

Heavenly Father,
you sent your messengers
to tell of the birth of your Son,
that people might believe in him.
Open our ears to hear your call,
to repent of our sins,
and to seek our heavenly inheritance.
May we profess Christ
until we stand by his grace
before the glory of your majesty;
Grant this for the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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O Lord our God,
make us watchful and cheerful
as we await the coming of your Son,
Christ our Lord,
that when he comes and knocks,
he will find us not sleeping in sins
but awake and rejoicing in his praises;
through Jesus Christ our Lord

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

Love came,
held safely within a gentle womb
All the truth, majesty,
and creativity of a living God
Poured into a tiny heart

Making a quiet entrance
in a dark and uninviting shack
Just one star shone anew
as a handful of people were brought
Led by angelic voices, and open hearts

A young mother
A faith-filled father
Men of wisdom who searched for truth
A group of humble herdsmen
They came to bow before a new life
To acknowledge that the rescuer had arrived
That the Word of God had come alive
And that the extraordinary transformation
of heaven and earth
Had begun.

Alleluia

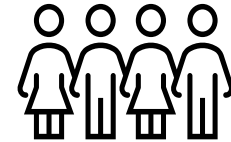
Almighty God,
grant that the new birth of your Son in the flesh
redeems us from the old slavery
under the yoke of sin,
so we may receive him
with joy as our Redeemer,
and that when when he comes to judge
we may see Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

Amen.

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

December 2022



St Bartholomew's
Church

**And the Word became flesh
and dwelt among us,
and we beheld His glory,
the glory as of
the only begotten of the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

John 1:14

**Thanks be to God for His
incredible gift!** 2 Corinthians 9:15

December 2022

Let us pray

Thurs 1st: for those who attended the **COP27** that the resolutions on climate change may be implemented.

Frid 2nd: for those affected by the **earthquake in Indonesia**; for the bereaved.

Sat 3rd: for the work of the **Pastoral Team** in visiting and providing support for those who need help.

Sun 4th: for the **Persecuted Church** throughout the world; let us thank God for our freedoms.

Mon 5th: for the **people of Ukraine** and for peace in their country.

Tues 6th: for all the children and parents from the **Primary School** celebrating Christmas at the Nativity and the Carol Service today.

Wed 7th: for everyone living on **Church Street** in Ducklington.

Thurs 8th: for the **recently bereaved** especially as Christmas approaches.

Frid 9th: for those organising and joining in the **Children's Craft Session** today.

Sat 10th: for **Marianne Buckingham and Samuel Russell** as they are married today.

Sun 11th: for our **ministry team**: Andrea, Dave and Johan and our **wardens**: Gill and Martin.

Mon 12th: for those in **financial difficulties** particularly due to our high inflation.

Tues 13th: for everyone involved in the **Brize Singers Concert** this evening.

Wed 14th: for everyone living on **Back Lane** in Ducklington.

Thurs 15th: for the **Men's Group Christmas Meal** this evening.

Frid 16th: for **Children and Families** as the Christmas festivities begin.

Sat 17th: for **the homeless** and those who provide shelter and support.

Sun 18th: for our worship at the **Carol Service** this evening.

Mon 19th: for the **Ladies Christmas Lunch** today.

Tues 20th: for the **elderly and housebound** members of our church and village community.

Wed 21st: for our witness during **Carol Singing** around the village this evening.

Thurs 22nd: for those suffering with **stress or mental illness** and their families.

Frid 23rd: for the **children's work** in our village and church community.

Sat 24th: for everyone involved in the **Crib Service** and the **Midnight Service** tonight.

Sun 25th: **Alleluia!** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is **Christ the Lord.**

Mon 26th: for our **ministry team**: Andrea, Dave and Johan and our **wardens**: Gill and Martin.

Tues 27th: for the work of **Open Doors** and **The Bible Society** supporting Christians across the world especially during this Christmas season.

Wed 28th: for everyone living on **The Square** in Ducklington.

Thurs 29th: for the **work of the food bank**; may we be inspired to be generous.

Frid 30th: for **families in crisis** as over the Christmas period.

Sat 31st: for ourselves as we face a **New Year** in our Christian lives.

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May you be filled with the wonder of Mary,
the obedience of Joseph,
the joy of the angels,
the eagerness of the shepherds,
the determination of the magi,
and the peace of the Christ child.
Almighty God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
bless you now and forever.

Amen