

Dear Lord

In cold frosty January we continue to give thanks for your birth and that wonder that came to us at Christmas long ago. We remember our friends and neighbours elsewhere who have recently who have celebrated Christmas later in the orthodox church. We also remember your baptism at this time and that we continue to celebrate baptism today.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for the farmers who a few weeks ago celebrated plough Sunday and let their work be rewarded with the gift of a successful harvest and where crops fail that we may share our bounty.

We pray for the farmers whose work is animal husbandry and remember the shepherds ensuring that their sheep are safe and over the coming months that their lambs are safe in the field.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our friends in the Ukraine and people elsewhere affected by the war. May you bring comfort and support to families experiencing death, injury and other hardships. We pray that you will give them comfort and hope that peace will come and that they may be able to rebuild their lives and homes.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for sick and those recently bereaved. We pray for the homeless and those feeling hardship, whether due to fuel poverty or may need the help with providing food for their table. We pray for those providing support through care, lending a listening ear or helping in the food banks.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for our community here in Ashdon, the school children recently returned to school after the Christmas break.

We pray for our church, here in Ashdon, the Baptist Church and the museum and everything that enriches the lives in our lovely village

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**