

From Rev Chris Jamieson, St. Peter's Church, Belmont

**Loving Lord, we come before you today remembering that a new year is a new page in the book of our lives:**

- a time of new beginnings,
- a time to take stock,
- a time to re-evaluate what is most important in our lives.

**May we write with colour, wisdom and humility and may your grace fall upon it consistently and unceasingly.**

**As we move forward into 2021, be with us as our guide and comforter. Show us the way in which we should go. Direct our thoughts, our actions and our prayers so that we are living for you and following your way.**

**The New Year has so many possibilities; help us to see which are the possibilities you are directing us towards.**

**Give us the courage to step out for you and to be counted as one of your servants here on earth.**

**Help us in our outreach to others through the words we say, the actions we take and the manner in which we live our lives.**

**For the sake of your precious Son, our Saviour whose birth we have celebrated again this Christmas. Amen.**

*We would love to hear from you with favourite prayers and reflections that are important to you. Please send them to [dawn@walmsleyparish.org](mailto:dawn@walmsleyparish.org)*

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Love from your friends in Walmsley Parish xx*

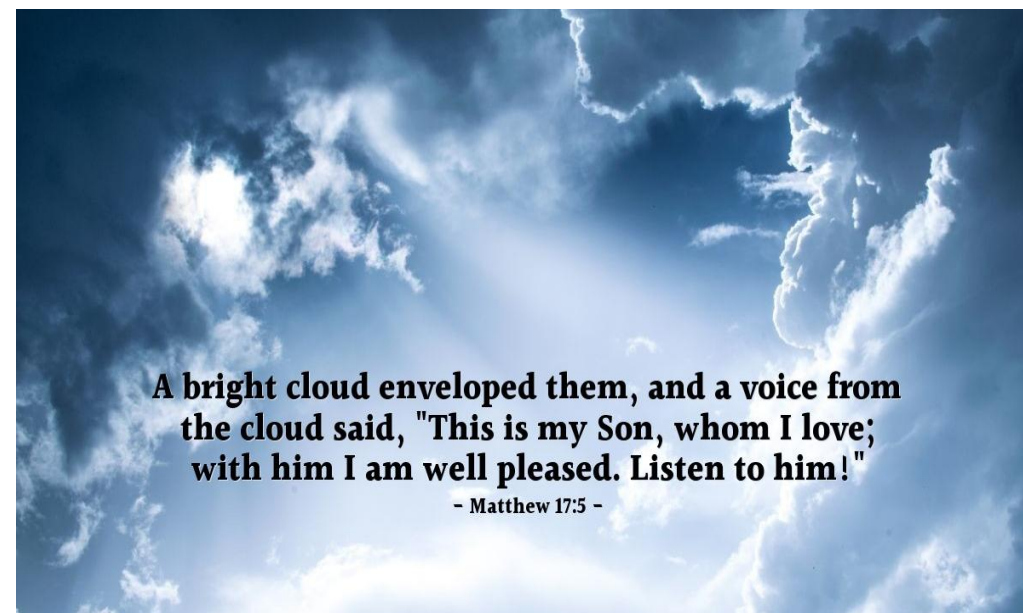
## **Prayers for w/c 10 January** **BAPTISM OF JESUS**

Christ Church & St Andrew's  
Walmsley Bromley Cross

### **THE COLLECT FOR THIS SUNDAY:**

**Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed Him to be your Son, anointing Him with the Holy Spirit: grant to us, who are born again by water and the Spirit, that we may be faithful to our calling as Your adopted children;**

**through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**



**A bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!"**

**- Matthew 17:5 -**

*These prayers of Intercession were written  
by Mark Head in preparation for the Service of  
Holy Communion at Christ Church Walmsley last Sunday:*

We pray for the Church and for the world and, particularly at this troubled time, let us thank God for his promise of Eternal Life in Jesus, the bearer of our afflictions.

Almighty God our heavenly father, you promised through your Son to hear us when we pray in faith. We thank You for the readings from Your Holy Word and the message of salvation to all peoples, regardless of colour, creed or status. At this time of Epiphany, help us to be revealers of Your healing Grace and bearers of bountiful mercy to others, ever-vigilant in our walk of peace and love, and defenders of fairness & justice.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen David Walker and our Bishops & Archdeacons; In our deanery we pray for the Parish of St Anne, Turton with St James, Edgworth, and particularly for our Team Rector, Revd. Peter Reiss, and for our minister, Revd Carol Hayden, together with our valued Churchwardens and helpers who are keeping our Parish Life alive.

For all Your Church in the service of Christ; we pray that those who confess Your name may be united in Your truth, live together in Your love, and reveal Your glory to the world.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord, hear us as we pray for the troubles of our world; the ever increasing needs of the poor and unfortunate, our own concerns in the forthcoming months over the future of our country and the restoration of the health & confidence of our economy and of our local and national communities. We pray for the work of the media in propagating the Gospel in these times of limited physical contact, and in particular we remember the work of the SAT-7 Broadcasting Company in the Middle East.

**Merciful Father: accept these**

**prayers, for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Let us worship the Christ who draws near to each of us.  
Let us praise the Christ who loves the worst among us.  
Let us bless the Christ who shares with the least among us.  
Let us glorify the Christ who intercedes for all among us  
in the presence of God the Father. Amen.

*written by Ann Griffiths (1776-1805)*



Prayers for strength and resilience for everyone as we enter lockdown. Particularly for the wonderful staff, children and families in our schools. Thinking of Walmsley CE Primary School as they face the challenges that this week brings for finding a way through this.

Amen

[#MorningPrayer @billbraviner](#): encouraging us to be sharers of the good news, no matter what difficulties we may face.

***You call us, Lord, to be heralds of your kingdom, sharers of your good news; to tell people of your promises, and their fulfilment in crib and cross, Emmanuel and Easter.***

***Give us joy in sharing your love, even in the face of difficulties, disappointments and tiers.***