

Mon 23rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thank God for the work of CHES. Remember those who will be residents at the shelter and those who will be volunteering over the Christmas period. See Nov. Inspire for prayer points. • Give thanks for all those who work, over the Christmas period, in the medical and emergency services.
Tues 24th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for the 2 Crib Services this afternoon at 3pm and 4.30pm. • Our Midnight Holy Communion Service is at 11pm this evening. • Pray for these services and the Morning Praise tomorrow that they will be well attended and minister to our community.
Wed 25th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CHRISTMAS DAY – Give thanks to God for Jesus this Christmas. • 8am Holy Communion 10am Christmas Morning Praise – An all-age celebration of the birth of Jesus followed by a short service of Holy Communion. • Although for many this is a time of celebration and joy with family and friends pray for those who find this period lonely, difficult and stressful.
Thurs 26th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for the nurses, doctors, chaplains and carers looking after those who are unwell over this holiday period. • Pray for the Clergy in our parish that, after this busy period, they may be able to relax and have time with their families and friends.
Fri 27th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for Archbishop Justin Welby leading the Anglican Church and for Bishop Stephen, Bishop John, Archdeacon Elizabeth and Tim Ball, our Rural Dean, as they lead this Diocese. • ‘Made for More’ (previously SYM). Continue to pray for the team working in the schools around Chelmsford as they prepare for the New Year.
Sat 28th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give thanks for the Clergy in the Team GB, and for our PCC, Ministry Leadership Team, Wardens and deputy Wardens. For those who help with Toddlers, Powerhouse and Young People’s groups, for those involved in Coffee Pot, Cafe Club, Home groups, Home Communion visitors, Prayer Ministry, Readers and Prayers, Vergers, Welcome Team and our Sound and Visual Team.
Sun 29th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Holy Communion 10am Family Holy Communion with the theme ‘The Light of Christ’. No service in St. Mary’s at 6.30pm. this evening. • Remember those known to you in special need of God’s love and peace at this time.
Mon 30th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pray for Philip, Kate, Kristin and Daniel as they settle into a new home, church and area. • Pray for all those areas of the world where there is fighting and unrest and for the armed forces and agencies bringing both medical and practical aid.
Tues 31st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give thanks for each member of our church families in the Team GB and pray that we would seek God’s plans for us individually and collectively; as the New Year approaches. Pray we will be excited about all that God wants to do in our lives and in the lives of our 3 churches in 2020.

PRAYERS for December 2019

Please use this to help you in your prayers for the world, our community and the members and ministries of St. Mary’s Church.

Please contact Heather Ansell if you have any items for prayer, praise or thanks that you would like to include in the monthly prayer sheet.

For other items of prayer, please do look at St. Mary’s website: www.stmarysgreatbaddow.org.uk



Sun 1st	<p>ADVENT SUNDAY.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8am Holy Communion 10am Holy Communion with the theme ‘Waiting’. • 6.30pm TEAM GB FAREWELL SERVICE AT MEADGATE CHURCH. Pray for Philip and Kate as they say their goodbyes to the parish. Remember them as a family as they prepare to move to the Colchester Area.
Mon 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Mid- Africa Concern group meet this morning. Give thanks for the Christmas gifts that have been given to MAC for the staff at Potters Village and pray that the parcels will reach the village in time for Christmas, will show our love and be a blessing to all who receive them. Remember too Kisiizi and Kagando Hospitals. • Remember the situation between China and Hong Kong. Pray for wisdom and diplomacy for the Police Force as they deal with the huge number of people in one area.
Tues 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pray for those working in the many different departments of the Health Service. Remember also the Chaplains working in the Hospitals, Prisons and the Armed Forces during this Christmas period. May they bring comfort, support and love especially to those who are sad, lonely or fearful. • Remember those Carol Singing around the wards in Broomfield Hospital this evening and for the patients especially those who will be in hospital over the Christmas period. • Pray for those still suffering as a result of the flooding in the north of England and in Venice.
Wed 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pray for the problems associated with Human Trafficking. Remember the families and friends of those 39 Vietnamese who died in the refrigerated container found in Essex. • For Kylie and Bhim working in South East Asia educating people to spot the signs of trafficking. Remember too their children as they celebrate Christmas together.
Thurs 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to pray that those on the Church Opening rota on Thursday and Friday lunchtimes will give visitors a warm welcome and a listening ear if required. • Pray for the prospective politicians standing in the Parliamentary Election on the 12th Dec.

Fri 6 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to pray for our clergy in this parish as they make hospital and home visits and as they discuss issues relating to the Great Baddow team, its mission and ministries. Remember all those planning and performing at the concert, in aid of MAC tomorrow. Give thanks for the gifts God has given Jane Parker and the way she encourages the young people to perform. Pray for the Queen and the Royal Family at this difficult time, following the interview with Prince Andrew.
Sat 7 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Little2BigVoices Christmas Concert at 3pm in St. Mary's this afternoon. Remember the young people as they return home from university. May we, as a church family, welcome and support them. Remember Di Matthews as she prayer walks in Oldbury Ave., Britten Cres. and Lodge Avenue during this coming week.
Sun 8 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2nd Sunday in Advent. 8am Holy Communion 10am Morning Praise and an opportunity for St. Mary's to say thank you and farewell to Philip and Kate. Lathcoats Farm, in Beehive Lane, is holding its <u>Farmyard Nativity</u> starting at 4.30pm. Pray for all the arrangements and that many will support this event. No 6.30pm Service at St. Mary's.
Mon 9 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Breakfast and Bibles meet this morning. Pray for those attending and for Dot Cumming as she leads this group. Our Christmas Choir will be rehearsing tonight and Monday 16th December. Remember those in our congregation who work in our schools as teachers, governors, assistants, secretaries etc. at this busy time
Tues 10 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to pray for the Chelmsford Foodbank and all the Foodbanks around the country. May we be generous in regularly donating food that can be given to those in need. Especially remember those who are stressed and anxious over whether they will be able to provide for their families as Christmas approaches. Messy Tea takes place this afternoon. Pray for Sue, Kirsty and the helpers as they welcome the children, their parents/carers and share the Christmas story.
Wed 11 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot. A group from St. Mary's will be singing Carols in Kingfisher Lodge this afternoon. Pray this will be a good time of sharing with our community. GENERAL ELECTION tomorrow. PRAY THAT WE WILL PRAYERFULLY CONSIDER WHO WE MIGHT VOTE FOR.
Thurs 12 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Café Club is holding its Christmas Meal in St. Mary's this lunchtime. Pray that people will enjoy sharing lunch together. Remember too those who have started coming who are on their own that they will experience a very friendly atmosphere. Continue to pray for all the issues relating to Climate Change and the environment.
Fri 13 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember Prison Ministry and pray for them as they run the letter writing programme and especially at this time the Angel Tree, providing gifts for prisoners' children at Christmas. Mark Brown and all those taking part in 'The Journey' will be rehearsing this evening and tomorrow. Pray for our Government and Politicians following the General Election.

Sat 14 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give thanks to those who will be decorating the Great Baddow churches for our Christmas events and services. Remember the wardens as they prepare for the very busy Christmas period in the lives of our 3 churches.
Sun 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3rd Sunday in Advent 8am Holy Communion 10am 'The Journey'. This is an all age Nativity beginning in the Vineyards and moving on to St. Mary's Church. Pray that this will be an opportunity to reach many people, in our community, with the message of Christmas. 6.30pm. A Quiet Holy Communion Service.
Mon 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The final meeting for this term of the Breakfast and Bibles is taking place this morning in The Orchard, Meadgate Church. Baddow Hall Junior Lower School is holding its Christmas Service this afternoon in St. Mary's. Pray for the staff, children and their families as they prepare to celebrate Christmas.
Tues 17 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Today Baddow Hall Infant School is holding its Carol Service in church this morning... Pray for the staff, children and their families, as they prepare to celebrate Christmas. Today Baddow Hall Junior Upper School is holding its Carol Service in church this afternoon. Pray for the staff, children and their families as they prepare to celebrate Christmas. Pray for Phil Sheldrake and those in our parish, singing Carols at the White Horse this evening.
Wed 18 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am Holy Communion followed by Coffee Pot in Bell Street Hall. Playschool is holding its Carol Services in St. Mary's today. Pray for those leading this service and for the staff, the children and their families as they think about the real meaning of Christmas. Give thanks for our Crossfire Group and for their leaders. Pray for them as they hold a Christmas Social this evening in church.
Thurs 19 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remember Nazanin Zaghari-Ratcliffe, as she remains held in Iran and others around the world held in captivity; that God will strengthen them as they spend another Christmas away from their loved ones.
Fri 20 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to pray for those families in the UK – representing one in four children – who live in relative poverty and are beset by debt. Pray especially for those who miss out on benefits they are entitled to because they cannot understand the system or they lack the courage and confidence to seek help on their own. Remember the work of the UK Foodbank network.
Sat 21 st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pray for Anne Fitz, the musicians and singers as they rehearse today for the Christmas Carol Service taking place tomorrow evening. Pray that those attending our Christmas Services will see Jesus and experience His love and forgiveness.
Sun 22 nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4th Sunday in Advent. 8am Holy Communion 10am Family Service with the theme 'Emmanuel' 6.30pm Candlelight Carol Service. Pray for those ministering to us and for our visitors that they may find a warm welcome and experience the real meaning of the Christmas Story. Do pray for Anne, the musicians and singers as they lead our singing this evening.