

Prayers – 1st Sunday in Epiphany – the Baptism of Christ

Let us pray

Lord, we rejoice in your presence and your love. You have made us, you have redeemed us and you guide us. We remember in your presence our own baptism, all who will be baptised this year and all who are seeking to know the gifts of the spirit. We pray for our own clergy and for all who are being prepared for ordination and ministry.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Lord, we pray for all who are starting new work or new studies, for the newly married and the newly engaged, for all who are testing their vocations. We pray for all those whose plans have been disrupted by the pandemic – and particularly for those who cannot see a way forward. We pray for all who work in the NHS and ask you to give them strength to face the increasing challenges with which they are faced.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Lord, we give thanks for our homes and our loved ones, for our godparents and our godchildren. We ask your blessing upon them. We remember all who come from broken homes or who are suffering from broken relationships. We pray for all whose relationships and family circumstances are under pressure as a result of the lockdown.

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Lord, we pray for all who feel they have lost their way, who are troubled and distressed, that they may know your love and care. We also remember those who are ill at home or in hospital, all who are struggling at this time. We pray especially for those affected by Covid both as a result of having the virus themselves or having their own treatment for other illnesses delayed. We pray particularly for(see In Touch)

Lord in your mercy – hear our prayer

Lord, we praise you for giving us life and life eternal. We remember especially today any loved ones and friends who have enriched our own lives but who are now departed from this world. We pray for those who have been bereaved over the past months and who have been unable to mourn as they would have wished. We pray especially for the family and friends of(see In Touch)

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Lord, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as your adopted children.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ
Amen