

Prayers for 29th November Wheathill Benefice.

Advent is a season of expectant waiting  
and preparation for both the celebration  
of the Nativity of Christ at Christmas  
and the return of Christ at the Second Coming.

As we begin a new year in the life of the Church,  
let us pray together to the Lord of creation.

We pray for our Church leaders,  
we especially pray for Bishop Peter,  
as he continues with his treatment  
and Jane his wife, supporting him.  
We pray for Bishop Ruth  
as she continues to take on the extra commitments during this busy time up  
until Christmas.  
Lord we pray for our Priest Jane  
and all those who will be helping  
to bring the services together  
here in the Wheathill Benefice this Christmas period.  
Let them feel surrounded by your love  
and willing to do you will.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY  
HEAR OUR PRAYER

1

We pray for all those who govern our countries,  
we especially think of our own government.  
We pray for the world leaders and all in authority,  
that they may all lead  
and govern wisely and honestly.

Teach them your ways, your love and your truth,  
that there may be peace among nations  
and respect for all.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY  
HEAR OUR PRAYER

Lord, we pray for our Communities  
and all who live here.  
We pray for those  
who are struggling with this second lockdown.  
For all those who are feeling isolated,  
hurt or upset especially during this time of coronavirus.  
Be with us in our homes,  
that our homes may reflect your love.  
Let us know you are with each one of us,  
especially through these unusual times.

2

We pray for children at school,  
keep them safe as they travel each day  
and for young adults at colleges and universities especially those returning  
home to visit families for the Christmas holidays.  
As lockdown slightly eases,  
let us remember to take care  
and think of others if we do go out  
and about before Christmas.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY  
HEAR OUR PRAYER

We pray for all those working in the National Health Service, Nursing Homes,  
Social Services  
and any other key workers.

We especially think of those who are working in Oxford University and other  
places

where the trials have been taking place  
to combat this coronavirus  
and in finding a vaccine.

Give them the strength as they work long hours to help to fight this virus.

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3

Lord Jesus we bring to you,  
all those who are weary with ongoing pain  
and weakness,

those who are frail with age  
and all who are vulnerable.

We especially think of those who are depressed and feel isolated due to the  
coronavirus.

Let them feel your loving arms are around them and know you are always  
with them.

Restore, refresh and comfort them.

LORD IN YOUR MERCY  
HEAR OUR PRAYER

Lord Jesus we pray for all those who have lost loved ones  
and for all those who are finding it hard  
because they have not been able to say goodbye.  
May those who have died,

know the eternal peace of your heaven,  
and may those who miss them be comforted.

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4

Lord, As we approach the festival of Christmas  
we give you praise  
and thank you for the full provision  
you have given us through the coming of Jesus.

Merciful Father,  
ACCEPT THESE PRAYERS  
FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON, OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.  
AMEN.