

Prayers for 10th January 2021

Almighty God, you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit, and revealed him as your beloved Son. Grant that we who are baptised with water may be renewed by the same spirit so we may serve you by acts of love in your name. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

As we move into another period of lockdown, we give thanks for our church, for the ministry team and our churchwardens and for all those who have continued to keep us together in many different ways throughout the year. May the Church continue to serve as a beacon of hope to a suffering world and may the Holy Spirit guide us and help us all to reach out to members of our church community to help in whatever way we can. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are guiding our nation at this time, and shaping national policies, including politicians, scientists and chief medical officers. May they make wise decisions to lead us through the next difficult months. We pray for all governments around the world and countries where Covid is continuing to spread. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We pray for all our children entering another term of home schooling. We give thanks for all school staff who are having to adapt to the new situation. We pray particularly for families suffering additional stress at this time and for all vulnerable and frightened children everywhere. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We give thanks for the introduction of a second vaccine and for the increased rollout of vaccines across the country. We give thanks for all doctors, nurses and medical researchers, that through their skill and insights many will be restored to health. We pray that you will guide them through the challenging period facing all of us. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We pray for the vulnerable and the fearful, for the gravely ill and the dying, that they may know your comfort and peace. We lift to you all those known to us who are unwell, anxious or unhappy and we remember those who have recently died. We pray for those who mourn that you may comfort them in their sorrow. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Almighty God, we pray that, through the power of the Holy Spirit we may continue to serve you and we commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray to your mercy and protection. **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**