



St Mary's Garforth

WORSHIP AT

HOME IN

CHRISTMAS AND

EPIPHANY

from evening of 24th December 2025 to 8th February 2026

Helping you pray and worship, and join our phone-in services, during Christmas and Epiphany.

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If you need any assistance, call Adrienne 07540664361

MORNING WORSHIP IN CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY for worship at home

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

Keep a short silence, still your heart.

Saving God, who walked this earth
in Eden and by Galilee,
we praise you for your everlasting love,
enduring patience,
and for the greatest gift of all,
the possibility of Salvation
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession

Hear the words of the angel to Joseph:

'You shall call his name Jesus,
for he will save his people from their sins.'

Therefore let us know the forgiveness of God
through Jesus the Saviour of the world.

Keep a short silence, as we call to mind our wrongdoing.

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, open our ears to your living word:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself,
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh,
and be cleansed from all your sins,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Listening to God, through his word.

*On Sundays, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, find the
bible reading(s) (see the separate booklet) or on another
day choose a favourite reading.*

Thanksgiving

Glory to Christ, Son of Mary;
born a child,
you are one with us.

Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to Christ, Son of David;
born to rule,
you reign in our hearts.

Glory to God in the highest.

Glory to Christ, Son of man;
born to save,
you are the light of the world.

Glory to God in the highest.

Prayers

We pray for others aloud or in the quiet of our hearts.

Lord meet us in our words or silence and hear our prayer.

Pray for yourself and your loved ones.

Pray for others in their need.

Pray for the church.

Pray for our country and its leaders.

Pray for the world.

You may wish to use some of the prayers on pages 6-8.

Rejoicing in the presence of God (*to 5th Jan*)
or Believing in the promises of God (*from 6th Jan*)
we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Conclusion

God our Father,
your Word has come among us
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:
may the light of faith illumine our hearts
and shine in our words and deeds;
through him who is Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

A PRAYER 'AT THE CRIB'

O God the Son, highest and holiest,
who humbled yourself to share our birth and our death: bring
us with the shepherds and the wise men
to kneel before your holy cradle,
that we may come to sing with your angels
your glorious praises in heaven;
where with the Father and the Holy Spirit
you live and reign,
God, world without end. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS EVE NIGHT

Eternal God,
in the stillness of this night
you sent your almighty Word
to pierce the world's darkness with the light of salvation:
give to the earth the peace that we long for and
fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept
our heartfelt praise as we worship you,
our Saviour and our eternal God. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR PEACE AND UNITY

Prince of Peace, born among us.

As we celebrate the mystery of your birth among us, we pray that you would fill us with your peace.

Pour into our hearts that peace which we so desperately seek, and which you alone can give.

Unite your people, around the world that we might live in peace, working together for the common good.

Awaken in our hearts, love and gratitude

for all that you have done for us

and may our joyful hearts sing your praises forever more.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR GOODNESS

Let Your goodness Lord appear to us, that we made in your image, conform ourselves to it.

In our own strength we cannot imitate Your majesty, power, and wonder nor is it fitting for us to try.

But Your mercy reaches from the heavens through the clouds to the earth below.

You have come to us as a small child, but you have brought us the greatest of all gifts, the gift of eternal love.

Caress us with Your tiny hands,
embrace us with Your tiny arms
and pierce our hearts with Your soft, sweet cries.

St. Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153)

A PRAYER FOR INSIGHT

Jesus, Light of the World,
as we celebrate your birth,
may we begin to see the world in the light of the
understanding you give us.

As you chose the lowly, the outcasts, and the poor
to receive the greatest news the world had ever known,
so may we worship you in meekness of heart.

May we also remember our brothers and sisters less
fortunate than ourselves in this season of giving. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE NEWYEAR

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose years never fail
and whose mercies are new each returning day:
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,
warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;
that we may pass the coming year
in joyful obedience and firm faith;
through him who is the beginning and the end,
your Son, Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NIGHT PRAYER IN CHRISTMAS AND EPIPHANY

You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.

Preparation

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Pause and reflect on the day that is past.

Penitence

Most merciful God, we confess to you, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do.

**Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Bible Readings

Psalm 16 or another psalm will be said.

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge;
I have said to the Lord, 'You are my lord,
all my good depends on you.'
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble in heart.
- 3 Though the idols are legion that many run after,
their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, neither
make mention of their names upon my lips.
- 4 The Lord himself is my portion and my cup;
in your hands alone is my fortune.
- 5 My share has fallen in a fair land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 6 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel,
and in the night watches he instructs my heart.
- 7 I have set the Lord always before me;
he is at my right hand; I shall not fall.

- 8 Wherefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices;
my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 9 For you will not abandon my soul to Death,
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 10 You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Christmas (to 5th Jan)

In him was life and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.

John 1.4,5

Epiphany (from 6th Jan)

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

Titus 2.11

Pause to reflect on the reading.

The following responsory may be said:

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Gospel Canticle

The Nunc Dimitis (Song of Simeon) is said.

Christmas (to 5th Jan)

**Alleluia. The Word was made flesh,
alleluia, and dwelt among us. Alleluia,
alleluia.**

Epiphany (from 6th Jan)

**Alleluia. Christ the light of the world,
alleluia, has manifested his glory.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

¹ Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled.

² My own eyes have seen the salvation

which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

³ A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

Luke 2.29-32

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and to the Holy Spirit;
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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Prayers

Intercessions may be offered here. Silence may be kept.

This and/or one of the prayers overleaf may be said.

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray,
and drive far from it the snares of the enemy;
may your holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace,
and may your blessing be always upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Christmas (to 5th Jan)

We give you thanks, O God,
for the gift to the world of our Redeemer; as
we sing your glory at the close of this day, so
may we know his presence in our hearts,
who is our Saviour and our Lord,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Epiphany (from 6th Jan)

King of kings and Lord of lords,
making the true light to shine:
lighten our darkness now and evermore that
with our lips and in our lives
we may praise you;
for you are our God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in the presence of God (to 5th Jan) / Believing in
the promises of God (from 6th Jan) as our Saviour
taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.
As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.

Christmas (to 5th Jan)

May the love of the Word made flesh enfold us,
his joy fill our lives,
his peace be in our hearts;
and the blessing of God be with
us this night and always.

Amen.

Epiphany (from 6th Jan)

May the living waters of Christ cleanse us,
may the Spirit descend upon us,
and the blessing of God be with
us this night and always.

Amen.

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St Mary's Phone-in Services

Sundays at 9.30am; Thursdays at 8pm.

For when you can't make it to Church.

Why not give it a try?

Just follow these steps:

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4. Finally, you will be asked for your PIN - enter 5316 then press #
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