | Saxmundham DeaneryLeiston with Sizewell: The Revd Richard Finch; the Revd Morag Finch | The first of Bishop Mike’s Advent Series on ‘The Last Things’  | Pray for the T20 summit concluding today formulating policies on such issues as Climate and Environment, Women and Youth, Multilateralism, Economic Development and Finance, Sustainable Resources, Technology and Digitalization to put before the G20 leaders. Pray that they will consider policies for the good of all and that G20 leaders will be receptive to their ideas. |
| **Wed 2 Dec 2020**  | Saxmundham DeanerySaxmundham with Kelsale-cum-Carlton: The Revd Nic Stuchfield | As the lockdown should lift today, pray for safety and protection | Kagera: Pray for Thomas Shavu as his employment with Tearfund comes to an end just one week before Christmas, because the pandemic has adversely affected income. Pray for the continuing work of CCMP in Kagera. |
| **Thurs 3 Dec 2020** | Saxmundham DeaneryAlde River Benefice: The Revd Rachel Cornish; The Revd Oliver Kemsley, The Revd Bill Sokolis | Pray for the NHS and key workers | Kagera: Pray for Joel Aleku the Headteacher at Ngara Anglican Primary School as he waits for a work permit. |
| **Fri 4 Dec****2020** | Saxmundham DeaneryYoxmere Benefice: The Revd Tim Rogers; The Revd Brian Jolley | Pray for national and local government | Kagera: The Revd Joseph Kalekezi, Pastor of Chivu Parish and Rural Dean of Kumubanga |
| **Sat****5 Dec 2020** | Sudbury DeaneryActon with Great Waldingfield: The Revd Caroline Hallett; The Revd Faith Marsden | Church schools in Sudbury Deanery: Acton; Boxford; Bures; Crawfords; Gt Finborough; Gt Waldingfield; Long Melford; Old Newton; St Gregory; Trinity; Tudor | Pray for those affected by Hurricane Eta which ripped through Central America on 3 November. Pray for those in Nicaragua, Guatemala and Honduras (over 2 million people) who have lost homes and crops.  |
| **Sun** **6 Dec 2020** | Sudbury DeaneryBoxford, Edwardstone, Groton, Little Waldingfield and Newton: The Revd Rob Parker-McGee; The Ven James Ridge | On St Nicholas’ Day we pray for St Nicholas Hospice in Bury St Edmunds, for the Revd Canon Sharon Connell and all hospice and hospital chaplains. | Kagera: The Revd Hosea Kishongo and Evangelist Bosco Daud in Bushangaro Parish. |
| **Mon****7 Dec 2020** | Sudbury DeaneryBures with Assington and Little Cornard: The Revd Steve Morley; The Revd Mary Cantacuzene; The Revd Simon White | Pray for students nearing the end of term and safety as they return home  | Biharamulo: The Revd Richard Karugune Bizundera, Bwanga Parish. |
| **Tues 8** **Dec 2020** | Sudbury DeaneryChadbrook Benefice: The Revd Matthew Lawson; The Revd Judith Offord | For chaplains to schools, colleges and universities in the diocese | Biharamulo: The Revd Grayson Mutegeki Katunzi, Katoke Parish and Acting Diocesan Secretary |
| **Wed 9 Dec****2020** | Sudbury DeaneryGlem Valley United Benefice: The Revd Patrick Prigg; The Revd Julia Perkins | Pray for those planning weddings  | Kagera: We pray for the continued growth and success of the Mother’s Union. |
| **Thurs 10 Dec 2020**  | Sudbury DeaneryGreat Cornard: The Revd Chris Ramsey; The Revd Jennie Ridley; The Revd Canon Cheryl Collins | Pray for rural churches across the diocese | Kagera: Pray for the Kagera Diocesan Synod on 11 and 12 December. Pray for those who will have long distances to travel and pray for all those responsible for accommodation and food. Pray that the Synod will prove to be an encouraging space for discussion and development. |
| **Fri 11 Dec****2020** | Sudbury DeanerySudbury St Gregory with St Peter and Chilton: The Revd Canon Cheryl Collins; The Revd Tom Mumford; The Revd Chris Ramsey | Pray for the business and retailer sector | Kagera: The Revd Stembridge Lazaro, Rural Dean Mwivuza Deanery. |
| **Sat** **12 Dec 2020** | Sudbury DeanerySudbury with Ballingdon and Brundon: The Revd Canon Cheryl Collins; The Revd Chris Ramsey | Pray for the NHS and charities supporting all with mental health issues | Pray for the children of Yemen facing the worst levels of malnutrition since the conflict began. Pray for provision of food and an end to the conflict. |
| **Sun 13 Dec 2020** | Thingoe DeaneryBarrow Benefice: The Revd Lynda Sebbage | Pray for churches as they prepare for Christmas services and events | Lweru: The Revd Esau Bililiza, Biirabo Parish, The Revd Julias George, Lwanganilo Parish. |
| **Mon 14****Dec 2020** | Thingoe DeaneryChrist Church Moreton Hall: The Revd Canon Jonathan Alderton-Ford | Pray for the Lightwave initiative to inspire rural churches and communities | Pray for people across Kagera who face severe economic challenges in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. |
| **Tues 15 Dec 2020** | Thingoe DeaneryBury St Edmunds St Mary with St Peter District Church: The Revd Simon Harvey; The Revd Andy Williams; The Revd Laura Pope | Church schools in Thingoe: Barrow; Gt Barton; King Edward VI; Risby; St Edmundsbury, Thurston | Kagera: Re. Emmanuel Jonathan, Mchungaii Mweba (Good Shepherd) Secondary School |
| **Wed 16 Dec 2020** | Thingoe DeaneryGreat Barton and Thurston: The Revd Manette Crossman | Pray for the tourism and entertainment industry  | Kagera: The Revd Joshua Patroba, Pastor, Mukirehe Parish. |
| **Thurs 17 Dec 2020** | Thingoe DeaneryHorringer Benefice: The Revd Christopher Griffiths | Pray for all who are grieving and arranging funerals | Pray for the work of the Amity Foundation in China as it shows Christ’s love by supporting many social and environmental projects across China. |
| **Fri 18 Dec 2020** | Thingoe DeaneryLark Valley and North Bury: The Revd Julia Mann; The Revd Val Gagen; The Revd Miriam Webb; The Revd Canon Tim Jones | Pray for schools, staff and students as they end for the Christmas holiday | Kagera: Shemasi Deo Phillemon, Parish Pastor for Muruvyagila |
| **Sat 19 Dec 2020** | Thingoe DeanerySt Edmundsbury Cathedral: The Very Revd Joe Hawes; The Revd Canon Philip Banks, The Revd Canon Matthew Vernon; The Revd Sarah Geileskey; The Revd Ben Edwards | Pray for the Cathedral: its work and witness  | Pray that the Covid vaccines will be shared with the world’s poorest countries. |
| **Sun 20 Dec 2020** | Waveney and Blyth DeaneryBeccles St Michael and St Luke: The Revd Rich Henderson; The Revd Claire Kiddy; The Revd Phil Cudmore; The Revd Mark Bee | We pray for care homes, the residents and staff: for health, safety and well being | Pray for those developing nations who rely heavily on tourism as a source of income. Pray that they will be able to find other ways to generate GDP until the pandemic is over. |
| **Mon 21 Dec 2020** | Waveney and Blyth DeaneryBlyth Valley Team: The Revd Jane Held; The Revd Linda Berry; The Revd Alison Alder | On the December Solstice we pray for the light of God’s love to be shared around the diocese. | Kagera: The Revd Repson Katto Kagya, Rural Dean of Bukiriro & Parish pastor Murugunga |
| **Tues 22 Dec 2020** | Waveney and Blyth DeaneryBungay Benefice: vacant | Pray for the Inspiring Ipswich project and all churches involved in it | Kagera: The Revd Canon Edson Niduha, Kanazi Parish and The Revd Odace Buchendole, Rural Dean of Murugalama |
| **Wed 23 Dec 2020** | Waveney and Blyth DeaneryBenefice of Sole Bay: The Revd Canon Simon Pitcher; The Revd Alan Perry; The Revd Judith Miller | Pray for churches around the diocese as we celebrate either online or in person | Lweru: The Revd Raymond Rushongorwa, Nshambya Parish. |
| **Thurs 24 Dec 2020** | Waveney and Blyth DeaneryBenefice of the Saints: The Revd Leon Collyer | We pray for those still shielding or who are isolated over Christmas | Kagera: The Revd John Ruzabila, Nyamiaga Parish. |
| **Fri 25 Dec 2020** | Waveney and Blyth DeaneryBenefice of Wrentham, Covehithe with Benacre, Heanstead with Hulver and Frostenden: The Revd John Loftus | ‘*Now to the* *Lord sing praises …’* We join with the Archbishops to pray for ‘Comfort and Joy’ as we celebrate the good news of Christmas | Kagera: Pray for all those who struggle to put food on the table for their children and for whom Christmas is just another day of struggle.  |
|  **Sat**  **26 Dec 2020**  | Waveney and Blyth DeaneryHeveningham with Ubbeston, Huntingfield and Cookley: vacant | Pray for an ending of the EU transition period at the end of the year and for Brexit negotiations still to take place | Kagera: Pray for all diocesan staff, including secretaries, accountants, administrators, cooks, cleaners, night guards, drivers, who support the priests. |
|  **Sun 27** **Dec 2020** | Waveney and BlythHundred River and Wainford: The Revd Philip Miller | Pray for church schools in Waveney and Blyth Deanery: Bramfield; Brampton; Ringsfield; Worlingham | Lweru: The Revd Stanley Lwamugira, Itongo Parish.  |
| **Mon 28 Dec 2020** | Woodbridge DeaneryCarlford: The Revd Mark Cresswell | Pray for the armed services, chaplains and families | Kagera : The Revd Celestin Yusuph Sunzu (Archdeacon) Rurakl Dean of Kabanga |
| **Tues 29 Dec 2020** | Woodbridge DeaneryMelton and Ufford: The Revd Paul Hambling | Pray for victims of domestic abuse  | Biharamulo: Re. John Paul, Rusuno Parish & Re. Joas Jeremiah, Igarula Parish |
| **Wed 30 Dec 2020** | Woodbridge DeaneryWoodbridge St Mary: The Revd Nigel Prior; The Revd Andy Todd | Pray for the maritime industry, seafarers and RNLI | Pray for the Bishops’ 2021 Lent Appeal for Kagera, that it may inform us here in St Eds and Ips and enable us to support our brothers and sisters in Kagera. |
| **Thurs****31****Dec****2020** | Woodbridge DeaneryWilford Peninsula: The Revd Giles Tulk; The Revd Mandy Reynolds | For our diocesan goals: growing in depth, younger, in influence and in number | Pray for peace and reconciliation across the world. May the Holy Spirit bring more people to Christ in 2021 |