

A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,
and by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead.



**May the love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself;
May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service;
May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your soul;
May the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with you and remain with you
and those you love this day and evermore. 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

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Prayers for w/c 3 January **EPIPHANY**

Christ Church & St Andrew's
Walmsley Bromley Cross

**May God be with you through New Year,
and fill your life with comfort, love and cheer.
May this day and the days ahead,
hold many blessings for you to spread.**

(A greeting from Nikki Barlow, Church Warden at St. Anne's with St. James')



NEW YEAR PRAYER:

Thank You Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead.
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend,
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty,
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And happiness it brings.
Amen.

These prayers of Intercession were written and given by Andy Pearson at the Christmas Eve Midnight Communion Service at Christ Church Walmsley:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world and, particularly on this evening, let us thank God for the birth and life of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Almighty God our heavenly father, you promised through your Son to hear us when we pray in faith. Hear us dear Lord, as we pray for the Church around the world, for our bishops and archdeacons and all our clergy in the Turton Moorland Team.

Dear Lord, we thank you for the strength and fellowship we continue to provide each other and those around us. We pray for resilience, patience, understanding and awareness as we cope with the restrictions on our lives

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Dear Lord, we thank you for the greater certainty the future offers us, with the delivery of the vaccination against Covid. However, for many around the world, uncertainty and struggle is a fact of their lives, not just from Covid, but also from numerous heartbreaking events and conflicts.

Loving Father, provide comfort and support to those who suffer. May they find deliverance from their despair and let them feel your presence in re-building their lives.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Dear Lord, hear us as we pray for all in our local community, especially for those people who have yet to find you and accept you into their lives. May your light shine out in their darkness. Loving Father, we pray for our Key workers and agencies, both public and volunteer services, providing help and comfort, at what can be one of the loneliest times of the year. Dear Lord, as we move toward a New Year, we pray for those volunteering to help some of the most vulnerable in our communities. Loving Father, through your guidance, help all of us to see how WE can make THAT difference to the lives of people in need in our community. *Merciful Father: accept these*

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

The COLLECT for Sunday 3 January 2021:

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may at last behold your glory face to face; 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.



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We rejoice that He sets us free to show His love, to shine His light, and share His life with all. Amen

You come to us, our Lord, Emmanuel, God with us, as our king. You teach us the ways of your kingdom, you bring hope for all people. May we know you as Lord and Saviour, rejoicing as you set us free to show your love, shine your light, and share your life with all.