

# Thoughts and Prayers for the Week

## Sunday 8th January 2023



### Epiphany

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



### Readings this week:

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalm 72: [1-9], 10-15

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

### Thought for the week...

After writing the Hymn 'In Christ Alone' Keith Getty received a letter from a Mother. Her son was an army captain in Iraq and he had written the following to her:

*"There is a new hymn and I sing it all the time here in Bagdad. Each of its verses mean so much to me. It tells of Christ's burden for those who scorned him and boy can I relate to that. We are losing solders every day to the people that we are trying to help, this helps me to have compassion on the people of Iraq. As I drive down the highway on Patrol I feel secure in claiming the promise 'No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand; till He returns or calls me home—here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.'"*

*In Christ alone my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid—  
Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine—  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death—  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home—  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

As we begin a new year, which may contain joys or sorrows, let us know that we do not walk alone. Amen

Happy New Year

~June Cutting~



**Let us continue to support and strengthen each other**

- ◇ Daily, by saying The Lord’s Prayer together, morning and evening
- ◇ Lighting a candle at home 10.00am on Sunday if we are unable to come to church

**Our Services:**

<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023</b> <b>Epiphany</b>	<b>11:00am   Epiphany Eucharist</b> <b>Rev'd Lynn Chapman (Rural Dean, Priest in Charge of</b> <b>Brooke Benefice)</b>	<b>Morningthorpe</b> <b>Church</b>
	<b>4:00pm   Family Praise</b>	<b>Hempnall Church</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany</b>	<b>10:00am   Morning Service in the Methodist Tradition</b>	<b>Via Zoom</b>

**This week we pray for:**

- ◇ In the morning: the day and its tasks; the world and its needs; the Church and her life
- ◇ The unity of the Church
- ◇ The peace of the world
- ◇ The healing of the sick
- ◇ The revelation of Christ to those from who his glory is hidden
- ◇ All who travel
- ◇ In the evening: peace; individuals and their needs

**Food Bank**

Items for our Food Bank are still needed; we are very grateful to all who continue to contribute during this difficult time.

Our next collections will be on:

**Sunday 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2023** Any items can be left at  
**Hempnall Church Office Mon-Thu, 9am-12:30pm.**  
**Please phone before arrival - 01508 498157**

**URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD ITEMS**

- SUGAR
- UHT FRUIT JUICE
- INSTANT MASH

**WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF**

- PASTA
- CEREAL
- SOUP

**WE REMEMBER:**

Martin, Molly, Ian

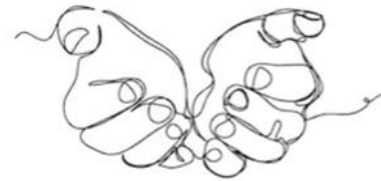
**Hempnall:** Lesley and family,  
Phillip, Sophie, Ross

**Bedingham/Woodton:**  
Sheila, Hilary, Peter, Liz, Anne, Chris, Barrie

**Topcroft:** Gerald

**LONG TERM CARE:**

**Bedingham /Woodton:**  
Dennis, Shirley, Jacob, Myrtle, Rudolph  
**Fritton/Morningthorpe:** Beryl



**RECENTLY DIED:**

Jim Pulford



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