







**Let us pray for our Community and the
Wider World.**

Let us take time to listen to God.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:9-12

-  **A time to give thanks. Although the world still waits for peace and justice, we know that He is with us – Emmanuel.**
-  **Pray for those who are waiting for peace and justice both near and far.**
-  **Christmas is an opportunity to bring the joy and hope of Jesus to our local communities. Pray for the ways in which we as a Church can show Jesus' love to our neighbours this Christmas?**
-  **Pray for all those living with loss or fear that they will find peace in the hope that only God offers.**
-  **Thank God for the freedom we enjoy to worship and pray together. Pray for Christians around the world who are persecuted and will be unable to openly celebrate the birth of Jesus this Christmas.**
-  **Thank God for His amazing love for all the nations of earth, and for the hope we have in Jesus. And when our hope gives way to despair at the state of the world, remember the promises of God.**

"Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away... And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'"

Revelation 21

