Intercessions for Sunday 10th January 2021

First Sunday of Epiphany; the Baptism of Christ.

***Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,***

***As once it guided the steps of the magi:***

***That we too may be led into your presence***

***And worship you, the Child of Mary,***

***The Word of the Father, the King of nations,***

***The Saviour of mankind:***

***To whom be glory for ever.***

Holy God, we give you thanks for all who are baptised. We praise you for our own baptism and pray that we may know that we are always immersed in your presence. Give your church the power to show that we are members of Christ, children of God and inheritors of the kingdom of heaven. We pray for the outreach of the church, for all who are unbaptised, for all who have never heard the gospel clearly. We pray for our church at Holy Innocents, for Father David, Paulette and Jane. We ask for your blessings on them and all who serve this church.

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are working for peace, all who are seeking to improve our world. We remember all who are struggling to gain freedom and independence, for emerging nations and communities. We pray for our Queen and Government, and leaders in the rest of the world. Sharpen their consciences and give them courage to make wise decisions and trying to meet the needs of all who suffer, especially as the Pandemic continues worldwide. Help us all to be responsible in the things we do in our lives to prevent the spread of the virus.

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our prayer.

We remember before you our parents and our godparents. We pray for our children and our godchildren. We pray for the place where we were baptized. We pray for those who have shared their lives and their faith with us, for all with whom we work and for all our friends.

Lord in your Mercy. Hear our prayer.

We remember all who have been affected by the Coronavirus pandemic. All who are lonely and all who are ill; for all who have suffered spiritually and mentally.

We pray for the world-weary , the worn and the weak, that the Lord will give strength to all his people.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who having been baptised have kept the faith; we pray especially for loved ones departed from us, and all whose anniversary falls at this time.

May they rejoice in that greater awareness of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

May we rejoice wiath them as joint inheritors of the kingdom of heaven.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your son, our saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.