

## **Old Hills Malvern Churches Intercessions**

### **The Feast of the Epiphany – 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

The Magi came from the east to worship your Son: Father, grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of adoration and that through their worship they may reflect the glorious light of Christ

Heavenly Father, you sent your son to guide your people, just as you sent a star to guide the Wise Men to worship him. We pray that you will send, your Holy Spirit to guide our Church as we begin a New Year in these parishes and communities. We know that this coming year will bring significant changes and we pray that you will always be present as we take one more step along the journey of faith.

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

Lord God, as we face the start of 2021 in lockdown, we pray for your world. Let the star of your justice always shine in the hearts of those who are in authority. Enable all nations to recognize the sanctity of each and every human life in their care so that all may experience an abundance of peace and security. Most especially we pray that this year will see the end of the pandemic as the programme of vaccination continues worldwide.

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

Father God, Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth: we give thanks for his presence with us in our homes and in our lives, especially during this new lockdown. Guide us in our relationships with family and neighbours, especially those in trouble or need and bless those who have guided and enriched our own lives.

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

Loving God, we pray for all those who have lost their way or have been led astray and for all who are living below their potential or their abilities. We raise before you all whose lives are unfulfilled and all those whose lives are restricted by illness; we remember the chronically ill, those in constant pain, the depressed and the despairing.

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

Merciful Lord, we pray for all who are coming to the end of their journey here on earth and pray that they may come into your presence and kingdom. We pray for all those who have come before your face and now rejoice in the fullness of life eternal.

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

Eternal God, as we go out into this New Year we ask for your loving presence with us to share in its joys and to strengthen us in its sorrows.

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