

Prayer Focus 2nd February 2020

**I have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all people
He is a light to reveal God to the nations and he is the glory of your people Israel!**

Luke 2:30-32

Lord God, you are the source of everlasting light.

Your son, our beloved Lord Jesus was presented in the temple 40 days after his birth.

He was recognised by Simeon and Anna, and welcomed as the promised Messiah.

May we like them, behold the glory of the Lord Jesus.

Grant that we may stand before you with hearts cleansed by your forgiving love.

May we serve you all our days and make your name known as we worship you as our Lord.

So may we come by your grace to eternal life. Amen.

However we feel about Brexit we mark our leaving

As people who grieve or celebrate together. One people

Loved equally, freely and unconditionally by the one wise all-seeing God

Either way let us hold this day gently,

Giving ourselves permission to leave without elation or despair

Determined to love our neighbour

Support the weak and welcome the stranger

Lord of all life

Let your servants depart in peace

And live according to your Holy Law

EBC & Local Focus:- Pray for the Life groups at EBC that they may be welcoming and vibrant, focused on God. Pray especially for the members of your LG who do regularly attend. Pray for each leader.

Street of the Week :- High Street—Herston Cross to Coombe Junction

Community Prayer Diary:- St. Mary's School Maria Gadston—headteacher

National & World Prayer Points:- Pray that all the changes and negotiations that need to take place now we have left the EU take place as peacefully and as smoothly as possible. Pray for those who are feeling fearful and anxious about the future.

Please pray for people affected by the Coronavirus. Pray for comfort for those who have lost loved ones, wisdom for medical staff and guidance for authorities trying to contain the virus. Pray that it will not spread further.

Following severe drought in Zimbabwe, many families are faced with making hard choices. As wells run dry they must collect water from unsafe sources. Pray for protection for the people of Zimbabwe, wisdom for those in power – especially the Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Finance – and that rain will fall soon.