

Sunday 4 January – Epiphany

Prayers

Let us worship the Saviour with joy and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

The Magi came from the east to worship your Son:
Father, grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of adoration and praise,
that we may tell others of your great love for all of humanity. We pray for
those Christians in countries where they are persecuted for their faith, that
they may find courage to continue to worship you.

Lord of glory,

hear our prayer.

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh:
Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds and at the beginning of
this year we pray for grace to work together and for support for Liz and
Christine and all the ministry team as we continue in vacancy. Lord, we
place into your hands the task of finding a new Team Rector to minister to
us and lead our team.

Lord of glory,

hear our prayer.

The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdom of Christ:
Father, grant an abundance of peace to your world, there are so many
places where there are troubles and fighting. We lift all the trouble spots of
our world up to you. We also raise up before you all those affected by the
terrible fire in Switzerland.

Lord of glory,

hear our prayer.

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death:
Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless, on all refugees
and all who suffer whether in body, mind or spirit. We pray this morning for
Jericho Hasieber and Jo, and for those known to us individually or to you
alone.

Lord of glory,

hear our prayer.

Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth:
Father, protect in your love our neighbours, our families and this
community of which we are a part. We pray for the work of the Tiptree Youth
Project and of the food bank especially today.

Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the
magi, the Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed. We lift up
to you today the family and friends of Roger Traveller, Nina Watts, Monica
Tanti, June Dennis and Joyce Rea. From our memorial book we remember
and give thanks for the lives of Robert Baker, Robert John Dickinson and
David Buggy.

Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

In your unfailing love for us and for all people, hear and answer our prayers
through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.