

Wednesday 5th January

Praying for our local community: for businesses, schools, nurseries and playgroups, charities, councils, families, clubs, retirement and nursing homes etc. For weekly sport and leisure activities.

John 1.14 in *The Message* says: "The Word became flesh and blood, and moved into the neighbourhood". How wonderful that this place, our community, is where Jesus has chosen to move in!

- Let's be thankful for all we can already see of God at work here.
- Let's remember Christians who work in these places or use their facilities.
- How about going for a walk (for real or in your mind's eye). Notice places in the community. Imagine what the concerns of people there may be and pray for God to be at work in their situation.
- Or grab a copy of your local *Voice* newspaper. Allow the articles to inspire your prayers.

A song to inspire you: *Colours of day dawn into the mind* (McClellan, Paculabo & Ryecroft)