

Praying at Priestfield



Magi came from the east to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2

We are now into a new year and a period called Epiphany. This is a time to remind us about sharing the gospel, the light, with everyone. A time to experience an epiphany, a sudden and great revelation. Soon

there is the week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Important things (prayer and unity) for all of us. The focus is on the Churches of the Middle East which have had, and still experience, conflict and strife and yearn for the light which will lead to Jesus Christ.

Let's pray for unity in our world particularly thinking about the Middle East...

- pray for peace and wellbeing in all of this area; for prosperity; support for Christians; for unity, tolerance and love.
- Bahrain, Cyprus, Egypt, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Palestine, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, the United Arab Emirates and Yemen - countries with many religions, languages and customs.

Let's pray for unity here...

- pray for unity in our country as political, social and health issues polarise people. Pray for compassion and integrity in all of those in positions of prominence. May there be more people of faith who can be part of the leading, and of influencing public life towards these values.
- as the Presbytery of Edinburgh suggests plans to change the face of Church life in Edinburgh, let us pray that this may not be led by the human plan to save money, but by God's plan to do what he wants here. May we see this time as a wake up call to examine how the Church is going out and preaching the gospel in Edinburgh.

Praise and thanks and prayer for Priestfield...

- thank God for all that happened during Advent and Christmas.
- pray for Priestfield's part in the discussion about the new plans for the future of Churches in Edinburgh; for wisdom and vision, patience, tolerance and love.
- pray for renewal and growth of spiritual life for us all and that we can share our faith with more people in this area and online. Pray for opportunities to speak with the people we meet on a daily basis.
- as things change in this Covid time, pray for wisdom about how and when to change what is happening in the Church. Let us thank God for those who care for the building, work on the AV, welcome us, prepare the music and for Donald.

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