

**INTERCESSIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING  
SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2018  
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 Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain: Carlos López-Lozano 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 Christ Church and St Mark Watford Duncan Campbell, Keith Cheney, Sue Pankhurst and the community they serve.

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

Pray for all who will be holding carol services or using our churches to begin the celebrations of Christmas over the coming weeks.

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

Pray for the team at Hope Corner and for the work being done there to bring Christ's light to that community.

Remember all victims of violence and terrorism, and also those who suffer persecution on account of their Christian witness.

Pray for those who walk in the darkness of war, oppression and strife remembering the thousands of refugees and displaced persons give thanks for all the organisations which bring aid to these people and all who work tirelessly for peace.

Pray for all people who are suffering the effects of natural disasters in recent months.

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 the following in our community Neil Robinson, Claire O'Brennan, Bert and Viola Ferris, Maureen Daly, Peter Smithers, Adrian Esdaile and Trevor Bainbridge.

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