

- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** Those away from home in military service, hospitals, prisons, shelters etc to receive comfort, love and hope.
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** Teach us stillness and confident peace; thank you for your loving kindness.
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** Thanksgiving for all those working in the service of making our Christmas. Incline us all to establish good will that your peace may be felt throughout our communities and homes.
- Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** **CHRISTMAS DAY** Christ is born. Alleluia.
- Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** For the rest and recuperation of all who have worked especially hard in your service this month.
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** Thanksgiving and humility for the multitude of things which we have, but millions lack.
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** Thanks for our homes and for places of peace. May we use them for spiritual growth.
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** Let us nurture peace from within our hearts and extend it outwards wherever we live in this world.
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** Thanksgiving for our clergy as we enter a new year in which we will welcome our new Rector. May they and their families have time for physical and spiritual refreshment.
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup>** To listen to God, to step out in faith, to try new things - perhaps new ways of worship - to meet Him through compassion and love for one another.

# ***Praying for One Another in the Shaftesbury Team.***

***December 2021***

You have prayed well  
if you have spoken to God  
as a man speaks to a friend.

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<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Thanksgiving for Advent. Prepare us for life in the awareness of Christ's coming.	<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	May we appreciate all the many caring young people - and God bless them.
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	All forthcoming Christmas activities in our communities, churches, homes; joy and love. May the seeds of Christianity be scattered and flourish among us.	<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Thank you that we can appreciate your values through all kinds of music and song.
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	To remember those we know - or don't - who dread this Christmas month through bereavement, relationship problems etc.	<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	The women's refuge; security and support as women seek a better future. May they and their children feel lasting love around them.
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Give us a sense of responsibility to care for your creation - that we may use the earth's resources wisely and fairly.	<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Confronted with a crotchety response - help us to look for the underlying reason(s) and respond sensitively.
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Help us to stop and listen to your voice, to ponder and reflect what you are calling us to do this coming week.	<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	May we consider the millions of homeless and refugees throughout the world who do not have security, and clean food and water.
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	In all our Christmas shopping, may we remember the real value and joy of giving.	<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	For children and school staff as they break up for Christmas holidays.
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Help us to be more responsible in our actions and with the gifts you give us, to know how best to use them.	<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	All residential homes. Thanksgiving for the caring staff; may residents feel they have value and peace at the evening of their lives.
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	That the Christmas message be clearly taught in our schools - through love and wonder of Christ.	<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	That development in rural areas is sustainable - meeting present needs without compromising the interests of future generations.
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	Thank you, God for the people you have given us to share this life with all its ups and downs.	<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Carol services around the parishes. May we feel wonder at the significance of Christmas.
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Thanksgiving for all our carers, medical and support staff as they weather the physical and emotional demands made on them.	<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Individuals' loneliness highlighted at this season - may we embrace those needing special love.
		<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	That the many hidden sadnesses and deprivations through all ages and all communities may be relieved and a way found through for all those affected.