

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** |
| 1st  Saturday | ‘Expect-ation …’ | *“We saw His star …”* Matthew 2:2c NIV  The 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 NIV  On 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 …!) |  |  |
| 3rd  Monday | Balaam’s 4th Oracle | *“… some day, a king of Israel will appear like a star.”*  Numbers 24:17b CEV  This 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. |  |  |
| 4th  Tuesday | A New Day … Wow! | *“Nations will come to Your light; kings will come to the brightness of Your sunrise.”* Isaiah 60:3 YB  At 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! |  |  |
| 5th  Wednesday | 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 NIV  What 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! |  |  |
| 6th  Thursday | *‘Epiphany!’* | 🎜 *“Underneath these same stars…God…was born”*  from *Once upon a Universe* by Graham Kendrick  Reflect 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. |  |  |
| 7th  Friday | 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 NIV  Compare 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. |  |  |
| 8th  Saturday | 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’. |  |  |
| **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. |  |  |
| 10th  Monday | The Almighty Creator | *“He also made the stars.”* Genesis 1:16d NIV  The ‘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 |  |  |
| 11th  Tuesday | Star-gazing: The Promise 1 | *“”Look up at the heavens & count the stars – if indeed you can count them.””* Genesis 15:5b&c NIV  On a clear night, try this for yourself: it is a never-ending task, such is God’s immense bounty! Give Him thanks. |  |  |
| 12th  Wednesday | 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 GNB  Read. Think. Be in awe of your Heavenly Father. |  |  |
| 13th  Thursday | Star-gazing:  The Promise 2 | *“”So shall your offspring be.”*” Genesis 15:5e NIV  In 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 |  |  |
| 14th  Friday | Known by name | *“He who brings out the starry host one by one, and calls them each by name.”* Isaiah 40:26 NIV  How ‘much more’ does He ‘know you’, His child, ‘by name’: bring to Him all the cares of your heart today. |  |  |
| 15th  Saturday | 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 GNB  We are little: God is great. Yet He remembers us.   * … those who seem ‘small’, but whom He loves. |  |  |
| **16th**  **Sunday** | Praise! | *“Praise Him, all you shining stars.”* Psalm 148:3b NIV  Follow the exuberant Psalmist in joining with all creation in celebrating the goodness, blessing & redemption that God has brought us. |  |  |
| 17th  Monday | Always on your side | *From the heavens the stars fought …”* Judges 5:20a NIV  A 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. |  |  |
| 18th  Tuesday | “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 |  |  |
| 19th  Wednesday | ‘Eternity’ | *“I, Jesus .. am .. the bright Morning Star.”* from Revelation 22:16 NIV  Through 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. |  |  |
| 20th  Thursday | The Promise of  Power & Presence | *“I will also give him the Morning Star.”* Revelation 2:28 NIV  Christ 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. |  |  |
| 21st  Friday | The Servant King | *“Hands that flung stars into space, to cruel nails surrendered.”* L3&4 V3 StF 272  Reflect on Jesus as a model of humility & service.   * …knowing how YOU should be serving NOW. Do it |  |  |
| 22nd  Saturday | 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. |  |  |
| **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. |  |  |
| 24th  Monday | Danger!  Beware! | *“They are like stars that wander in the sky.”*  Jude 13c YB  Pray against those who deceive & mislead God’s people: those ‘false teachers’ who deliver uncertainty & danger. |  |  |
| 25th  Tuesday | 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. |  |  |
| 26th  Wednesday | 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. |  |  |
| 27th  Thursday | 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. |  |  |
| 28th  Friday | 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. |  |  |
| 29th  Saturday | 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 CEV  God 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 NIV  When 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 |  |  |
| 31st  Monday | ‘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? |  |  |

*🎜 “Every star shall sing a carol! Every creature, high or low,*

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