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St John's
The United Reformed Church
in Northwood

SUNDAY, 5th January 2020

Service led by Lilian Evans

WELCOME & NOTICES

CALL TO WORSHIP Prayers for the New Year (2005) Lesley Charlton

HYMN 123: GOD IS LOVE LET HEAVEN ADORE HIM (TUNE 468)

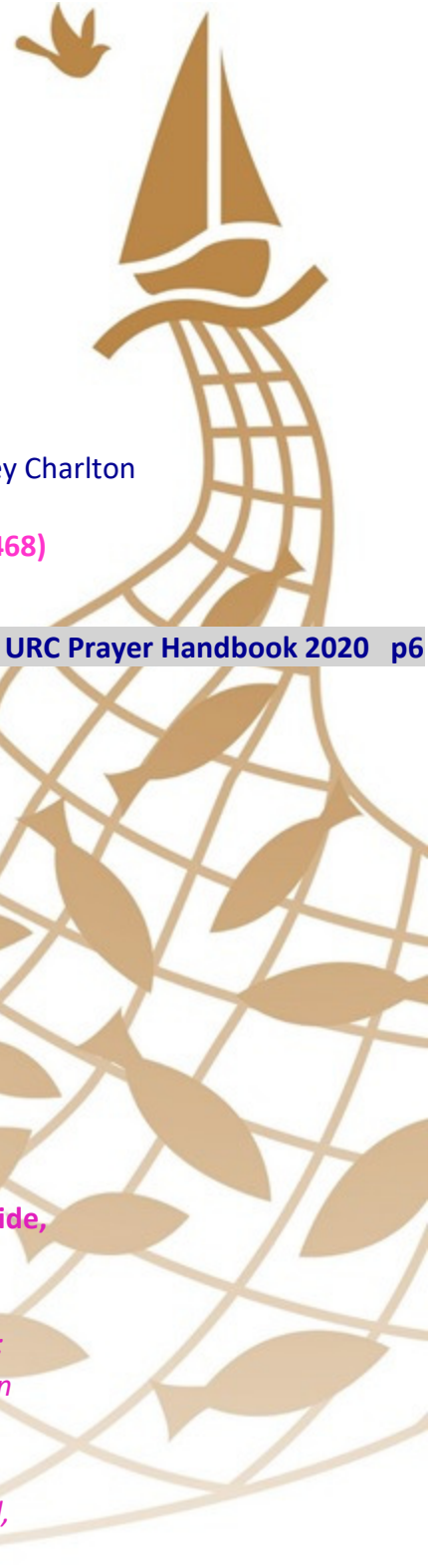
PRAYERS OF APPROACH Like a well watered garden URC Prayer Handbook 2020 p6

This prayer is followed by a sung congregational response:

Day by day, dear Lord, of you three things we pray
To see you more clearly,
To love you more dearly
To follow you more nearly,
day by day

HYMN: I DO NOT KNOW WHAT LIES AHEAD

- 1. I do not know what lies ahead,
the way I cannot see;
yet One stands near to be my guide,
He'll show the way to me:**
*I know who holds the future,
And He'll guide me with His hand:
With God things don't just happen
Everything by Him is planned.
So as I face tomorrow,
With its problems large and small,
I'll trust the God of miracles,
Give to Him my all.*





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2. I do not know how many days
of life are mine to spend;
but One who knows and cares for me
will keep me to the end:
I know who holds...
3. I do not know the course ahead,
What joys and griefs are there;
But One is near who fully knows,
I'll trust His loving care:
I know who holds...

READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES

JERIMIAH 31, V 7-14

Setting the theme...

HYMN 133: SOURCE AND SOVEREIGN, ROCK AND CLOUD

READINGS from the CHRISTIAN WRITINGS

John 1, v 1-18

ADDRESS

PRAYER Seeing, knowing and re-shaping (2020)

URC Prayer Handbook 2020 p7

OFFERTORY HYMN 512: TO GOD BE THE GLORY

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS The light shines in the darkness (2014) Fiona Bennett

THE LORD'S PRAYER

FINAL HYMN 238: LORD BRING THE DAY TO PASS

THE BLESSING From Ephesians Chapter 3

After which all sing HYMN 786: MAY THE GOD OF PEACE GO WITH US

To worship is to encounter...that which is known and that which is not.

We are not here to entertain but rather to affirm and to explore the mystery of faith