

# WYLYE AND TILL VALLEY BENEFICE PRAYERS JANUARY 2025

1	<p><b>The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus</b>          Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen</p>
2	<p>We pray that we may be good stewards of creation; that we will have the tools and the will to conserve it; that we will use its bountiful resources in the service of others; and that we will become better caretakers of all that has been entrusted to us. Amen</p>
3	<p>We pray for the church and village community of Little Langford and their Churchwarden, Beth Andrews</p>
4	<p>We pray for the development of community-based eco-networks inspired by a deep reverence and care for all creation, people, the earth, and all creatures. We pray for inter-community co-operation. Amen</p>
5	<p><b>The Second Sunday of Christmas</b>          We pray for the church and village community of South Newton and their Churchwarden Adrian Softley and Local Church Council.</p>
6	<p><b>The Epiphany</b>          Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star to worship the Christ-child: guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen</p>
7	<p>We pray for all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that they may be welcomed in our midst and be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect. Amen.</p>
8	<p>We pray for the children, teachers, staff, parents and governors of Great Wishford, Wylve Valley Primary School, the Farley School and our local Secondary schools as they start their new school term. May the Holy Spirit guide, protect and sustain them.</p>
9	<p>We pray for the church and village community of Stapleford and the Local Church Committee.</p>
10	<p>Heavenly Father, we pray for the poorest and most vulnerable. Let us not just speak of justice, but let us act in just ways. May the oppressed and needy feel justice and equality and experience a world without hunger and poverty. Amen.</p>
11	<p>God of life, we praise you for the beauty of creation, its richness and variety; yet, through greed and ignorance, we scar your world with plastic waste and throw so much away. Make us more like Jesus, treading gently on our common home, and breathe your Spirit on us, that we may care more deeply for your Earth. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>
12	<p><b>The Baptism of Christ (The First Sunday of Epiphany)</b>          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</p>
13	<p>God, we weep for the lives lost in this conflict. We pray for all those who mourn their loved ones. We bring to you our deep sorrows and our fears for the future.          God, we cry out for peace and for justice. We pray for an end to this war, for an immediate ceasefire. We pray that those in power would act to stop this violence now. We ask this in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Amen</p>
14	<p>We pray for all the local businesses of our community facing such challenges at this time; we remember all who work in our villages, in Salisbury or travel further afield to work. We give thanks for the contribution they make to our local well-being.</p>
15	<p>We pray for the church and village community of Great Wishford and their Local Church Council.</p>
16	<p>Holy Spirit, drive away from us all forms of sickness and disease, restore strength to our bodies and joy to our spirit, so that in our renewed health, we may bless and serve you, now and forevermore. Amen</p>

17	Eternal Father, we praise you for sending your Son to be one of us and to save us. Look upon your people with mercy, for we are divided in so many ways, and give us the Spirit of Jesus to make us one in love. Amen.
18	<b>The start of the week of prayer for Christian Unity</b> May Your Spirit guide us on the way of peace on the way of honest dialogue on the way of reconciliation between peoples, on the way of disarmament and justice, on the way of freedom and life for all. Amen
19	<b>The Second Sunday of/after Epiphany</b> Lord God, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power. Please look kindly upon all animals who are in need this day, whether they are in the wild, on the streets, in captivity, or elsewhere. Deliver those who are hurt, abused, hungry, and forgotten. Amen
20	We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and the world; that we respect all people as precious children of God; and that racism, sexism, and all other forms of discrimination will be forever banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws. Amen
21	We pray for the church and village community of Winterbourne Stoke and their Churchwarden Dee Montagu-Pollock.
22	We pray for the church and village community of Wylve. We pray for the church and village community of Wylve and Fisherton Delamere, their Churchwarden Roger Liddiard and Local Church Committee.
23	We pray for the church and village community of Stockton and their Churchwarden Claudia James.
24	Lord Jesus, the earth is yours and you have commanded the winds and the sea; help us to leave behind our consumer demand for plastics and move towards behaviours that are environmentally healthy; help us to follow your lead in caring for the world you love. Amen
25	<b>The Conversion of Paul</b> O GOD, who, through the preaching of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we beseech thee, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same, by following the holy doctrine which he taught; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
26	<b>Third Sunday of/after Epiphany</b> Compassionate Father, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe. Let us dream together, pray together and work together, To build one world of peace and justice for all. Amen
27	Merciful God, hear our prayers for all who strive for peace and all who fight for justice. Help us to work for a better tomorrow; and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict, bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.
28	We pray for the church & village community of Steeple Langford & their Churchwardens Jo Pearce and Bob Ogilvie and the local Church Committee.
29	Lord, lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth. Lead us from despair to hope, from fear to trust. Let peace fill our hearts, our world and our universe. Let us dream together, pray together and work together, to build one world of peace and justice for all. Amen
30	Lord, grant us the wisdom to care for the earth and till it. Help us to act now for the good of future generations and all your creatures. Help us to become instruments of a new creation, Founded on the covenant of your love. Amen
31	We pray for the church, PCC and village community of Berwick St James. We pray for Bill Hiscocks and James Douse Churchwardens of Berwick St James.

**God, help our church body to walk in a manner worthy of the calling You have given us. Help us in all our interactions with one another to have humble and gentle hearts.  
Grant us patience for one another, bearing with one another in love.  
Grant the Body of Christ unity.  
May we walk humbly with You, God, allowing You to show us our wrongs. Amen**