

## **Advent 1 – (29<sup>th</sup> November 2020)**

Lord of light,  
alert us to the hope of banishing darkness  
so that we may be open to the coming of your Son.  
May we also have our eyes opened to the end time,  
ready and expectant, always prepared.  
Let the energy of your mighty power  
dazzle and refresh us,  
as you bring us your love and peace,  
mercy and grace, expectation, and anticipation.  
**Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer**

We pray for your Church  
in its long journey in the light of Christ.  
Shine your love into any dark corners,  
prepare us for the glories to come,  
and help us to sustain our worship and wonder.  
As we look forward to the birth of your Son,  
let us look back in penitence and humility,  
committing ourselves anew to do your will  
and to deepen our faith through worship and prayer.  
**Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer**

As we put on the armour of light, this Advent,  
broaden our vision so that  
we can see the gifts and needs of others.  
In serving you, may we serve the needs we see,  
giving as much as we receive,  
of our time, our talents, and ourselves.

And in your world today we pray especially for all who are struggling to cope in this pandemic in various ways.

Equip those who are on the ground  
with purpose and authority,  
as we ask them to make a difference for your sake.  
And may we provide what we can  
in resources and prayer.

**Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer**

In our own community we pray for St. Agnes and St Hugh,  
Leesfield, as they are in Interregnum period, continue pray for  
all visiting clergy who will be leading worship during this period.  
For all those living on Hollins road and New Royd Avenue.  
For the residents and staff of Oakdene and Millfield Nursing and  
residential home.  
For headteachers, staff and pupils of all local schools as they  
continue to nurture and teach our young people We remember,  
Jamie Jackson, Jordan Jackson, and Theo Heap whose Baptism  
anniversary fall this week.

**Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer**

Let the sick and the suffering know your presence.  
May those who care patiently,  
and listen actively, feel your strength,  
as we pray especially for: Jean Smith, Christine Moorfield, Enid  
Firth, Evelyn, Mary Lawton, Alma and Grace Stansfield, Carrie-  
Ann, Bernard, Mark, Betty Heap, Andrew Fawcett, Nazir Ismail,  
Carole and David.

We remember the names and lives of those who have died, and their anniversary fall at this time by the name we pray for; Robert Slater, Geoffrey Buck, Alice Shear smith, Joy Evans, and Flora Giles.

We pray that those who mourn are comforted and that friends and neighbors support families who grieve at this time.

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