



THE OLIVE TREE CHURCH: DECEMBER PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for each other, particularly for:

- ◆ those of our fellowship who are in residential care:and those unable to attend church at present:
- ◆ those who have health problems, who are ill in hospital or at home, or receiving or waiting for treatment, and for their family members who are caring for them.
- ◆ for those who have been bereaved in recent months.

As we approach Christmas, please pray for the following services and activities:

- ◆ **Messy Church Christingle** on 9th ;
- ◆ **Nativity and Toy Service** on 10th ;
- ◆ **Candlelit Carol Service** on 17th ;
- ◆ **Fellowship Club Christmas Service** on 19th ;
- ◆ **Christmas Eve Service** on 24th

Pray for:

- ◆ those who will be organising and leading these events;
- ◆ for opportunities to invite family, friends, neighbours and colleagues;
- ◆ for good attendances;
- ◆ that all who come will be aware of God's presence and be receptive to the message of the Christmas story

Remember in prayer those for whom this Christmas may be difficult, especially:

- ◆ people facing their first Christmas after a bereavement;
- ◆ those who will spend Christmas alone or separated from their families;families struggling to buy food and presents.

As we give to others, please pray:

- ◆ for the children and families who will receive the presents we donate at the Toy Service and for the Salvation Army as they deliver them;
- ◆ for the women who will receive the Christmas stocking gifts we have given to Azalea, and for the safety of women who are particularly vulnerable at this time of the year.

As we remember the angels' song of peace on earth, please pray for:-

- ◆ the protection of all innocent victims of war;
- ◆ an end to the wars in the Ukraine, Palestine and various parts of Africa
- ◆ for wisdom for all in power, that the right decisions will be made to bring the conflict between Israel and Hamas to an end and seek a peaceful long-term solution.

'..and all the world send back the song which now the angels sing.'

