

# Prayer Diary: December 2016

*If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. (2 Chronicles 7:14)*

## Week 1: 4 December – 10 December



### Probationer: Allan Morton

Give thanks to God for Allan as he develops the skills of and gains in experience as a parish minister. Pray God will guide his reflection on what he learned through the first months of his probation period.

## Our Recognition by Presbytery

Give thanks to God for the way our life, worship, mission and service has developed and for the positive and spiritual way we are now perceived by the Presbytery of Edinburgh. Pray God cause us to flourish in the next period of our Reviewable Charge .



## Week 2: 11 December - 17 December

### Our Fellowship

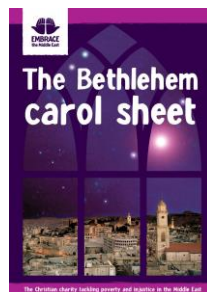


Give thanks to God for the family of faith gathered in Polwarth. Pray God will make us appreciative of all the people whose involvement, great and small, contributes to our functioning as the Body of Christ. Pray God will bless all who

prepare and serve our Christmas lunch.

### Carols By The Canal

Give thanks to God for the tradition of singing well-loved carols at Christmas. Pray God will draw to us a good



number within our networked communities and parish to join us in a public act of witness to praise God for the birth of Jesus.



## Week 3: 18 December – 24 December Christmas at Polwarth

Give thanks to God for the miracle at the heart of our faith: in Jesus, God-is-with-us. Pray God will use our various Christmas services to awaken faith in Jesus and the people in our parish would hear the Good News of God.

## Peace in Palestine-Israel

On the 24<sup>th</sup> on this month please pause and remember with sorrow the decades-old enmity between Arab and Jew who live in the Holy Land. Pray God will come again to the place of Christ's birth and bring down the wall of division.



## Week 4: 25 December – 31 December

### Remember those with least to celebrate

Give thanks to God for the festive season that brings together family and friends. Pray God for those who will walk alongside those with little to celebrate: the lonely, those in hospitals and hospices, the poor and homeless to bring them companionships, healing, and relief.

Pray God for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the countries of the Middle East, for the people in besieged Aleppo, and all for who 2016 was a year of fear and misery.

