

Knaphill Methodist Church

“Let us pray”

**“Shine**

**like stars**

**in the universe”**

**Philippians 2:15c ANIV**

**A Prayer Diary**

**for January 2022**

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| **Day/Date** | **Theme/Event** | **Pray for …** | **✔** | **Notes****Thoughts****Action** |
| 1stSaturday | ‘Expect-ation …’ | *“We saw His star …”* Matthew 2:2c NIVThe wise men ‘saw’ because they were ‘looking’: how will YOU be looking for Him this year? Make; write down; & commit to your Faith Resolutions for 2022. Pray over them, & ask for God’s help to keep them.  |  |  |
| **2nd****Sunday** | The right response | *“… & have come to worship Him.”* Matthew 2:2d NIVOn this first Lord’s Day of the New Year, find a way to ‘come to worship’ God & praise Jesus. (you have so much ‘more to go on’ than the wise men did …!) |  |  |
| 3rdMonday | Balaam’s 4th Oracle | *“… some day, a king of Israel will appear like a star.”* Numbers 24:17b CEVThis prophecy was ultimately fulfilled in Jesus, the Messiah. Reflect: how do we use the word ‘star’ today? How/is Jesus YOUR ‘star’? Pray through your responses. |  |  |
| 4thTuesday | A New Day … Wow! | *“Nations will come to Your light; kings will come to the brightness of Your sunrise.”* Isaiah 60:3 YBAt one level, the visit of the Magi fulfilled this. But …* … nations & leaders to encounter & come to know Jesus as Lord. What a difference it would make!
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| 5thWednesday | He is going ahead of you … | *“… the star … went ahead of them …”* Matthew 2:9c NIV*“… the Lord you God … went ahead of you on your journey,”* Deuteronomy 1:32b-33a NIVWhat lies ‘ahead of’ you this year? Hopes? Fears?Pray all your concerns over to God: wherever you travel on life’s journey, He is already present there. Amen! |  |  |
| 6thThursday | *‘Epiphany!’* | 🎜 *“Underneath these same stars…God…was born”* from *Once upon a Universe* by Graham KendrickReflect on the ‘moment of sudden & great revelation’ when Jesus Christ was made manifest to the Gentiles - as represented by Magi - & also, to YOU. Give thanks. |  |  |
| 7thFriday | Joy-full-to-over-flowing! | *“When they saw the star, they were overjoyed.*” Matthew 2:10 *“The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.”*   John 20:20b NIVCompare these 2 verses: ‘overjoyed’ = ‘transported’.* … the deep fellowship of ‘*the joy of the Lord*’’ (Nehemiah 8:10f) to dynamically fill your daily life, & overflow into the lives of others, & make a difference there.
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| 8thSaturday | Your ‘Stars’… | 🎜 *“But for the star, how could we have found Him?”* from *Waking at Midnight (Midnight Star)* by Graham Kendrick* … each of those, past & present, who help(ed) to bring you to faith in Jesus Christ. Give thanks for their words & life of faithful witness; & for ‘God-incidences’.
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| **9th****Sunday** | Follow …+ Circuit Partners:Stoughton | 🎜 *“To seek for a King was their intent, & to follow the star wherever it went.”* L3&4 V3 *The First Nowell** … all of those re-committing their lives to continue to be Jesus’ followers in Covenant Services today.
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| 10thMonday | The Almighty Creator | *“He also made the stars.”* Genesis 1:16d NIVThe ‘greatest of all understatements’? Consider ‘the majesty of God, proclaimed by contrast with the comparative insignificance of all the stellar glory’. Praise in wonder: 🎜 *‘This, this is the God we adore, … whose love is as great as His power!’* L1&3 V1 StF67  |  |  |
| 11thTuesday | Star-gazing: The Promise 1 | *“”Look up at the heavens & count the stars – if indeed you can count them.””* Genesis 15:5b&c NIVOn a clear night, try this for yourself: it is a never-ending task, such is God’s immense bounty! Give Him thanks. |  |  |
| 12thWednesday | Star-gazing:Wow! | *“God hung the stars in the sky – the Great Bear, Orion, the Pleiades & the stars of the south. We can-not understand the great things He does, & to His miracles there is no end.”* Job 9:9-10 GNBRead. Think. Be in awe of your Heavenly Father. |  |  |
| 13thThursday | Star-gazing:The Promise 2 | *“”So shall your offspring be.”*” Genesis 15:5e NIVIn God’s word to Abraham, stars = descendants. Want to know YOUR place? Part of the fulfilment: *“So if you belong to Christ, you are now part of Abraham’s family, & you will be given what God has promised.”* Galatians 3:29 CEV |  |  |
| 14thFriday | Known by name | *“He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name.”* Isaiah 40:26 NIVHow ‘much more’ does He ‘know you’, His child, ‘by name’: bring to Him all the cares of your heart today. |  |  |
| 15thSaturday | Always on Your mind | *“When I look at the night sky, which You have made … at the stars, which You set in their places – what is man that You think of him…?”* Psalm 8:3-4a GNBWe are little: God is great. Yet He remembers us. * … those who seem ‘small’, but whom He loves.
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| **16th****Sunday** | Praise! | *“Praise Him, all you shining stars.”* Psalm 148:3b NIVFollow the exuberant Psalmist in joining with all creation in celebrating the goodness, blessing & redemption that God has brought us. |  |  |
| 17thMonday | Always on your side | *From the heavens the stars fought …”* Judges 5:20a NIVA poetic way to describe God fighting for His own.* … God to be with you, & yours, in whatever ‘fight(s)’ you are facing right now. Rely on His strength.
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| 18thTuesday | “Your word is a lamp”Psalm 119:105a NIV | *“pay close attention to what (the prophets) wrote … their words are like a lamp shining in a dark place.”* 2 Peter1:19b NLT* … God’s word in the Scripture to light your path through life. Commit to studying it anew & knowing it well
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| 19thWednesday | ‘Eternity’  | *“I, Jesus .. am .. the bright Morning Star.”* from Revelation 22:16 NIVThrough Jesus, God has revealed to us that ‘this life is only the prelude to the real life of the world to come.’* … those leaving this world: that they may be ‘incl-uded in the glorious scheme of salvation’ & meet Jesus.
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| 20thThursday | The Promise of Power & Presence | *“I will also give him the Morning Star.”* Revelation 2:28 NIVChrist promises himself to ‘the church which is a faithful gospel-lamp in the dark night of this world.’* … KMC to be a beacon of hope to the community in which it serves: for our hearts to believe in His words.
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| 21stFriday | The Servant King | *“Hands that flung stars into space, to cruel nails surrendered.”* L3&4 V3 StF 272Reflect on Jesus as a model of humility & service.* …knowing how YOU should be serving NOW. Do it
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| 22ndSaturday | KMC Coffee Morning | 🎜 *“Shine, from the inside out, that the world will see you live in me.”* L1-3 *Shine* by Nick Jackson* … for those serving to be *“the light of the world”* (Matthew 5:14a NIV) to those in need who attend today’s event.
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| **23rd****Sunday** | Circuit Prayer Vigil | 🎜 *“As with gladness men of old did the guiding star be-hold; so, most gracious God, may we evermore by led by Thee.”* L1-2, 5-6 *As with Gladness* SoFXmas 9* … those praying; those requesting: for God to gui-de prayers & the reception & use of His answers to them.
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| 24thMonday | Danger!Beware! | *“They are like stars that wander in the sky.”*  Jude 13c YBPray against those who deceive & mislead God’s people: those ‘false teachers’ who deliver uncertainty & danger. |  |  |
| 25thTuesday | Shining 1 | *(Those) “who have lived wisely & well will shine brilliant-ly, like the cloudless, star-strewn night skies.”* Daniel 12:3a TM* … spiritual wisdom – a gift sought, & received, from God: to be able to discern where God is speaking & what God is saying to us; to have courage to act on this.
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| 26thWednesday | Shining 2 | *“Those who put others on the right path to life will glow like stars forever.”* Daniel 12:3b TM* … passion, courage & ‘good example’ to pass on Good News: to fulfil Jesus’ Great Commission by bringing others to the knowledge of Christ & so help to save souls.
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| 27thThursday | Shining 3 | *“Shine like stars in the universe, as you hold out the word of life”* Philippians 2:15c-16a NIV* … the inner fire of the Holy Spirit to ignite your faith: for your own ‘right living’; for the opportunities to witness to Jesus with your life; for actively sharing the life-giving Good News with all whom you encounter.
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| 28thFriday | Our Minister | *🎜 “Come, follow the bright guiding star; He’s not far.”* from *A World Awakes* by Graham Kendrick* … Dave: to be very aware of God’s guidance as he discerns where God will be leading him in the future.
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| 29thSaturday | A warning | *“You have worn yourself out asking for advice from those who study the stars & tell the future month after month.”* Isaiah 47:13 CEVGod condemns ‘star-readers’. He alone is the source of all power & knowledge. Do NOT read or consult horoscopes. He is your sole/soul point of help. *“Pray continually*.” |  |  |
| **30th****Sunday** | Sing & Shout | *“The morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy.”* Job 38:7 NIVWhen the earth was created, inanimate objects, along with the angels, sang the praises of the Creator, but we – mankind - were not, so couldn’t. Now we can. So do!*“I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart; I will sing your praise.”* Psalm 138:1 parts NIV |  |  |
| 31stMonday | ‘Seekers’ | “Wise men (& women) still seek Him …”* … all those looking for meaning in their lives: that they will be lead to Jesus & come to faith in Him as their Lord and Saviour. How could YOU be their star?
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*🎜 “Every star shall sing a carol! Every creature, high or low,*

*come & praise the King of heaven by whatever name you know.”* Sydney Carter