

St John's Woodbridge and St Andrew's Bredfield

December 2025

Discovering God and Sharing the Love of Jesus

Matthew 24: 36 – 44

1st No-one knows about that day or hour...

At the start of Advent we look forward to when Christ will return. Pray for Charles and Kate. Pray for those affected by the continuing war in Ukraine. Pray for peace. Pray for humanitarian aid to reach the people of Gaza. Pray for those in or affected by domestic violence. Pray for the Hub and for the Repair Cafe.

2nd As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man

Give thanks for all that Jesus taught us, preparing us to enter the Kingdom of God. Pray that we can be effective in reaching out to young and old with the love of Jesus. Pray for Toddlers at St Johns. Pray for the prayer meetings being held this week and that we will be faithful in prayer. Pray for Alpha and those participating as guests or helpers.

3rd They knew nothing about what would happen...

We are called to tell people about Jesus and his saving grace. Pray for God's word to be heard throughout the world. Pray for the world, the United Nations and national governments. Pray for deliverance for those caught up in human slavery and trafficking. Pray for the organisations tackling these problems. Pray for the Advent Carol Service today.

4th Therefore keep watch...

Be prepared. Jesus warns us that he could come at any time. Give thanks that through our Lord Jesus our sins can be forgiven, if we confess and repent of them. Pray for those who are struggling to make ends meet and organisations trying to help them. Pray for prison ministry in its various forms and that those in prison will turn to the Lord.

5th So you also be ready...

Awake Suffolk encouraged us to move out of our comfort zone. Pray that we will be bolder in reaching out. Pray that we will persevere in reading and learning from God's word, obeying and seeking his direction for our lives. Pray for the Woodbridge Christmas Fair and for a Christian presence. Pray for the Advent services this coming Sunday

Weekend: Pray for your family, your neighbours and loved ones

Luke 2: 8 - 14

8th Shepherds...keeping watch over their flocks

Give thanks that our shepherd, Jesus, keeps watch over us, his precious flock. Pray for the pastoral care within our churches. Pray for our churchwardens and the PCCs. Pray for the efforts to combat climate change. Pray for those affected by conflict in Ukraine and elsewhere. Pray for the Hub.

9th An angel of the Lord appeared to them

We may not see angels, but we can listen for the Lord's voice through his word, through speaking direct to your inmost being and then obey him. Pray for those who find it difficult to accept God's love. Pray for Christian Aid and its work throughout the world. Pray for [Toddlers at St Johns](#). Pray for our children and young people. Pray for families struggling to feed their children and make Christmas a special time. Pray for the Children's Society.

10th The glory of the Lord shone around them

Close your eyes and imagine God's glory surrounding you. Pray that all you say will give joy to the Lord and encourage others. Set a time to sit quietly each day, so that the Lord can speak into your heart. Give thanks and pray for those who preach the gospel. Ask our Father to help us listen to the concerns of those around us. Pray for those whose health investigations and treatment have been delayed.

11th ...I bring you news of great joy that will be for all the people

Our friends and neighbours need to hear this great joy. Who can you bring to one of our services over Christmas? Pray that we will be open to God's guidance and be prepared to share his good news. Pray for those God has placed on your heart. Pray for our office staff and volunteers. Pray for our Life Groups. Pray for Just42.

12th A saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord

God comes alongside us and supports us when we call upon him but we need to give him time and space. Pray for the healing of relationships and hurts, some of these due to historic or current racial or domestic abuse. Pray for the emergency services. Pray for the Men's Breakfast.

Pray for the services on Sunday. Pray for the Christmas Extravaganza.

Weekend: Pray for your family, your neighbours and loved ones

Luke 2: 8 – 20

15th Glory to God in the highest

Give God the glory that is his due. Give thanks to the Lord for all he has done in your life. Pray that we will be a church that welcomes all. Pray for the people of Ukraine. Pray for the people of Israel and Palestine. Pray that the fragile peace will hold. Pray for the work of The Children's Society. Pray for the Hub. Pray for our government and that decisions made will be for the benefit of all.

16th ...on earth peace ...

Pray for peace throughout the world. Pray that Jesus will be welcomed in our homes and those of our family and friends. Pray for our Mission Partners – David and Manuela, John and Gillian and their families. Pray for [Toddlers at St Johns](#). Pray for all of our ministry to families and children. Pray for healing of any broken relationships. Pray for the possible recruitment of a Youth Pastor. Pray for who you could invite to Alpha next month.

17th ...this thing that the Lord has told us about

We worship God as our Father, but we must not lose sight of his awesome majesty. Give thanks for all that we have heard about our Saviour and his sharing all aspects of our humanity. Pray that we will value and support one another. Pray for the hungry and

homeless and those who seek to help them. Pray for those affected by war, earthquakes, forest fires, floods and other catastrophic events. Pray for the Wednesday congregation.

18th ...they spread the word concerning what had been told them...

Open your heart and your voice in praise and thanks for your salvation. Pray for those who are fearful for the future. Pray for those struggling with pain and disability or struggling mentally or financially that they will be able to access appropriate help especially for debt counselling. Pray for young people seeking employment. Pray for the Bible Society.

19thglorifying and praising God ...

Spend some time lifting your voice and your heart in praise, glorifying our God. Let God fill you with joy in his presence and the desire to share that joy with those around us. Pray for yourself and the people of our benefice that we can step out in faith, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Pray for the Christingle and carols by Candlelight services on Sunday.

Weekend: Pray for the protection of your family and friends

Psalm 80: 1 – 8, 18 - 20

22nd Hear us, O Shepherd of Israel

Give thanks that God does hear and that through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross we are brought closer to God, our sins being forgiven. Pray for Suffolk County Council and East Suffolk District Council, for their work and that decisions made will be to the benefit of all. Pray for those who live or work in residential or care homes in this area. Pray for those receiving end of life care. Pray for the CPAS. Pray for the Middle East.

23rd Restore us, O God; make your face shine upon us

Pray that we will know how much God loves us and that he offers forgiveness to those who come to him in repentance. Pray that we can share this message with those around us, at home or in Woodbridge. Pray for growth of the ministry in our benefice to children and young people. Pray for the NHS, social care and our medical centres. Pray for Open Doors. Pray for the Alpha course which starts next month.

24th Christmas Eve

Pray that this time will be a special time as families get together. May you be the centre of their joy and celebration, bringing many closer to you. Pray for the Crib Service and the Midnight celebration of Holy Communion.

25th Christmas Day

Find some time to meditate on the awesome sacrifice our Saviour made in being born as a baby, in humble surroundings in an obscure village.

26th Make your face shine upon us that we may be saved.

Spend some time in the worship of God the Father, Jesus the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Pray that our love for one another will flow into the community. Pray for the ministry of healing and for sensitivity towards those struggling with long term ailments. Pray for our farmers, those involved in agriculture and those involved in food production. Pray for the Sunday services.

Isaiah 63: 7 – 9

29th I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord

Who can you tell of all that God has done in your life? Ask Him to give you the opportunities and the words to say. Pray for the world and for God's will to be done. Pray for the Hub.

30th the deeds for which he is to be praised

Lift your voice in praise to our God and Saviour. Pray for Charles, Kate and their family, a time to relax after the pressures over Christmas. Pray for the up-coming Alpha course – is there someone who you could invite?

31st Surely they are my people

Give thanks that through Jesus we have become part of God's family. Pray for the homeless and the hungry. How can we help to bring them hope in the New Year?

1st He became their Saviour

Give thanks to God for Jesus and all he taught us through his words and actions. Pray for our government at national and local levels and the decisions made.

2nd In his love and mercy he redeemed them

When we come to the Lord and confess where we have done wrong, or missed doing right, he forgives us and restores us. Pray for the emergency services, health professionals and give thanks for their dedicated service. Pray for the services on Sunday.

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