

DAYS OF PRAYER

DECEMBER 2020

10 am – Hope, Peace, Love, Joy. Richard shared the artwork of four famous artists on these themes. We then focused on the beautiful artwork of Revd. Petra Shakeshaft, praying through the meaning of these four highly-charged and deeply spiritual words, in the context of Advent in the Christian Church.

4 pm – After lighting a candle and bringing flowers/plant to focus on, Janet prayed using response words and a poem by Mary Oliver named, 'PRAYING'. This led into contemplation of the depths of beauty in a flower or plant, the largest living organism on Earth [a forest] and the words of an Eddie Askew poem. We sat in silence to listen for God's voice among the images and words. We ended by saying the Lord's Prayer and these offertory words: 'For all things come from you and of your own do we give you' [1 Chronicles 29:14b] and held more silence.

8 pm – Jill, a Reader from Swanmore, welcomed us with opening prayers and a lit candle. She shared a photo of her 'holy ground' and use of the App 'Lectio 365'. She read a poem 'Call to stillness' by Kathy Galloway and shared the music, '*O Magnum Mysterium, Morten Lauridsen*' sung by King's College, Cambridge. Jill spoke about care for the Planet and God's creation through the recycling of plastic and what she is doing to help the Fareham based, 'All Good Things' shop. She ended with prayers from Iona and John Rutter's, 'The Lord Bless you and keep you'.

January's [Day of Prayer](#) will be Thursday 14th January at 10 am 4 pm 8 pm. The theme is 'Making all things new...'. For your Zoom link please email the Office. If you attended in November or December, I will email you directly.

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