

THE WONDER OF PRAYER

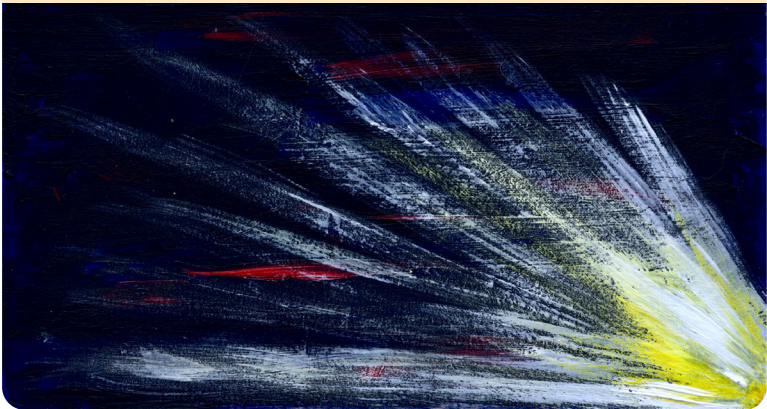
ADVENT - THE LIGHT OF LIFE



'In him was life, and the life was the light of all people'
(John 1:4 NRSV)

Jesus Christ, Light of the World -

- Shine your light on us, that others may see you reflected in our lives.
- Shine your light of wisdom on the churches of our diocese, that we might discern the things you are asking us to prioritise.
- Shine your light of grace into hearts bruised by disappointment, that hope might grow again.
- Shine your light of love on this land, that the joy of Christmas might bring healing to fractured communities.





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**Christ our light, you banish the darkness;
Christ our truth, you show us what matters;
Christ our way, you shepherd us through change;
Christ our life, you work wonders beyond our imagining;
Christ our Redeemer, come dwell in us, we pray.
Amen**

For reflection: The simple, ancient practice of lighting a candle is a helpful way to connect with the story at the heart of this season. You could put a lit candle in your window as a reminder to passers-by of how powerful even the tiniest light can be in the midst of darkness.

To find out more about the Changing Lives Prayer network, visit canterburydiocese.org/prayer or email Lbywater@diocant.org

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