

## Update - December 2019

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## Prayer Diary for December 2019

***“Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth, peace to those on whom His favour rests” (Luke 2 v 14) NIVUK***



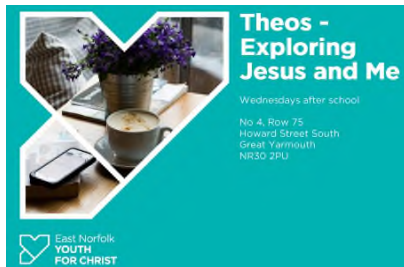
We're having a great time so far this month – apologies that this didn't arrive on 1<sup>st</sup>, life has been very hectic as you can see.....

The young people at the café wanted to contribute to the Christmas Tree and Crib festival at Gt Yarmouth Minster this year and Michelle (volunteer) came up with the brilliant idea of doing a Christmas tree made up of shoeboxes containing gifts, then wrapped and stacked in a triangular shape to look like a tree. Debs provided numerous gifts and toys including lots of hats and gloves knitted by the ladies at the Christchurch knitting group. The young people wrote out Christmas scripture verses with a personal note as well, popped it in the box, wrapped it and decorated it. At the end of the festival these boxes will be donated to the Toys and Tins appeal at the Salvation Army, for distribution to those families who can't afford to give presents this year. Feel free to pop along to the Minster before 15<sup>th</sup> December and see the tree in all its glory! There are some amazing structures there.



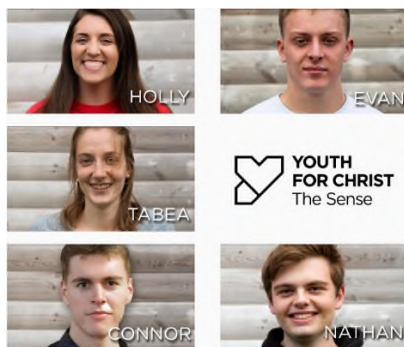


We had a great time with our family at Martham New Wine Christian Fellowship on Sunday as we shared what God is doing in the young people of Gt Yarmouth town. They were encouraged and excited and the feeling was mutual as they supported us in so many ways. If you would like us to come and share with your church, house-group, event or organisation don't hesitate to ask – we just love talking about our phenomenal Father God and His children.



At Theos this month we will be watching The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe again as it had such an impact on those who watched it last year. Please pray that God's heart for His people will be revealed to the young people through this film and they will start to understand how

unconditional is His love for them.



The Sense are back in town this week for the annual Christmas special and this year we're grateful to be hosted by Gt Yarmouth Minster, for the first time. Please pray that those attending will respond to the gospel message and choose to know more about our wonderful Saviour.

Look at these 5 amazing young people who have dedicated a year of their lives to live "on the road" taking the Good News to young people all over the country.

Thank God for the hosts and catering volunteers who enable this to happen.



**TRUSTEES:** These men and women are vital to the existence of East Norfolk Youth for Christ. By 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019 we will have the bare legal minimum of 3, because 2 are stepping down after 13 years and 9 years dedication. Please ask God if this is a role which He wants you to fulfil.



Perhaps try it out for a year?  
That's around 8 meetings.

**MONEY:** Thank you so much for your prayers and generosity. We have received support from 2 more churches and we're in discussion with another worker but sadly can't employ them until we have some more funding. We know God has the money somewhere, so please pray for it to be available in His perfect timing. If you can contribute even £5 a month, it will all add up to "enough".



**KAIROS:** This is our weekend residential in February at the Kingswood Centre in West Runton. It is based on the old Spring Weekend programme but we have changed the date and location so it can grow and develop. This year we are hoping to accommodate 50 young people from Norwich, North Breckland and East

Norfolk YFC centres. We are also hoping that other youth organisations and churches will be able to bring their young people too so please pray for the numbers to book in and for the finances to subsidise the camp if we can't recruit 50.

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020** – An **evening** celebration of all that God is doing with the young people in the town with guest speaker Neil O'Boyle, National Director, Youth for Christ.

### **Commitments for December 2019:**

#### **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**

Thank God for our family at Martham and their faithful obedience in supporting us so generously.

#### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**Dinner Halls and Open Office.** Thank God for the finance to provide food and drinks at the office after school. Praise Him for the 19 year old who is now coming regularly, having been involved since she was in Year 7!

#### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Dinner Halls and Theos. Thank God for His promises and how faithful and trustworthy He is. Praise Him for His opportunity to deliver some assemblies in the school.

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Dinner Halls and Youth Café. Thank God for the finances to continue renting the Salvation Army hall and for the young people who come here to experience God's love for them through the volunteers.

### Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>

**Dinner Halls, Open Office and Trustees meeting.** Praise God for Richard and Alison's commitment and faithful service over the last 13/9 years. Pray for the right people with the necessary gifting to step up and replace them.

### Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>

**Dinner Halls and Theos.** Pray for the young people to engage with the truth of Jesus' birth; that it will "land" in their hearts as they hear it again.

### Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>

**Dinner Halls and Youth Café.** Pray for a safe journey for The Sense and for a good time at the café as they meet with the young people and enthuse them to come to the gig tomorrow. Thank God for Sadie, John, Gary, Elizabeth, Louise, Lester, John, Dorothy, Ruth and Dan.

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Pray for the decoration of The Minster for The Sense gig tonight. Pray for safety and for a smooth set-up and for the kids to remember that it's on tonight. Pray that they will make a commitment to follow Jesus after the message tonight. Pray for safe pack down and a good night's sleep for the team and volunteers. Pray for a safe journey onwards for The Sense.

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

As the trustees, Amilcar and the volunteers gather to enjoy some social time together, pray that we will have an uplifting and fun time getting to know each other more. Thank God for the heart He has given them for the young people of Gt Yarmouth.

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

**Dinner Halls and Open Office.** Pray that these young people will be open to the REAL meaning of Christmas and leave their cynicism at the door!

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

**Dinner Halls and Theos.** As we watch the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe again, pray that the young people will open their minds and hearts to see what Jesus did for them and that they will grasp His love for them.

## Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

**Dinner Halls:** On our last day at the school for 2019 pray that we will take the opportunities to talk about the real meaning of Christmas and that the pupils will be open to hearing the truth.

## Friday 20<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>

As always please remember those young people for whom time away from school is not anything to be cherished as it's filled with stresses, worries, arguments, grief and fear. Pray that those young people and staff will seek Jesus in the hard times and know their Father's love. Pray for those who have a happy home life but who don't know Jesus as their Saviour – that something from the season's celebrations will hit home and they will realise that it's all about Jesus.

Thank God for the opportunity to rest, pray that He will refresh us and ignite the passion of His love again, ready to come back with new vigour and compassion for the lost.

Pray for Imogen, Mel, Lennon, Julia, Janine, Carrie, Jaymee, Mrs T, Mrs J, Jamie, Kevin, Sarah, Deanna, Rickie, Juliet, Emmeline and Misch (*not their real names*)

*Thank you for your support; your money, time and thank you so much for your faithful prayers*

**Stuart, Alison, Nigel, Richard and Matt (Trustees)**

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