



**Prayer Points for week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: the virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel, which means 'God with us'.**  
 Isaiah chapter 7 verse 14

**Advent** Advent is the time of year we celebrate the arrival of Christ on earth and His salvation for mankind. Let us prepare for Christ's arrival in prayer.

**Distractions** Advent is also the time when our world gets caught up with the busyness of Christmas – decorating, cooking and baking, buying presents. At this time let us not be distracted from the real meaning of Christmas.

**Visible** The light from the candles on the Advent Wreath are visible for all to see – a light burning brightly in the darkness. Pray that God might use you – as a bright light shining for Him – in your home, amongst your friends, in your school or college or work, and in your community.

**Everyone** Advent brings us closer to Christ who is with us. We are reminded that no-one is beyond the reach of God's love. Pray for those who don't yet know Christ as their personal Saviour. Pray for everyone who comes into Streaton church on a Sunday, and everyone who comes to our organisations – Craft Class, GB and BB, Tots & Toddlers, Youth Club, Youth Fellowship, Bowls, Badminton and Football & Fellowship.

**Nearing** At Advent we wait for the coming Christ. In this time of space and preparation, let us clothe ourselves with the real meaning of Advent in our lives – of hope, love, joy and peace. May these be central in our lives.

**Transformation** Advent is a journey of transformation. Of waiting for a King and the arrival of a tiny baby. Pray that our advent journey this year would be one of transformation. Moving us away from greed and selfishness in a world of inequality and exploitation, to God's kingdom of righteousness and mercy in a transformed world. Pray for all that we have given and can still give coming up to Christmas – the presents for Belfast City Mission, the Blythswood shoe boxes and donations to the Presbyterian Children's Society. Pray God's blessing on all this work.

**If you have any specific requests for prayer, please contact our Minister Jeff McWatters on 07799552804. In addition, if there are any situations that arise for which you need practical support, please contact Jeff or our Clerk of Session, Wallace McKee, on 07985 085527, or your elder**

**OFFICE** - Please email announcements etc. this week before **Thursday**. If you, or someone you know, is going into hospital, please let the office know.

**SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

10.20am Prayer Time  
 11 am: Worship Service: Rev. Jeff McWatters  
 (Discovery Sunday School and crèche during the service)

After the service Tea and coffee / Library open

6.30pm: Elders' Prayer Time  
 7-8pm Youth Fellowship

**CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICES**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

11am: All-age Carol Service  
 6pm: Traditional Lessons and Carols Service

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK**

Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12.30pm	Craft Class
	6.45pm	G.B.
	7.30pm	Session Meeting
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.15-11.45am	Tots & Toddlers
	6.30pm	B.B.
	7.30pm	Singing Practice
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Small Group
	8pm	Football & Fellowship
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	10am-12.30pm	Indoor Bowls
	2-4pm	Thursday Drop-in
	7.30pm	Badminton
	7.30pm	PW Christmas Craft Night
	7.30pm	Men's Fellowship Dinner (Clandeboyne)
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	12.30pm	Small Group

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **2023 DAILY BIBLE READING GUIDE** is available in the pews to take home. Copies are also available in the Church Entrance and Welcome Area.

**ENVELOPE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2023 FWO ENVELOPES** are now available to be collected from the Kerr Hall.  
**NOTE FROM THE TREASURER:** due to the holiday season, we cannot guarantee that any donations received after **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December**, will be included in 2022 accounts.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** – envelopes are now available in the pews. Your support for this worthy cause is greatly appreciated, especially in these difficult times. Cheques should be made payable to Streaton Presbyterian Church. Thank you.