

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. Isaiah 9:2*

**1 Saturday**

Today the *Songs of Freedom* tour comes to Morpeth. Pray that those who attend would be moved by what they hear of PF, and get involved in our ministry.

**2 Sunday**

On this first Sunday in Advent, Lord Jesus, help us to live in the light of Your coming, and give us a longing for Your kingdom.

**3 Monday**

Today is the *International Day for People with Disabilities*. We pray for prisoners with a disability, that they would be given the additional support they need to access rehabilitation services.

**4 Tuesday**

There are two *Sycamore Tree* courses ending today at HMP Kirkham and HMP Lowdham Grange.

Today is also the last day of the *Big Give Christmas Challenge*, which matches all donations to *Angel Tree* – pray that we would have enough final donations today to access all the matched funds available.

**5 Wednesday**

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending at HMP Whitemoor today. Pray that all learners this month will take strength and hope from what they have learnt and experienced the past six weeks.

**6 Thursday**

Today is the feast day of St Nicholas, a man who experienced imprisonment himself, and who is remembered for his generosity to those in desperate need. Pray that we also may be known for our extravagant generosity.

There are three *Sycamore Tree* courses ending today at HMP Risley, HMP Ford and HMP/YOI Swansea.

**7 Friday**

Thank God for the generosity of the philanthropists that are matching gifts to

*Angel Tree* this month, allowing many more prisoners to send gifts to their children.

**8 Saturday**

Pray for the continuing fundraising for *Angel Tree* this month, both through the Support Team and by local groups. May God give us the right words and open hearts to hear, as we tell the story of *Angel Tree*.

**9 Sunday**

On this second Sunday in Advent, Lord Jesus, come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter. Break into our lives and set us free to serve You for ever.

**10 Monday**

There are two *Sycamore Tree* courses ending today at HMP/YOI Thorn Cross and HMP Wandsworth.

**11 Tuesday**

There are two *Sycamore Tree* courses ending today at HMP/YOI Rochester and HMP Onley.

**12 Wednesday**

There are two *Sycamore Tree* courses ending today at HMP/YOI Bullingdon and HMP/YOI Bronzefield.

**13 Thursday**

Tonight, St Matthew's Church Westminster hosts the PF Carol Service. May it be a moment of peace to remember Immanuel in this busy season.

**14 Friday**

We pray for all our letter writers who are writing Christmas cards and letters to their pen pals in prison, that they might be an encouragement during this season.

**15 Saturday**

We pray for any letter writers in prison who struggle with their writing skills or in knowing what to write, that they might find the courage and inspiration to write today.

**16 Sunday**

On this third Sunday in Advent, come, Lord Jesus, as Prince of Peace to our prisons, that all violence might end, and vengeful and angry hearts be stilled by your love.

**17 Monday**

We pray for prisoners who are being released without a home to go to, that long-term solutions might be found. Pray for the chaplains, charities and volunteers working hard to identify and help those people.

**18 Tuesday**

There is a *Sycamore Tree* course ending today at HMP Liverpool.

**19 Wednesday**

Many prison chaplaincies will hold carol services this month – pray that these might be a moment of joy in what can be a hard time for those inside.

**20 Thursday**

The PF Support Team is having a Christmas lunch together today! Thank God for the people who have chosen to work here, and pray that we might be refreshed over the Christmas break for the work ahead.

**21 Friday**

We lift in prayer the carers of children with a parent in prison – for the mums and grandparents and carers trying to support them through the separation – that they might know God's peace and strength, and be given the care they need to keep going.

**22 Saturday**

We pray for every child who has a gift to open from their mum or dad in prison this Christmas, that it might bring joy and connection even amidst the struggle of separation.

**23 Sunday**

On this fourth Sunday in Advent, come, Lord Jesus, do not delay; give new courage to Your people, who trust in Your love. By Your coming, raise us to share in the joy of Your kingdom on earth as in heaven.

**24 Monday**

We pray today for prisoners who are feeling desperately homesick and alone, that they might know God's comfort and hope.

**25 Tuesday**

Immanuel, God with us, we thank and praise You for not leaving us alone in our suffering and sin, but entering into our humanity to shine Your light and show us the way. Come, Lord Jesus, even now, in the prisons we serve in, and shine Your light.

**26 Wednesday**

We remember all those prison staff and volunteers who will be working over Christmas. Lord, would You strengthen them with Your love, and may they in turn be a strong support to the men and women they interact with.

**27 Thursday**

Thank God for all the *Alpha* courses that have run in prison this year, and pray that those who took part will continue that journey towards God.

**28 Friday**

Thank God for all the PF volunteers that have given their time and skills so generously over the past year. May they know God's blessing and renewal as they reflect on their work.

**29 Saturday**

Take a moment to reflect back on the past year, as you've prayed for, volunteered, and supported prisoners – is there anything that stands out? Bring that to God in prayer today.

**30 Sunday**

Today as we gather in churches, we pray for our brothers and sisters also coming together for services in prison, that in God they would find a love that won't fail them.

**31 Monday**

As we reach the end of the year, we reflect on the lives we've seen changed, remember the people we've been honoured to serve, recall the struggles and challenges. Faithful God, we thank You for your unending love, for never leaving us or forsaking us. We commit this coming year into Your hands; lead and guide us in our work and our lives, for Your glory. Amen.

*"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17*