



# **Prayers for January & February**

## We join together to pray with one voice for



As we begin 2025, a **New Year**, we take time to reflect on all that has been good and has delighted our souls over the past twelve months – giving thanks to God for these things. We also acknowledge those things that have saddened us or left us weary – asking Jesus to hold/deal with this for/with us. Jesus, you are Lord of yesterday, today and tomorrow; we invite you to draw close at this time and lead us into this year which you created and promised to be with us in. Amen.

As we journey through **Epiphany**, it is easy, during this harsh wintry weather, to snuggle in our warm homes, on cold and dark nights. So we remember those who have no homes; those who struggle with their relatives; those who have no home during this cold weather. We also remember those who struggle to heat their homes, and those who feel alone and more vulnerable during these dark days. Lord, when the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations, to bring peace among others, to make music in the heart. Amen.



We pray for those who are part of **St Dubricius church, Whitchurch**. We thank God for all the good things that the church family are involved in, and the relationships that they have, and are, building in the village. We delight in the new 'friends of St Dubricius church', the connections with Whitchurch Primary School, and the opportunity to offer collective worship and Open the Book each month. Jesus, we ask for more of your kingdom to come in Whitchurch as we look to join in with all that you are doing here. Amen.

We pray for those people who attended our Christmas Carol services, Christingle services and Christmas service, back in December, asking that God will have planted seeds that will be grown in His time and in His way. We pray for the **online Alpha course** that we are running this year, that they will be conversations that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. Jesus, reveal yourself to those in our communities in new and exciting ways. Amen.



We pray for our Diocese '**Year of Engagement**' programme, which we are invited to get involved in.

### A prayer to make our own:

Whatever is happening in this world, Lord, may I always seek you first and be fill with your light, far beyond the splendour of the sun or moon or shining stars; may I appreciate the wonders of your kingdom as revealed in the gospel and see your brightness piercing through the darkness and despair of this world. Amen

*(Adapted from John Calvin)*