



*Time to Pray - It is!*  
*Time to Pray – Have you?*  
*10<sup>th</sup> January 2021*

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- Sunday**     **All Churches** relying on our Dear Holy Spirit to take and lead us through this new year carrying probably more hopes and fears than usual. May we look to His guidance as well as His wisdom in all our hopes and plans and rejoice as they unfold – only to His Great Glory!
  - Monday**     **Schools** – sometimes a ‘shake-up’ clears the air and then reveals new paths we might not otherwise notice. Keep the eyes of education wide open, from top to bottom, Govt to each pupil! Make rough places plain
  - Tuesday**     **Charities** – response to NHS has proved the caring heart of our nation has not shrivelled! But our pennies are fewer and less prominent orgs are suffering as a result. Keep us giving Lord, in time, thought & funds May the caring community lean on You for all the support they need.
  - Wednesday**     **Civic** – local plans need careful thought. Help those involved not to be lead astray by gimmicks or glamour but to look deeply into the costs involved, the means of & effects in achieving and the outcomes that will affect us all. Give them a real Vision for Sudbury & surrounds Lord
  - Thursday**     **CTIS&D:** 2001 at Sudbury’s Lighting-up, I stood with Fr Peter looking at St Peter’s closed doors & dark building. He said ‘The church is black and closed. If only it was open & alight’. From then to 2020 it was more & more Open & Alight! With Kettle & Fish and so much else. Now it promises to be even more open & alight as plans take shape. St Peter’s has always been a blessing – may it be even more so in 2021!
  - Friday**     **Services** – the areas of life that continue come what may, are still so demanding of time & expertise. Thank God for those who serve us daily, weekly, monthly without complaint. Let’s be truly thankful.
  - Saturday**     **Prayer Breakfast** Ruth Ridge [ruthridge@gmail.com](mailto:ruthridge@gmail.com) It is such a joy to share thoughts and prayers and discover that God’s ministry goes on even at a distance. Do join us on Zoom. You will be very welcome.
- Town Pastors** – still praying. **Open the Way Lord, please**



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**JESUS BORN KING!**

- Sunday**     **All Churches** open for worship this week! May Christ stand between us, protect us and rejoice in our praises. Bind us together Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together with love. Help us to be aware that we are made for the Glory of God!
- Monday**     **All Children – with and without at Christmas.** Be close Lord, in their joys or disappointments – be close. Hold them so they know Your Love. Help those who have much to know the value of each gift and those who have little or none to turn to You for comfort. Be so very close that their tears and fears are eased and they know You care.
- Tuesday**     **All Civic Leaders & staff - at rest.** May each one know how much they count – not just what they do but they themselves. Thank God for those in our society who care enough to ‘give a hand’ to those who need someone’s help. Bless those who suffer and mourn and struggle
- Wednesday**     **CTIS&D: Local & world-wide – at rest** May it be well-earned and well-recognised. Thank God for those who serve us all, constantly facing enormous problems and criticism, never enough money and always so much more needed to be done. Help us to be thankful.
- Thursday**     **CHRISTMAS EVE** – a time of hopefulness and dreams.  
  
*A family in dire need could not buy gifts. Mother sent them with old magazines separately to cut out pictures of gifts they would like to give to their siblings. Carefully wrapped on Christmas Day they opened one at a time and shared their dreams together and rejoiced in each other’s longings. Teach all of us LORD, to truly value what is truly valuable.*
- Friday**     **CHRISTMAS DAY – “CHRIST IS BORN”**  
                   **their choirs are singing**  
                   **Till the air everywhere**  
                   **Now with joy is ringing!** *Covid can’t stop them!!*
- Saturday**     **BOXING DAY** traditionally the day when we recognise those who serve us and make sure they are rewarded. Be in all our festivities.



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*WISE MEN & WOMEN STILL WORSHIP JESUS!*

- Sunday**      **All Churches** – aware of so many plans put aside, so many more problems still to be faced and less money to meet them. Looking back may make us despondent but nothing done in the Lord’s Name is in vain and every single effort He can use. We just need to be faithful.
- Monday**     **All Children** through this year have faced fear and uncertainty. Pray that they are stronger for it. Just as their resilience helps them learn and adjust, may their memories of past failures not overwhelm them and hold them back from experimenting. Bless our young ones Lord.
- Tuesday**    **All Charity workers - at rest** for this short while may they enjoy their homes and families and gather strength for the coming fray. Be in the quietness of their sleep and fill their days with rich loving awareness.
- Wednesday** **All Civic Leaders & staff - at rest** for them too we ask relaxation in their homes and families. May they have time for each other and look more often and more deeply at those around them. Restore their minds and bodies with renewed energy and vigour. Build them up.
- Thursday**    **NEW YEAR’S EVE** This has been a world-wide “annus horribilis”! Help us to look back squarely, count the cost honestly and list the blessings that have come our way. Then rise up and face tomorrow!  
**BREXIT BREXIT BREXIT Thy will be done in UK as in Heaven!**
- Friday**       **2021 NEW YEAR** A blank canvas – what joys will brighten our pictures? What shadows are waiting to be experienced? What deep and lasting lessons are hinted at? What ‘newness’ will we put into this New Year? How much love can we muster and afford to give away?
- Saturday**    **All Your Messengers** who Prayerfully go in Your Name to seek out those who don’t yet know You in all Your Glory! Fill everyone who owns and bears Your Name with a renewing baptism of the Holy Spirit. Direct all their/our future paths, equip us to meet each demand and above all be glorified in every aspect of our future ministry. Please Lord



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*BEHOLD I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW!*

- Sunday**      **New beginnings for All Churches and all their staff** – Help us to adapt to the ‘new normal’ Lord in every walk of life and within our churches. May we see The Hand of our Creator God at work and that to bless. May Open the Book not be impeded from starting up again.
- Monday**     **New beginnings for Schools** – May this term be easier to cope with for staff and pupils as they get used to the changes already or to be made. Give them hope for the future and satisfaction in the present.
- Tuesday**    **New beginnings for Charities** – May the changes already in place be easier to accept and everyone be aware of areas of improvement. Be in the handling of their finances, staffing recruitment and all future planning so that their care will be of the absolute best they can give.
- Wednesday** **New beginnings for Civic** – May our leaders, local & Governmental, be wide open to the future, accepting change not for its own sake, but the benefit of those they serve. Keep their eyes on the real goals Lord
- Thursday**    **New beginnings for CTiS&D:** May all involved know the wonder of being used by You, for the glory of Your Name, for the spread of Your Great Good News and to please Your Heart, Father Son & Holy Spirit
- Friday**       **New beginnings for Services** – May those who ‘give’ daily in any way know Who to turn to for strength, re-assurance, wisdom and enough love to give away to everyone they meet, however demanding. Bless those who serve us in whatever function. Bless them 110% please Dear Lord and use them through this year to improve life in every possible way.
- Saturday**    **New beginnings for individual Christians** in whatever ministry they are involved in. Re-fill us all Lord, with faith, strength, hope & love sufficient for the needs we meet. Bless us each one indeed and extend our borders with faith to take on new challenges during 2021.  
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