

## Prayer Diary December 2023

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. John 1:5*

The prayers each day are for:

- the mission and ministry of a benefice
- organisations, schools, events of the diocese and the wider community
- our link Diocese Kagera and World Mission

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| <b>Fri</b><br><b>1 Dec</b><br><b>2023</b> | Hartismere and Hoxne Deanery<br>South Hartismere<br>The Revd Debbie Nicholls, Emma Morris<br>(Children's and Families' Minister) | Chaplains to Uniformed Organisations for Young People  | Today is World Aids Day. Pray for those infected by HIV and the 39 million people across the globe living with the consequences. Pray for their families and those who look after them. |
| <b>Sat</b><br><b>2 Dec</b><br><b>2023</b> | Mildenhall Deanery<br>Brandon<br>The Revd Canon Sharron Coburn, The Revd Dennis Coburn, The Revd Kath Palmer                     | Church schools in Mildenhall Deanery:<br>Elveden Primary School; Moulton Primary School; St Mary's School Mildenhall, All Saints Primary School Newmarket; St Christopher's Primary School, Red Lodge. | Biharamulo: The Revd Didas Kilolonga, Pastor in Nyabyando Parish and The Revd Timotheo Petro Pastor in Nyabungombe Parish   |

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| <p><b>Sun</b><br/><b>3 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>   | <p>Mildenhall Deanery<br/>Lakenheath, Santon Downham and Elveden<br/>In Vacancy</p>  | <p>Growing in God diocesan aims (younger, in number, in depth and in influence)</p>                           | <p>Pray for peace in the Middle East. Pray for those who have lost family members, those who have lost their homes and livelihoods. Pray for compassion and understanding on both sides.</p>                              |
| <p><b>Mon</b><br/><b>4 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>   | <p>Mildenhall Deanery<br/>The Forest Heath Team Ministry<br/>The Revd Canon Chris Childs, The Revd David Butcher, The Revd Caroline Butcher, The Revd Sue Leathley, The Revd Dr Adam Barclay, The Revd Diane Grano, Stephen Hurton (Licensed Evangelist)</p> | <p>Debt relief agencies and those struggling with the cost of living</p>                                      | <p>Kagera: The Revd Joseph Kalekezi, Pastor of Chivu Parish and Rural Dean of Kumubanga</p>   |
| <p><b>Tues</b><br/><b>5 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>  | <p>Mildenhall Deanery<br/>Newmarket: All Saints<br/>The Revd Robert Otule, The Revd Su Shaw, The Revd Ricky Woodard</p>  | <p>Judicial System and Police in Suffolk</p>  | <p>Pray for 'Peter' Yuan Shiguo in Chengdu, and the Sichuan seminary where he teaches; for the students preparing to serve in churches among the many minority people groups in Yunnan, Sichuan and Guizhou provinces</p> |
| <p><b>Wed</b><br/><b>6 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>   | <p>Mildenhall Deanery<br/>Newmarket St Mary with Exning St Agnew<br/>The Revd Cheryl Belding</p>   | <p>For St Nicholas Hospice, BSE, for the Revd Canon Sharon Connell and all hospice and hospital chaplains</p> | <p>Kagera: The Revd Odace Buchendole Rural Dean in Bushangaro Parish</p>  |
| <p><b>Thurs</b><br/><b>7 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p> | <p>Mildenhall Deanery<br/>Newmarket St Mary<br/>The Revd Jeremy Lind</p>   | <p>Chaplains to Seafarers (at Port of Felixstowe) The Revd Canon Herbert Fadriquela</p>                       | <p>Kagera: The Revd Odace Buchendole Rural Dean in Bushangaro Parish</p>  |

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| <b>Fri 8 Dec 2023</b>   | Mildenhall Deanery<br>Exning St Martin with Landwade<br>The Revd Liam Beadle  | Modern Day Slavery, victims of sex trade, crime, labour exploitation and domestic servitude  | Biharamulo: The Revd Simon Karukubila, pastor of Katoke Parish and The Revd Edward Runyota, Muganza Parish   |
| <b>Sat 9 Dec 2023</b>   | Ipswich Deanery<br>Bridge Church<br>The Revd Andy Buttress  | Inspiring Ipswich  | Pray for those who have experienced the severe air pollution in Delhi which has cost lives. Pray that ways may be found to reduce the pollution and give people living there a better quality of life.                                   |
| <b>Sun 10 Dec 2023</b>  | Ipswich Deanery<br>All Hallows<br>The Revd Emma Haggar, The Revd Nancy Sloan-Capasso  | Church Primary Schools in Ipswich Deanery: Morland; St John's; St Margaret; and St Matthew's   | Today is Human Rights Day. Pray for those whose human rights are abused by government. Those who are not free to protest, to form a union, to speak out, to practise their faith. Pray that human rights are respected around the world. |
| <b>Mon 11 Dec 2023</b>  | Ipswich Deanery<br>St Augustine<br>The Revd Al Metcalfe, The Revd Sarah Hall, Julie Daniels (Children's and Families' Minister)   | Clergy Retirement Officer (The Revd Dr Simon Hill) and Clergy Widow/Widower Officer (The Revd Canon Alan Forsdike and the Revd Catherine Forsdike) | Biharamulo: The Revd Simon Sekanabo, pastor at Bwengabo parish the Revd Richard Karugune, Mwendakulima Parish  |
| <b>Tues 12 Dec 2023</b> | Ipswich Deanery<br>St Francis with St Clare, Chantry and Pinewood<br>The Revd Heather Livingstone, James Hawksworth (Pioneer Evangelist at the Suffolk Centre of Mission) | Those who are unemployed and jobseekers  | Kagera: Pray for Joel Aleku the Headteacher at Ngara Anglican Primary School   |

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| <p><b>Wed</b><br/><b>13 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>   | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>St John the Baptist with St Andrew<br/>The Revd Mark Prentice, The Revd Liz Fox, Emma Allinson (Children's and Families' Minister), Lizzie Kent (Children's and Families' Minister), Tracey Needham (Licensed Evangelist), Dawn Gillett (Licensed Evangelist), John Gillett (Reader), Andrew Taylor (Reader)</p> | <p>Chaplains to the Police Force</p> | <p>Kagera: The Revd Emmanuel Jeconiah (Archdeacon), Rural Dean Murongo Deanery and The Revd Christian S. Joachim, Rural Dean, Rusumo</p> |
| <p><b>Thurs</b><br/><b>14 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p> | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>St Margaret<br/>The Revd Sarah Geileskey, Helen Prior-Townsend (Licensed Evangelist)</p>   | <p>The Befriending Scheme.</p>       | <p>Biharamulo: The Revd Lazore Joram, Bwanga Parish and the Revd Gerazoi Mathias, Mutundu Parish</p>                                     |
| <p><b>Fri 15</b><br/><b>Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>   | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>St Mary Le Tower<br/>The Revd Tom Mumford, The Revd Jo Gunn</p>  | <p>Inspiring Ipswich</p>             | <p>Kagera: Mrs Malicelina Mboya, Head Teacher, Mchungaii Mwebwa (Good Shepherd) Secondary School</p>                                     |
| <p><b>Sat</b><br/><b>16 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>   | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>St Mary-at-the-Elms<br/>The Revd Canon John Thackray, Ben Harvey (Licensed Lay Minister)</p>   | <p>Inspiring Angels</p>              | <p>Kagera: The Revd Sylvester Shedrack Rusizila, Mukarehe Parish and The Revd Peter Benezet Kabwebwe, Ruhembe Parish</p>                 |

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| <p><b>Sun</b><br/><b>17 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>  | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>St Mary Stoke<br/>The Revd Sophie Cowan, The Revd Kay Palmer, Linda Preston (Licensed Evangelist), Graham Miles (Licensed Evangelist)</p>   | <p>Church Choirs and Musicians</p>  | <p>Pray for an end to fighting in Ukraine. Pray for those who will be refugees, far from their homes this Christmastide. Pray for those who have lost loved ones or are unsure where their loved ones are.</p>   |
| <p><b>Mon</b><br/><b>18 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>  | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>St Matthew with Triangle and All Saints<br/>The Revd Canon Nick Atkins, The Revd Lawrence Carey, The Revd Ruth Best, The Revd Danny Morrison, The Revd Dimitri Theulings, The Revd Lorna Penaluna, The Revd Kiran Lotay, Hannah Ponting (Licensed Evangelist), Jane Cornish (Reader), Rob Collett (Licensed Evangelist)</p> | <p>Social workers.</p>  | <p>Kagera: Pray for Rev. Amon Jackson, Principal at KCTC. As he prepares to join us in our diocese on the 22nd June. Pray for a safe journey and that he will find his time with us fulfilling. Pray for a strengthening of our diocesan links as a result of his visit.</p> |
| <p><b>Tues</b><br/><b>19 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p> | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>St Thomas<br/>The Revd Rachel Revely, The Revd John Irwin, Emma Knight (Children's and Families' Minister), Lyanne Brendt (Children's and Families' Minister)</p>   | <p>Prisons in Suffolk (Hollesey Bay, Warren Hill, Highpoint), prisoners and staff</p> | <p>Kagera: The Revd Tuisenge Edson Manase, studying at Bunda and The Revd Repson Katto Kagya, studying in Kenya.</p>   |
| <p><b>Wed</b><br/><b>20 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>  | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>St Bartholomew<br/>The Revd Paul Carter</p>   | <p>Chaplains to schools and colleges</p>  | <p>Kagera: The Revd Bariki Verediana Mihigo, Nkwenda Parish and The Revd Stephano Anthony Bihushwa, Mshikamano Parish</p>  |

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| <p><b>Thurs<br/>21 Dec<br/>2023</b></p> | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>Lindbergh Road Community Church<br/>The Revd Ian Daniels</p>   | <p>Venture Scouts and Rangers, Scouts &amp; Guides, Cub-scouts &amp; Brownies, Beavers and Rainbows</p> | <p>Kagera: The Revd Josias Buneye, Coordinator of Bible Knowledge in Schools and Youth Leader</p>   |
| <p><b>Fri<br/>22 Dec<br/>2023</b></p>   | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>River Church<br/>The Revd Matt Key, The Revd Amy Key</p>   | <p>Parish Nursing Ministries UK</p>   | <p>Kagera: Shemasi Deo Phillemon, Parish Pastor for Muruvyagila</p>   |
| <p><b>Sat<br/>23 Dec<br/>2023</b></p>   | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>Rushmere<br/>The Revd Alan Comfort, David Gill (Reader)</p>  | <p>Business and Finance Sector in Suffolk</p>   | <p>Kagera: The Revd Fr. Phocas Nshimiyimana, Tutor at KCTC, Murgwanza</p>   |
| <p><b>Sun<br/>24 Dec<br/>2023</b></p>   | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>St Peter Stoke Park<br/>The Revd Emily Swinerd, The Revd Marvyn Dye, Clive Darley (Reader), Andrew Hill (Reader)</p> | <p>Suffolk Family Carers</p>  | <p>On this Christmas Eve pray for the peace of the Christ child to enter every home. Pray for those children who are growing up in poverty and neglect. Pray for children who are those who are abused. Pray for peace and love to enter their lives.</p> |

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| <p><b>Mon</b><br/><b>25 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>   | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>Waterfront Benefice<br/>The Revd Susan Allison</p>   | <p>Refugees in Suffolk</p>  | <p>Kagera: The Revd John Ruzabila, Rural Dean of Murugalama</p>   |
| <p><b>Tues</b><br/><b>26 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>  | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>Whitton with Thurleston and Akenham<br/>The Revd Mary Sokanovic, The Revd Maureen Bonsall</p>  | <p>Ordinands and Licensed Lay Ministers in training</p>   | <p>Pray for those trying to rebuild their homes and their lives after the severe earthquake in Nepal last month. Pray for the families of the 150 people who have died.</p> |
| <p><b>Wed</b><br/><b>27 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>   | <p>Ipswich Deanery<br/>Westerfield &amp; Tuddenham St Martin with Witnesham<br/>The Revd Charlotte Cook, Paul Laughlin (Reader)</p>                           | <p>Church Army</p>  | <p>Biharamulo: The Revd Erasto Rushongo, pastor of Buseresere Parish</p>  |
| <p><b>Thurs</b><br/><b>28 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p> | <p>Ixworth Deanery<br/>Badwell and Walsham<br/>Vacancy</p>  | <p>Chaplains to Army Cadets, Sea Cadets and Air Cadets</p>  | <p>Kagera: The Revd Celestin Yusuph Sunzu (Archdeacon) Rural Dean of Kabanga</p>  |
| <p><b>Fri 29</b><br/><b>Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p>   | <p>Ixworth Deanery<br/>Blackbourne Team Ministry<br/>The Revd Dr Karen Burton, The Revd Lesley Norburn, The Revd Catriona Brinkley, The Revd Lauren Moore</p> | <p>Church Primary Schools in Ixworth Deanery: Bardwell, Barnham, Barningham, Honington, Hopton, Ixworth, and Norton</p> | <p>Biharamulo: The Revd Cosmas Bonifas, Pastor of Maweni Parish</p>   |

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| <p><b>Sat</b><br/><b>30 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p> | <p>Ixworth Deanery<br/>Pakenham with Norton, Tostock, with Great Ashfield, Hunston and Stowlangtoft<br/>The Revd Katherine Valentine</p> | <p>Archdeacons David, Rich, Rhiannon and Sally</p>                                       | <p>As we prepare for New Year and clear up after Christmas, pray for those most impacted by plastic pollution. Pray that ways may be found to reduce plastic pollution which impacts heavily on African nations.</p> |
| <p><b>Sun</b><br/><b>31 Dec</b><br/><b>2023</b></p> | <p>Ixworth Deanery<br/>Stanton<br/>The Revd Cathy Bladen, Hilary Wordsworth-Sewell (Children's and Families' Minister)</p>               | <p>Rural Coffee Caravan/Meet up Mondays to combat loneliness and promote communities</p> | <p>Kagera: Pray for all diocesan staff, including secretaries, accountants, administrators, cooks, cleaners, night guards, drivers, who support the priests.</p>   |