

Worthing Deanery Prayer

The theme of this week 3rd January 2017.



Mother of God



Reflection

The Gospel and the theme of the readings on Sunday 1st January 2017 are about Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Luke's gospel relays to us the story of the shepherds hurrying to Bethlehem to witness what the angels had told them as they were minding their sheep in the hill country. The shepherds tell Mary and Joseph of their heavenly visitors and then Luke tells us that the Holy Mother of God, "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart" (Lk 2: 19) Mary, only nine months before had given her 'yes' to the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation when she said, "let what you have said be done to me." (Lk 1: 38). At the start of 2017 let us say a resounding 'Yes' to making a new year's resolution to put God at the centre of our lives in all that we do and say in our relationships. Happy New Year to all members of our Deanery Community.

Prayer

May the Lord bless you and keep you.
May the Lord let his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
May the Lord uncover his face to you and bring you peace.
Amen.

(The Book of Numbers 6: 22-27)

From the bible

"As for Mary, she treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart."

Luke 2: 19