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A *Virtual* Prayer Walk for Advent

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As you follow this *virtual* Prayer Walk around Kidderminster every day throughout Advent, continue our prayer themes of:

- **Seeking unity, wholeness and healing for 'our' church**

- **Seeking discernment for God's will in the life of St Chad's**

- **Seeking boldness for our witness and mission in the community**



1st Kidderminster Hospital

Pray for all NHS staff: medical, nursing and the many support roles in the hospital, at GP practices and in the community. Pray for their ability to cope under the pressures of the winter.



2nd The Bus Network

Pray for the safety of all who drive buses, for those who rely on a bus to get about and for long-term sustainability of services.



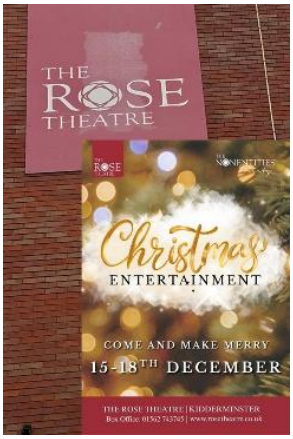
3rd Kidderminster College

Pray for staff and students: for courses that prepare young people well for the future. Pray for all young people not in education, employment or training and for innovative and compassionate solutions to tackle this issue.

4th Kidderminster Police Station



Pray for the local police, for the many pressures they face day to day. Pray that our neighbourhoods will be peaceable and law-abiding places to live.



5th Theatres

Give thanks for the performing arts – music, dance and theatre and the pleasure they give. Pray for the health of our local theatre and artists, that they can use their talents and dream big to fulfil their aspirations.



6th Parks and Open Spaces

Thank God for the beauty of our countryside and local recreational spaces. Bless these times of relaxation and enjoyment, whatever age we are.



7th Kidderminster Library

Give thanks for the library and the way it supports learning and relaxation. Pray for those who struggle with literacy and numeracy and for better access to help and support.



8th Kidderminster Food Bank

Pray for those who manage and volunteer for this vital work. Give thanks for people's generosity. Pray for policies that prioritise the fairer distribution of taxes and wealth.



9th Care Homes

Pray for all local residential and nursing homes – residents and those that staff them. Pray for all, especially those that feel lonely and afraid, that they might find comfort and friendship.

10th Early Years Provision

Pray for the next generation that their early life experience is safe, happy and stimulating, setting them up for a secure future. Pray for the protection of little ones and those who care for them – parents, family and professionals.





11th Kidderminster Job Centre

Pray for all who have lost their job recently or are anxious about employment security and prospects. Pray for employment advisors and a supply of decent jobs, especially for our young people.



12th Kidderminster Railway Station

Pray for all who work on the rail network and provide this essential service connecting us to the rest of the UK. Pray for the volunteers who run the Severn Valley Steam Railway that its heritage value may assure its future.

13th Local Primary Schools



Give thanks for the staff at local primary schools for their commitment to teaching and learning. Pray for the children, their homes, families and friends, that they will develop positive learning habits that set them up for future fulfilment.



14th Wyre Forest District Council

Pray for our local councillors and officers, also for our national government. Pray for wisdom and justice to guide decision-making as our political leaders balance competing needs and expectations.

15th Local Shops



Pray for all our local retailers, nearby and also in and around town, many facing tough trading conditions. Pray for the health and resilience of our business sector and for new opportunities to arise.



16th Pubs and Cafes Pray for those involved in hospitality – it's a tough sector with low wages, long hours and a lot of insecurity. Give thanks for the opportunity to get out and share food with friends and family.



17th Essential Services

Give thanks for all workers who support our community in a variety of ways – the refuse collectors, the posties, the firemen and so on. Keep them safe and keep them cheerful.



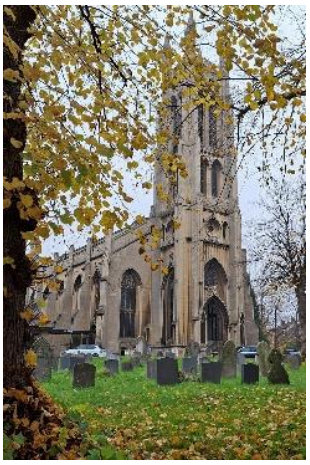
18th Kidderminster Leisure Centre

Give thanks for the opportunity we have to swim, exercise and keep fit. Pray for those who run sports clubs and teams, for energy and enthusiasm to keep offering activities for young and old alike



19th The Barrel of Fun

Pray for Simon and Peter and all the children who attend. Thank God for the helping hand this place offers and pray for assurance of funding. We pray for all youth workers supporting youngsters across our area.



20th Kidderminster East Parish

Give thanks for the churches in our parish, for the clergy and lay staff. Pray that God will enrich the spiritual lives of all Christians in all denominations across Kidderminster and make us bold witnesses in the coming year. Pray for all those attending Longest Night Services tomorrow night.



21st Kemp Hospice We remember those who are drawing to the end of their lives, for the family and friends and those who care for them. Bless the hospices and be close to all who are grieving the loss of loved ones at this time.

22nd Kidderminster Town



Give thanks for the renewal we see in parts of the town. Pray for vision and investment to make Kidderminster a good place to live. We pray for rough sleepers that proper provision can be made for their welfare.

23rd The Odell Centre



Remember those differently abled, the vulnerable and in need of support. Pray for the families, staff and members of the Centre and for sufficient funding. Pray for the wellbeing of all who attend or run the day centres in the district.



24th Local High Schools

Pray for the staff and students for fun and relaxing holidays and renewed focus on learning next year. Pray for children with special needs, mental health issues or challenging backgrounds, that nothing will hold them back.

25th Christmas Day St Chad's Church

Give thanks for God's precious gift as we worship Christ, the Light of the World today. Give thanks for each other and pray that God's message of Hope warms our hearts as we celebrate today.



Thank you for taking this *virtual* prayer walk around Kidderminster.

We wish you a joy-filled Christmas

and

many blessings in the coming year.