

God of gentleness and love  
Draw near to us as we draw near to you  
Dwell in every heart and conversation  
Fashion us in the likeness  
of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Help us to discern who you are calling us to be  
And all that you are calling us to do.  
Assist us, by your Spirit, to become a more  
contemplative, more compassionate and more  
courageous Church  
For the building of your kingdom  
and the glory of your son.

**Amen**

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Give us, O God, the vision which can see Your  
love in the world in spite of human failure.

Give us the faith to trust Your goodness in spite  
of our ignorance and weakness.

Give us the knowledge that we may continue to  
pray with understanding hearts.

And show us what each one of us can do to set  
forward the coming of the day of universal peace.

**Amen.**

(Frank Borman, Apollo 8 space mission, 1968)

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

By the word of our Lord the heavens were made  
By the spirit of our Lord was life begun  
By the wisdom of our Lord his laws were laid  
By the love of our Lord was born his Son  
By the grace of our Lord mankind was saved  
By the power of our Lord the victory was won.

**Amen**

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

**December 2019**



*St Bartholomew's  
Church*

**Today in the town of David  
a Saviour has been born to you;  
he is the Messiah,  
the Lord.**

Luke 2:11

Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. **Isaiah 7:14**

## December 2019

Let us pray

Sun 1<sup>st</sup>: for everyone at the **Christingle Service** tonight.

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>: for the **House Group** meeting tonight.

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>: for the **emergency services** during the winter months; for the horrors they have to face.

Wed 4<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Standlake Road** in Ducklington.

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup>: for those affected by the **Hillsborough disaster**; for forgiveness and healing.

Frid 6<sup>th</sup>: for the family and friends of **Mike Dawson** whose ashes will be interred today.

Sat 7<sup>th</sup>: for **Messy Ducks** today and our outreach to the young families in our village.

Sun 8<sup>th</sup>: for the **Persecuted Church** throughout the world.

Mon 9<sup>th</sup>: for the **Party Leaders** preparing for the **General Election**.

Tues 10<sup>th</sup>: for those who are not free on this **Human Rights Day**. (United Nations)

Wed 11<sup>th</sup>: for everyone attending the **monthly mid-week service** today.

Thurs 12<sup>th</sup>: for **our country** as we go to the polls voting for the next government today.

Frid 13<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Aston Road** in Ducklington.

Sat 14<sup>th</sup>: for the **Street Pastor movement** in particular those members from our church.

Sun 15<sup>th</sup>: for the **Carols By Candlelight Service** this evening as we begin our Christmas celebrations.

Mon 16<sup>th</sup>: for our **school children and their parents** joining together for their **Christmas service** tomorrow.

Tues 17<sup>th</sup>: for the **Brize Singers** Christmas concert tonight.

Wed 18<sup>th</sup>: for family and friends of **Wynn Booth** whose funeral is today; particularly for **Julie and Dennis Welch**.

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Strainges Close** in Ducklington.

Frid 20<sup>th</sup>: for families as the **school holidays** begin.

Sat 21<sup>st</sup>: for everyone involved in **carol singing** around the village this evening.

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup>: for **Paul, Nicci, Ian and Dave** as they prepare for all the Christmas services ahead.

Mon 23<sup>rd</sup>: for our young and older folk joining in the **Crib Service** tomorrow evening.

Tues 24<sup>th</sup>: for everyone at the **Midnight Service** tonight.

Wed 25<sup>th</sup>: for ourselves on this glorious **Christmas Day** as we celebrate Christ's birth.

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup>: for the **lonely and house bound** at this time of year.

Frid 27<sup>th</sup>: for **the homeless** and those who support them; particularly **Centrepoin** supporting young homeless people.

Sat 28<sup>th</sup>: for **Churches Together in Witney** and the prayer breakfast today.

Sun 29<sup>th</sup>: for **Christian Church Leaders** across the world; for our increasingly threatened freedom to worship.

Mon 30<sup>th</sup>: for **peace across the world** and for a greater understanding of **climate change**.

Tues 31<sup>st</sup>: for **ourselves and our walk with Christ** as we start a new year.

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God give you blessings  
at Christmas time;  
Stars for your darkness,  
sun for your day,

Light on the path as you search for the Way.  
God grant you courage this coming year,  
Fruit for your striving,  
friends if you roam,  
Joy in your labour,  
love in your home. Amen