



ADVENT KNITALONG 2024

WELCOME TO OUR ADVENT MYSTERY KNITALONG!

This year we will be knitting a square panel which can be used as a Christmas placemat (if knitted in DK yarn) or a dishcloth (in 4ply / fingering weight yarn).

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

To take part, you'll need approximately 40 - 60 grams (90 - 160 metres) of DK yarn in a solid (Christmassy?!) colour and 4mm needles - these should ideally be 20 - 30 cm in length, or knitters may choose to use a circular needle.

Knitters may prefer to knit a slightly smaller square in 4ply/fingering weight yarn which would be perfect as a dishcloth if worked in a cotton blend, in which case you'll need approximately 30 - 45 grams (100 - 160 metres) of 4ply/fingering weight yarn and 3.5mm or 3.75mm needles.

The pattern is worked the same, regardless of yarn weight.

Additionally, 6 stitch markers will be useful to help keep track of where you are in the pattern. These needn't be anything fancy; small loops of scrap yarn or tiny loom bands will do just as well as shop bought stitch markers.

GAUGE/TENSION

If worked in DK yarn at an approximate gauge of 20 st/28 rows per 10cm stocking stitch square, your panel should measure roughly 34cm² after blocking.

If worked in 4ply/fingering weight yarn at an approximate gauge of 23 st/32 rows per 10cm stocking stitch square, your panel should measure roughly 30 cm² after blocking.

HOW THE KNITALONG WORKS

The pattern is laid out across 24 days (1st - 24th December) so it can be knitted throughout the season of Advent and casted off on Christmas Eve, ready for using/gifting on Christmas day.

You will be knitting an average of four rows each day.

Accompanying the knitting instructions each day are some Bible verses, with an introduction kindly written for us this year by Vicky Davies, a local preacher in the Bristol and South Gloucestershire Circuit in the South West of the UK.

STITCH KEY

K = knit

P = purl

st = stitch (or stitches)

pm = place stitch marker on right needle before continuing

sm = slip stitch marker from left needle to right needle before continuing

YO = yarn over (bring the working yarn from the back of the work to the front and continue knitting - this will create an extra stitch which will produce an eyelet on the next row)

K2tog = knit the next two stitches together by inserting the right needle into the second stitch along on the left needle, catching the first stitch too and knitting them together to create one stitch on the right needle.

SSK = slip, slip, knit: slip the next two stitches on the left needle individually knit-wise. Then knit those two stitches together through the back loop.

CDD = central double decrease: slip the next two stitches individually knit-wise, knit the next stitch and then pass the 2 slipped stitches over the knitted stitch and drop them off the end of the right needle

REFLECTIONS AND PATTERN

This Advent our reflections will centre on the theme of light in the midst of darkness. For those of us in the Northern part of the Northern hemisphere, Advent coincides with a dark time of year. We get up in darkness in the mornings and it is dark by the time we return home from work again in the late afternoon. The coming of the light of Jesus at Christmas has great symbolic value. But even when it is dark, most of us these days will have easy access to light by the simple flick of a switch. And those of us living in cities are surrounded by the constant glow of light, which reduces the number of visible stars and makes the difference between a full and a new moon almost negligible. Many of us have probably lost that sense of what it means to be trapped in utter darkness, the sense of isolation and disorientation it brings and the consequent preciousness of a light which dispels the darkness. To those living in Biblical times this will have been an everyday experience.



Of course, we are all likely to encounter metaphorical times of darkness in our lives. Times of isolation, confusion and pain. The dark night of our soul. Each day of the knit along there will be a different verse from the Bible on the theme of light. As you read and meditate on these verses while doing your knitting, consider how they would be

received by someone without easy access to electrical light. And how might they comfort and support you in the dark times of your life.

Many of you will have heard about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a German pastor, who stood up against the Nazis in the 1930s and '40s. He was imprisoned in Berlin in 1943. In 1944, after the plot to assassinate

Hitler failed and Bonhoeffer's involvement in it came to light, he knew his time was probably up and he was moved to the cellars of the Gestapo headquarters in Prinz-Albrecht-Strasse. Sitting in this heart of darkness he wrote to his fiancée in December 1944 the following words:

[...]

*Warm and bright, let the candles burn tonight,
Which you brought into our darkness
If it can be, bring us together again!
We know your light shines in the night.*

[...]

*Surrounded and protected by powers of goodness,
Feeling comforted, we await whatever may come.
God is with us in the evening and the morning
And most assuredly on every new day.*

May we come to know the light of God in our lives, so that we can echo those words when faced with our own darkness.

1ST DECEMBER

Matthew 4:16

The people living in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

Pattern

Cast on 69 stitches fairly loosely.

NB The stitch count stays at 69 st throughout. Odd numbered rows will be the front/right side of the square; even numbered rows will be the back/wrong side.

Row 1. (K1, P1) x 34, K1.

Row 2. Work as row 1.

Row 3. Work as row 1.

Row 4. Work as row 1.

2ND DECEMBER

John 9:5

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world.

Pattern

Row 5. Work as row 1.

Row 6. Work as row 1.

Row 7. Work as row 1.

Row 8. (K1, P1) x 2, K1, P59 (until 5 st remain), K1, (P1, K1) x 2.

NB on the following row, 6 stitch markers are added.

Row 9. (K1, P1) x 3, pm, K10, pm, K12, pm, K13, pm, K12, pm, K10,
pm, (P1, K1) x 3.

3RD DECEMBER

Micah 7:8

Do not gloat over me, my enemy!

Though I have fallen, I will rise.

Though I sit in darkness,

the Lord will be my light.

Pattern

Row 10. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as
you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 11. (K1, P1) x 3, knit to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 12. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 13. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K6, YO, SSK, K5, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

4TH DECEMBER

Psalm 18:28

You, Lord, keep my lamp burning;
my God turns my darkness into light.

Pattern

Row 14. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 15. (K1, P1) x 3, knit to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 16. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 17. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K4, K2tog, YO, K1, YO, SSK, K4, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 18. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, P10, sm, K1, P11, sm, P13, sm, P11, K1, sm, P10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

5TH DECEMBER

Psalm 119:105

Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

Pattern

Row 19. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K6, YO, SSK, K5, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 20. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 21. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K2, P1, K9, sm, K3, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K3, sm, K9, P1, K2, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 22. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

6TH DECEMBER

Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Pattern

Row 23. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K6, YO, SSK, K5, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 24. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, P10, sm, P4, K1, P7, sm, P13, sm, P7, K1, P4, sm, P10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 25. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K3, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K3, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 26. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

7TH DECEMBER

John 1:5

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Pattern

Row 27. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K6, P1, K5, sm, K4, K2tog, YO, K1, YO, SSK, K4, sm, K5, P1, K6, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 28. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 29. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K2, K2tog, YO, K5, YO, SSK, K2, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 30. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, P10, sm, P8, K1, P3, sm, P13, sm, P3, K1, P8, sm, P10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

8TH DECEMBER

John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Pattern

Row 31. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K4, K2tog, YO, K1, YO, SSK, K4, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 32. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 33. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K10, P1, K1, sm, K2, K2tog, YO, K2, YO, SSK, K1, YO, SSK, K2, sm, K1, P1, K10, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 34. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

9TH DECEMBER

1 John 1:5

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.

Pattern

Row 35. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K3, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K3, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 36. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, P9, K1, sm, P12, sm, P13, sm, P12, sm, K1, P9, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 37. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, (K1, K2tog, YO) x 2, K1, (YO, SSK, K1) x 2, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 38. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

10TH DECEMBER

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Pattern

Row 39. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K2, P1, K9, sm, K2, K2tog, YO, K2, YO, SSK, K1, YO, SSK, K2, sm, K9, P1, K2, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 40. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 41. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, (K1, K2tog, YO) x 2, K1, (YO, SSK, K1) x 2, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 42. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, P10, sm, P5, K1, P6, sm, P13, sm, P6, K1, P5, sm, P10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

11TH DECEMBER

Genesis 1:3

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light.

Pattern

Row 43. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K3, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K3, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 44. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 45. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K8, P1, K3, sm, K2tog, YO, K4, YO, SSK, K3, YO, SSK, sm, K3, P1, K8, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 46. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 47. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K3, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K3, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

12TH DECEMBER

Ecclesiastes 2:13

I saw that wisdom is better than folly,
just as light is better than darkness.

Pattern

Row 48. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 49. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K7, P1, K2, sm, K12, sm, K2tog, YO, K2, K2tog, YO, K1, YO, SSK, K2, YO, SSK, sm, K12, sm, K2, P1, K7, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 50. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, P10, sm, K1, P11, sm, P13, sm, P11, K1, sm, P10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 51. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K3, P1, K5, K2tog, YO, K1, sm, K2, K2tog, YO, K5, YO, SSK, K2, sm, K1, YO, SSK, K5, P1, K3, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

13TH DECEMBER

Psalm 139:7-12

Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea,

even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me

and the light become night around me,"

even the darkness will not be dark to you;

the night will shine like the day,

for darkness is as light to you.

Pattern

Row 52. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

NB On the next few rows (rows 53 - 61) some of the YO holes will end up directly next to the central stitch markers; knitters are advised to check the stitch counts at the end of these rows, just in case either of the central stitch markers have inadvertently wandered through the YO holes and ended up in the wrong place!

Row 53. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K6, K2tog, YO, K2, K2tog, YO, sm, (K1, K2tog, YO) x 2, K1, (YO, SSK, K1) x 2, sm, YO, SSK, K2, YO, SSK, K6, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 54. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

14TH DECEMBER

Psalm 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

Pattern

Row 55. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K3, (K2tog, YO) x 2, K1, K2tog, YO, K2, sm, YO, SSK, K1, K2tog, YO, K3, YO, SSK, K1, K2tog, YO, sm, K2, YO, SSK, K1, (YO, SSK) x 2, K3, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 56. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 57. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K2tog, YO, K2, (K2tog, YO, K1) x 2, K2tog, YO, sm, K2, K2tog, YO, K2, YO, SSK, K1, YO, SSK, K2, sm, YO, SSK, (K1, YO, SSK) x 2, K2, YO, SSK, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

15TH DECEMBER

Ephesians 5:14

This is why it is said:

“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Pattern

Row 58. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 59. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K4, (YO, SSK) x 2, K1, YO, SSK, K1, sm, YO, SSK, K2, YO, SSK, K1, K2tog, YO, K2, K2tog, YO, sm, K1, K2tog, YO, K1, (K2tog, YO) x 2, K4, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 60. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

16TH DECEMBER

Luke 11:34-35

Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eyes are healthy, your whole body also is full of light. But when they are unhealthy, your body also is full of darkness. See to it, then, that the light within you is not darkness.

Pattern

Row 61. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K7, YO, SSK, K1, K2tog, YO, sm, K2, YO, SSK, K1, YO, CDD, YO, K1, K2tog, YO, K2, sm, YO, SSK, K1, K2tog, YO, K7, sm K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 62. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 63. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K3, P1, K6, YO, SSK, sm, K3, YO, SSK, K3, K2tog, YO, K3, sm, K2tog, YO, K6, P1, K3, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

17TH DECEMBER

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

Pattern

- Row 64. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, P10, sm, K1, P11, sm, P13, sm, P11, K1, sm, P10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.
- Row 65. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K7, P1, K2, sm, K12, sm, K1, YO, SSK, K2, YO, CDD, YO, K2, K2tog, YO, K1, sm, K12, sm, K2, P1, K7, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.
- Row 66. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.
- Row 67. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K4, YO, SSK, K1, K2tog, YO, K4, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

18TH DECEMBER

Revelation 21:23

The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp.

Pattern

- Row 68. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, P10, sm, P8, K1, P3, sm, P13, sm, P3, K1, P8, sm, P10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.
- Row 69. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K2, YO, SSK, K1, (K2tog, YO, K2) x 2, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.
- Row 70. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 71. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K5, P1, K6, sm, K4, YO, SSK, K1, K2tog, YO, K4, sm, K6, P1, K5, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

19TH DECEMBER

Ephesians 5:8

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light.

Pattern

Row 72. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 73. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K3, YO, SSK, K3, K2tog, YO, K3, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 74. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, P10, sm, P2, K1, P9, sm, P13, sm, P9, K1, P2, sm, P10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 75. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K5, YO, CDD, YO, K5, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

20TH DECEMBER

Luke 2:8-15

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

“Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.”

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let’s go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.”

Pattern

Row 76. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 77. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K9, P1, sm, K12, sm, P1, K3, YO, SSK, K1, K2tog, YO, K3, P1, sm, K12, sm, P1, K9, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 78. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 79. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K5, K2tog, YO, K6, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

21ST DECEMBER

Luke 2:28-32

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised,
you may now dismiss^[a] your servant in peace.

For my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.”

Pattern

Row 80. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, P10, sm, P10, K1, P1, sm, P13, sm, P1, K1, P10, sm, P10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 81. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K5, YO, CDD, YO, K5, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 82. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 83. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K8, P1, K3, sm, K13, sm, K3, P1, K8, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 84. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

22ND DECEMBER

Matthew 5:14

You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Pattern

Row 85. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, K10, sm, K12, sm, K6, YO, K2tog, K5, sm, K12, sm, K10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 86. (K1, P1) x 3, sm, P10, sm, P6, K1, P5, sm, P13, sm, P5, K1, P6, sm, P10, sm, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 87. (K1, P1) x 3, knit to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 88. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

23RD DECEMBER

2 Corinthians 4:6

For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.

Pattern

Row 89. (K1, P1) x 3, knit to last stitch marker, slipping markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

NB all stitch markers are removed on the following row.

Row 90. (K1, P1) x 3, purl to last stitch marker, removing all markers as you go, (P1, K1) x 3.

Row 91. (K1, P1) x 34, K1.

Row 92. Work as row 91.

Row 93. Work as row 91.

24TH DECEMBER

Isaiah 42:6-7

I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness;

I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you

to be a covenant for the people

and a light for the Gentiles,

to open eyes that are blind,

to free captives from prison

and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Pattern

Row 94. Work as row 91.

Row 95. Work as row 91.

Row 96. Work as row 91.

Row 97. Work as row 91.

Cast off all stitches loosely and wet block as follows to open up the lace stitches: soak the square in lukewarm water for half an hour or so until it is fully saturated. Remove it from the water, gently

squeezing out the excess water and lay out flat on a towel or blocking mat to dry. Stretch it out into a square shape and secure with blocking pins if you have got any.

Leave to dry fully before unpinning. Weave in any loose ends and enjoy!

25TH DECEMBER

Matthew 2:9-11

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Wishing you all very Happy Christmas and a peaceful 2025,
With love from all of us at Victoria Methodist Church xxx

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