

The Advent story of hope and mystery,  
anticipation, preparation,  
a kingdom of this world and the next,  
and a king appearing when we least expect.

Heaven touching earth,  
the footsteps of the divine walking dusty roads  
as once they did in Eden,  
and a people searching for a Saviour,  
and walking past the stable.

Open eyes and hearts, Lord, that this might be  
an Advent of hope to the world.

**Amen**

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God of majesty and power  
Who spoke and this world was  
Who breathed and this world lived  
Who counts the hairs upon our head  
Who sees our thoughts and reads our hearts  
Who loves us more than we deserve  
How can we not bring today  
Our sacrifice of praise?

For in the child at Bethlehem  
Lies the promise of intimacy  
With a Saviour who would die even for me  
And the promise of an eternity  
In which to praise you more each day.

God of promise we praise your name!

**Amen**

Loving God

We bring before you the sick and suffering of  
our world, all those wrestling with illness in  
body, mind or spirit.

Support and strengthen all those who share the  
work of healing,  
all who strive to bring relief and wholeness to  
broken people.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

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Heavenly Father

Enable this church to do your will;  
Make it vulnerable  
that it may speak with calm humility;  
Make it outward looking  
that it may care deeply;  
Make it a community of peacemakers  
and bridge builders;  
In the midst of turbulence  
let the church make space  
for the hearing of your still small voice,  
for Jesus sake

**Amen**

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# Prayer Diary

**December 2018**



*St Bartholomew's  
Church*

Therefore the Lord Himself  
will give you a sign:  
Behold, a virgin will be with  
child and bear a son,  
and she will call His name  
Immanuel.

Isaiah 7:10-11

Isaiah says “The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations. In him the Gentiles will hope. **Romans 15:12**

## December 2018

Let us pray

Sat 1<sup>st</sup>: for everyone attending the **coffee and cards morning** today.

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup>: for our **Christingle service** and particularly the work of the **Children’s Society**.

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup>:for **disabled people** and their carers; for better understanding of their needs.

Tues 4<sup>th</sup>: for **Russia and the Ukraine**; for peace and reconciliation in that area.

Wed 5<sup>th</sup>: for an end to **people trafficking, modern slavery and migrant gangs**.

Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>: for **Paul and the Ministry Team** as they prepare for the many Christmas events.

Frid 7<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Tristram Road**.

Sat 8<sup>th</sup>: for all those involved in **Messy Ducks** at church today.

Sun 9<sup>th</sup>:for the **children’s work in our church**; for more leaders, helpers and young people.

Mon 10<sup>th</sup>: for people living under oppression on this **United Nations’ Human Rights Day**.

Tues 11<sup>th</sup>: for the **government vote** today on **Brexit**.

Wed 12<sup>th</sup>: for the **homeless in our community** and the charities that help; for the work of **Shelter**.

Thurs 13<sup>th</sup>: for people coping with **terminal illness** and their families.

Frid 14<sup>th</sup>: for the **Pastoral Team** working to support our church family.

Sat 15<sup>th</sup>: for **peace in the Middle East** particularly in Yemen; for an end to the fighting and subsequent famine.

Sun 16<sup>th</sup>: for everyone attending the **Carol Service** this evening.

Mon 17<sup>th</sup>: for the **Brize Norton Singers’** concert tomorrow night.

Tues 18<sup>th</sup>: for **the children of Ducklington school** at their carols service today.

Wed 19<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Pound Close**.

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>: for **first responders and health carers** working over the Christmas period.

Frid 21<sup>st</sup>:for **families in crisis**: in relationship, medical or financial difficulties.

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup>: for **our neighbours** as we share **carols around the village** this evening.

Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>: for ourselves as we prepare for our celebrations of **Christ’s birth**.

Mon 24<sup>th</sup>: for everyone involved in the **Crib Service** tonight; for **children and families**.

Tues 25<sup>th</sup>: let us **praise God** that he sent his Son, our Saviour, **Jesus Christ**.

Wed 26<sup>th</sup>: for the **lonely or bereaved** at this most family orientated time of year.

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup>: for our **Christian Brethren** living under persecution and unable to celebrate Christmas freely or openly.

Frid 28<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Bartholomew Close**.

Sat 29<sup>th</sup>: for **Street Pastors** especially those from our own church, during the holiday season.

Sun 30<sup>th</sup>: for **our Church and our work** in the year ahead, both within the church and in the wider community.

Mon 31<sup>st</sup>: for the **New Year** ahead of us; for courage; wisdom and steadfast faith in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

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God of hope and promise,  
be with us throughout this Advent season,  
and draw us ever closer  
as we journey together toward the stable  
and the birth of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ  
**Amen**