**All Saints Church, Ashdon**

**Intercessions Christmas Day**

**Christ, born in a stable**, give courage to all who are homeless.

Today we think especially of those drivers still unable to cross the Channel, and of refugees and those who sleep rough on our streets in this country

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

**Christ for whom the angels sang**, give the song of the kingdom to all who weep, to all who are sick or in need of the company of loved ones, but separated from them, and to all who mourn.

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

**Christ worshipped by the shepherds**, give peace on earth to all who are oppressed. We have become so preoccupied with our own restrictions, help us never to forget those living in situations of conflict or oppression on account of their race or religion.

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

**Christ before whom the wise men knelt**, give humility and wisdom to all ho govern. Today we thank you for an end to the efforts to negotiate a Brexit deal, and we continue to pray for all who lead us as we continue to find a way in these difficult times. We pray for our Queen and Government and for all who lead us at national and local levels.

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

Christ whose radiance foiled a lowly manger, give the glory of your resurrection to all who rest in you. Today we remember especially Sarah’s mother Jean Towlson who died this week, as well as all those who have gone before us in this place, showing us your light.

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

Jesus, Saviour, child of Mary, you know us and love us.

Today we celebrate the fact that you share our lives and hear our prayers.

Glory to you for ever.

**Amen**