

Lord, thank you for walking with us  
through the seasons of our lives.  
For the winter, when we are held safe  
in your arms through the darkness.  
For the hope of spring,  
as we are filled with new promise and life.  
For summer time,  
full of warmth and colour  
And for autumn days as leaves  
fall to seed new growth.  
You are always with us.  
**Amen.**

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Loving Father,  
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,  
That we may share in the song of the angels,  
The gladness of the shepherds,  
And worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate  
And open the door of love all over the world.  
Let kindness come with every gift  
And good desires with every greeting.  
Deliver us from evil by the blessing,  
which Christ brings  
And teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us  
Happy to be thy children  
And Christmas evening bring us  
To our beds with grateful thoughts  
Forgiving and forgiven  
For Jesus sake  
**Amen.**

*Robert Louis Stevenson*

Heavenly Father  
In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in unity,  
that our praise and worship  
might echo through our lives.  
In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in mission,  
that the hope within  
might be the song we sing,  
and the melody of our lives.  
In this Advent of expectation  
draw us together in service,  
that the path we follow  
might lead us from a stable  
to a glimpse of eternity.  
**Amen**

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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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If you have any suggested items for inclusion in  
the January prayer Diary, please pass these to  
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# Prayer Diary

**December 2020**



*St Bartholomew's  
Church*

And she gave birth to a son,  
a male child,  
who is to rule all the nations  
with a rod of iron;  
and her child was caught up to  
God and to His throne.

Revelation 12:5

For to us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. Isaiah 9:6

## December 2020

Let us pray

Tues 1<sup>st</sup>: for the **lonely and isolated**.

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>: for everyone living on **Lovell Close** in Ducklington.

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>: for **Joe Biden** as he prepares to take on the Presidency of the USA.

Frid 4<sup>th</sup>: that the **lockdown will be eased** today; that we can meet in church.

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>: for people with **mental health issues**; for better help and provision for them and their families.

Sun 6<sup>th</sup>: for our **Ministry Team** leading us forward in these difficult times.

Mon 7<sup>th</sup>: for **refugees and migrants** in camps suffering the winter; let us not forget them.

Tues 8<sup>th</sup>: for the **Pastoral Team** and everyone they care for.

Wed 9<sup>th</sup>: for the **Midweek Communion service** hopefully in church today.

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>: for freedom for everyone as we celebrate the **United Nations Declaration of Human Rights** on this day in 1948.

Frid 11<sup>th</sup>: for **the government** continuing to negotiate **Brexit**.

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>: for the **Confirmation candidates** preparing for their declaration tomorrow.

Sun 13<sup>th</sup>: for the **Confirmation service** hopefully taking place today; for **Bishop Steven** and our congregation.

Mon 14<sup>th</sup>: for the **Star Trek** in the village starting today; for those taking part; for understanding of the Star leading to Jesus.

Tues 15<sup>th</sup>: for the **scientists testing the Covid vaccine**; for a rapid and fair rollout.

Wed 16<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Fielden Close** in Ducklington.

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>: for **families** as schools and universities finish and holidays begin.

Frid 18<sup>th</sup>: for **people to be sensible** with Covid-19 restrictions over the holiday.

Sat 19<sup>th</sup>: for **Gavin Collins the Bishop Elect** for Dorchester.

Sun 20<sup>th</sup>: for **Archbishop Justin** as he contemplates his sabbatical next year.

Mon 21<sup>st</sup>: for **the terminally ill**, their families and carers.

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>: for **our Armed Forces** helping with Covid and keeping us safe.

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>: for our **Christian brethren in the Middle East** maintaining a light in the dark.

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>: for all **services for Christmas** in church, on Zoom and Facebook.

Frid 25<sup>th</sup>: let us **praise the Lord that Christ was born this day**. Hallelujah!

Sat 26<sup>th</sup>: for **homeless people** in our communities this winter; for those trying to help particularly **Shelter** and **Centre Point**.

Sun 27<sup>th</sup>: for the **Persecuted Church** throughout the world; let us thank God for our freedoms.

Mon 28<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living on **Peel Close** in Ducklington.

Tues 29<sup>th</sup>: for our **exhausted NHS staff** and **Key Workers**.

Wed 30<sup>th</sup>: for **world leaders** trying to reconstruct economies and lives after Covid.

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup>: for our Lord to bless **us** as we start a **new year 2021**.

**And I said to the man  
who stood at the gate of the year:  
"Give me a light  
that I may tread safely  
into the unknown."  
And he replied:  
"Go out into the darkness and put  
your hand into the Hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light  
and safer than a known way."  
So I went forth, and finding the  
Hand of God, trod gladly into the  
night.**

**Minnie Louise Haskins**