



**Prayers for  
November &  
December**

## WE JOIN TOGETHER TO PRAY ...



As the nights are drawing in, and autumn turns to winter, it's a season when the trees are bare, flowers stay underground, and creatures hibernate or spend much more time **hunkered down**. It is a time when we, also, often have similar instincts - to hunker down; to spend time wrapped in warmth; and to rest and be still. Lord Jesus, help us to stay in step with your ordained seasons, and to find ways to rest, to be still, experience the warmth of your presence, and to connect with you in a deeper way.

We pray for all those who are part of **All Saint's, Bishopswood church family**. We thank God for all that has happened in the life of the church over many years; the people the church has touched; for the monthly 'Big Breakfast' that takes place in the Village Hall; and, excitingly, for the services taking place in the Village Hall. We pray for the worshipping community as the church building prepares to close, and we seek God's guidance for the next phase of what he wants to do in this village.



Around the time of **All Saint's**, we take the opportunity to remember all those who we love and, sadly, see no more. We give thanks for the special place these people have had in our hearts and lives, and the good times we had with them. We also acknowledge our sadness, and pain, as we miss them. We also remember all those brave people, and animals, who gave (and still give) their lives in conflicts that we should know peace. Lord Jesus, bring hope and healing to all who sit in the pain of darkness; come as the Prince of Peace into our hearts. Amen.

As we prepare ourselves for Advent and the arrival of the Christmas season, we give thanks for the many opportunities that our churches have to invite in visitors to our Christmas services; we pray that visitors will want to join us – and to discover something of God's peace and joy. We are thankful for all the opportunities we have to work with our local schools and young people. And we pray for those who find Christmas hard and challenging. Lord Jesus, through Advent and Christmas help us to prepare our hearts to receive you afresh, the greatest Christmas gift. Amen.



### **A prayer to make our own:**

Almighty God, you who created the heavens and the earth and have made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in those around us; through Jesus our present Lord. Amen.