

**INTERCESSIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING**  
**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2017**  
**ADVENT SUNDAY**

Pray that we may all use this season of Advent to prepare our hearts and minds for the message of Christmas.

Pray for the leadership for the Anglican Communion, for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and for the Church in West Buganda (Uganda): Henry Katumba -Tamale his priests and people.

In our own Diocese pray for Alan, Bishop of St Albans and for his Suffragan Bishops Michael and Richard and for the parish of St Andrew (LEP) (Watford) and the community they serve.

Pray for St Albans Cursillo as it continues to encourage and enliven people in their Christian life.

Pray for the congregations of St Peter's, St Stephen's, St Mark's and St John the Baptist churches and for Fr Tristan, Fr Eugene and Rev Nick Wheeler and all lay people leading worship in the team churches. Pray for Fr Chris, Hannah, Samuel and Sophie.

Pray for our Christian brothers and sisters in and around Barnet, for the work of Churches Together for Chipping Barnet and Barnet Churches Action and for Hope Corner the staff and volunteers.

In an uncertain world let us continue to pray for the peace and for an end to conflicts in all places of war.

Pray for an end to poverty and hunger throughout the world as we remember all refugees and all displaced people that they may find refuge and security.

Remember all those who suffer persecution on account of their Christian witness.

At this time of colder weather pray for the housebound, frail and lonely in our community, that neighbours will look out for each other.

Pray for all in our community who care for the sick and the elderly in their homes, in hospital, hospice or in the many care and residential homes.

Prayers are asked for Joanna Sutherland-Young, Val West, Claire O'Brennan, Maureen Daly, Trevor and Megan Bainbridge, Tony and Lynette De Neayer.

In the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, commend to God's merciful compassion all who have recently died. Pray for all families bereaved at this time; all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they all rest in peace and rise in glory.