St. Bartholomew's Church Prayer Diary, January 2022

Jesus was baptised....and as He was praying heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on Him.

We give thanks to God for His presence and bring our concerns.

We pray,...

- 1. that this New Year will bring hope for solutions to the troubles of the world.
- 2. that our church services will be worthy witness of our faith at Epiphany.
- 3. for Christians everywhere, especially where they are persecuted.
- 4. that the new school term will encourage children in their learning.
- 5. for those attending our first BCP Holy Communion Service of this year.
- 6. for the bell-ringers who call us to worship.
- 7. for our choir, organist and band, who seek to enrich our worship.
- 8. that the activities for our young people will draw them to faith.
- 9. that our services today reflect the Baptism of Jesus.
- 10. that CAMEO will continue to serve pastoral needs.
- 11. that our study of the Bible will open our eyes to the presence of God.
- 12. for the who lead and attend 'First Steps'
- 13. that those who are sick will feel God's healing hands
- 14. for those who tend and care for the sick.
- 15. for all those in caring occupations.
- 16. that as we come to church today we feel our faith strengthened.
- 17. that as we begin a new week we find satisfaction in our work.
- 18. for all those who work for the emergency services.
- 19. for those experiencing stress, sorrow or loneliness.
- 20. that the frail and elderly will feel loved and supported.
- 21. that we all find ways of being neighbourly and friendly.
- 22. for our Diocesan leaders and all those responsible for parishes.

- 23. for Christian unity and our special service this evening.
- 24. for our nation and its' government, praying for wise decisions.
- 25. for our local governments as they support constituents.
- 26. for all volunteers and charities that support families.
- 27. for the growth of our church family despite the pandemic.
- 28. for those who live or commute to work in our village.
- 29. for parents and grandparents who provide a Christian example.
- 30. that those reluctant to return to church find re-assurance.
- 31. for those in care or foster homes and those who provide care.