



The final Candle lighting prayer can be found in the Christmas Worship leaflet

### The Collect for Christmas

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God. Amen.

### An apology from Sue

Last week I gave a list of the new Parochial Church Council and I inadvertently missed two members from it – I am very sorry and have apologised to them both.

Here, for your prayers, is the full list of the PCC:

John Cheetham, Michael Devlin (Deputy Church warden), Laurence Emmitt (Treasurer), Jeannette Green, Mick Gregory, Tony Harper, Sue Lymn-Brewin (PCC Secretary), Jackie Rotter, Ken Rotter, and our wardens: Nuhad Aboulela and Ed Grainger. Also, Fiona Barber attends as a visitor as part of her on-going training, and from January, Jo Beals, our Administrator, will be taking the minutes.



### Happy Birthday

To Don, Julie's Dad who will be 90 on Boxing Day and to Fiona Barber on Wednesday 29 December and Nicola De Blasio on Thursday 30 December. And belated birthday wishes to Jo Beals, whose birthday was on 20 December.

### Knitting

Most of the knitting that so many of you have contributed has now been distributed – it has all been an amazing Christmas gift for so many people. I thought you might like to know what this pile contains:

- 183 bonnets for newborn babies
- 30 beanie hats for adults
- 63 'fish and chip' jumpers for babies/toddlers
- 27 knitted cot/pram blankets
- 44 crocheted cot/pram blankets
- 26 larger shawls and blankets



Now, it seems some of the greatest need is for beanie hats, gloves, mittens and socks for those living on our streets – so do keep knitting if you can – but **THANK YOU** everyone!

Looking forwards...

## Prayer

As we move into this holiday season and look beyond to 2021, one thing that continues to be important, in fact vital, for us as Christians is prayer, bringing to God the things on our hearts and minds that we know we need his help with. As we watch the news and listen to each other, it is clear that there is much to pray about particularly around the devastation and havoc that the Covid-19 virus is wreaking across not just our nation, but the whole world. Enclosed with the information this week is a call to prayer on Christmas Eve at 7pm but it doesn't have to be then or even only then.

After the dedication of the temple that Solomon built, the Lord appeared to him and reminded him of his relationship with his people and he said this:

*'If my people, who are called by name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.'*

2 Chronicles 7.14

Let's pray...

*Church will be open again for Private Prayer from Friday 8 January between 10 and 12noon. Can you help with steward this – please be in touch if you can.*



We pray that you will  
have a very  
Happy Christmas  
and a blessed New Year

Andy and Sue Willetts

## Carols for our Christmas Worship

### Christmas Eve

**Silent night** No. 498 in Songs of Fellowship – track 12 on the Festivals & Favourites CD

**Angels from the realms of glory** No. 23 in Songs of Fellowship – track 3 on the Festivals & Favourites CD

**O little town of Bethlehem** No.420 in Songs of Fellowship – track 11 on the Festivals & Favourites CD

### Christmas Day

**O come all ye faithful** No. 408 in Songs of Fellowship – track 10 on the Festivals & Favourites CD

**Away in a manger** No. 35 in Songs of Fellowship – track 6 on the Festivals & Favourites CD

**Hark the Herald Angels sing** No.155 in Songs of Fellowship – track 7 on the Festivals & Favourites CD

### Sunday 27 December

**While Shepherds watched** No. 602 in Songs of Fellowship – track 13 on the Festivals & Favourites CD

**O little town of Bethlehem** No.420 in Songs of Fellowship – track 11 on the Festivals & Favourites CD

**Hark the Herald Angels sing** No.155 in Songs of Fellowship – track 7 on the Festivals & Favourites CD

