

Prayer Focus 16th December 2018

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! 2 Corinthians 9:15

Dear Lord, in this season of giving and getting I so easily overlook Your gifts to me.

Thank You for so many reasons to celebrate.

Thank You for a future filled with hope because it rests in Your hands.

For peace of mind when I keep my eyes on You. For joy beyond all my circumstances.

I'm grateful for what I often take for granted.

For a place to live, clothing, food, and all the good things that You daily provide.

Thank You for the beauty of Your creation. For sunny days, majestic sunsets, twinkling stars. What a wonderful world You've created.

I appreciate those people You've put into my life who know my faults yet still love me.

Thank You for their love and support.

Thank You for being with me in life's trials, drawing me closer to Yourself.

Teaching me to trust You more each day.

How drab, how empty life would be without all these gifts.

Most of all, dear Lord, thank You for coming to this earth, to live, to love, to die, to live again.

Thank You for becoming a man, closed in by a body that got tired and worn like mine, that suffered on the cross for me.

Thank You for promising that You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

And through receiving You I may know You now and someday live in the Father's House forever.

O, Lord, thank You for all Your gifts to me.

EBC & Local Focus:- Please pray for all end of term activities taking place in schools and churches across the town.

Pray that all those in ministry will be able to have time to enjoy the true spirit of Advent.

Street of the Week:- Alderbury Close

National & World Prayer Points:- from Open Doors - Pray for all Christians celebrating Christmas in Iraq this year, that they will be filled with joy and peace, and that God will protect them.

That this Christmas would be a time of healing for many, and that God's Spirit would be poured out on His church in Iraq

That the light of Christ would dispel the darkness in Iraq this Christmas.

Crucial climate talks called COP 24 took place in Poland from 3 to 14 December

Please Pray:- Lift up in prayer the individuals, families and communities suffering because of climate change. Pray that God will give them hope, working through our partners and others to help them survive and adapt.

God to work in the hearts and minds of leaders who attended COP 24. Pray that they will recognise the urgency of climate change, and be moved to take strong action. And pray they'll be convicted to use their power to benefit people who are vulnerable.

Pray that commitments made at COP 24 will include fair and transparent rules, so nations and leaders can be held to account. Pray also that funding will be provided to help developing countries adapt to the changing climate.