



## Intercessions

12<sup>th</sup> January 2025

### The Baptism of Christ

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#### Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

**Amen.**



Intercessions for this Sunday received with thanks  
from Bruce Braithwaite

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We ask you Lord to hear the prayers of your servant this morning as we set out our plans for growing your church in Eccleshall and Slindon in the coming year. Fill us with your Holy Spirit and guide us in the delivery and fulfilment of the projects to increase the numbers attending our services and activities.

Help us to grow in spiritual knowledge and in fellowship. May your influence spread beyond the congregations in our churches; to those attending the mid-week activities and to the schools; and to whole of the communities of Eccleshall and Slindon.

We pray for the Anglican Church following the resignation of Archbishop Justin, for Archbishop Stephen, Bishop Michael, Bishop Mathew and Archdeacon Megan in their leadership roles. We ask that you would stimulate and inspire Phillip, Stephen and Cassie, the Wardens and PCC, and each one of us in the congregation, as we grow as believers and share the good news of Jesus with our neighbours and friends. Take our hearts, our minds and our hands, and make us a light to the community.

**Lord, in your mercy,**

**Hear our prayer**

This period of the year when many are unwell, and the adverse weather has resulted in many slipping and falling. We pray for all those who are unwell and for all those caring for them, both in the health service and at home. Increase our love and care for each other, in our prayers and in our service, by visiting the sick and housebound, meeting their practical needs and being aware of those who are less mobile and independent.

In recent days Edna Fenton, Thomas Cornes, and John Butters have died, and we pray for their family and friends and for all those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Our King and royal family are also recovering from illness, and we pray for their recovery and for their continued work in identifying with, and serving, the people of this country and the wider world.

**Lord, in your mercy,**

**Hear our prayer**

This world that you created is so wonderful and good, well stocked with a variety of food and all the resources that we need for everyone throughout the world to live a comfortable life, but we are selfish in the way in which we use these resources, and they are not available to everyone in proportion to their need. Those who exercise power and control often misuse this power in ways which result in war and suffering, in mistrust and in restrictive ways, We pray for leaders around the world, and in our own country, that they might devote their energies to the improving living standards and peace for everyone, both in their own country and throughout the world; for people of every nation and without prejudice of discrimination.

We ask you, Lord, to fill one of us with your love and kindness, as Jesus practised these qualities. Help us to live our lives day by day caring for the poor and the sick, bringing about peace, and loving our neighbours as ourselves.

**Merciful Father,**

**Accept these prayers in the name of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**

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