Our God, Creator of the universe was born into the world in the person of Jesus - let us bring before him our human concerns for the world, one another and ourselves.

Let us pray for the world. May the light of God's love, which created and sustains the world, enlighten all the nations.

Let us pray for the Church and pray that God will raise up leaders who will bring wisdom, care and integrity in these challenging times. At this Christmas season, may all who celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ know themselves to be children of God.

Let us pray for one another. May the light of God's love touch and illuminate everyone who walks in the darkness of pain, loneliness or despair. Bringing before you those who have asked for our prayers we pray for: Jennifer, Nicky, Tessa, Claire, Nick, George, Rebecca, Sally, Clare and Christopher. We give thanks for all who care for them and ensure their healing and comfort. We pray for all who find Christmas difficult for whatever reason, that they will find hope and joy within the season. We remember our loved ones no longer with us and help us to know that they rest in peace within the eternal kingdom and will rise in glory.

Let us pray for ourselves. May the light of God's love guide our thinking and our doing, and may we bring light to others.

<u>Vicarage Nativity Scene</u> - the nativity has been very popular this year with many stopping or drawing up to see the Holy Family on our front lawn! We also collected at the Crib service on Christmas Eve nearly £140 to send to Leatherhead START our local homeless shelter and charity. Thank you to Christina Curtis and to Doug for their assembly of stable and figures once again this year. If you wish to donate to the above or another homeless charity please do - but besides all that it is simply our gift to you! HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As the year draws to a close thank you to all who have given their time and expertise in so many different ways to our parish and community throughout 2024.

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Parish of Capel and Ockley

29th December 2024

First Sunday of Christmas



<u>Sunday 29th December - First Sunday of Christmas</u>

9.30 Parish Service of Matins - Ockley

Sunday 5th January - The Epiphany

9.30 Matins - Ockley

10.30 Family Communion - Capel

Tuesday 7th January - Women of the Nativity

3pm Study group continues at 1 Old Barn Drive Capel

Sunday 12th January - The Baptism of Christ

9.30 Holy Communion - CW Ockley

10.30 Cafe Church - Capel - local churches together

(with special guest speaker Gail Lawther)

Tuesday 14th January - Women of the Nativity

3pm Study group continues at 1 Old Barn Drive Capel

Sunday 19th January - Epiphany 2

10.30 Parish Communion - Capel

Every Wednesday 9 - 12 Pavilion Café in Ockley, Cricket Pavilion with visit from Community Fridge

A New Year's Resolution....

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience.

Colossians 3.12-17

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