



20th December 2020

Isaiah 9: 2, 6 - 7

EVERLASTING
FATHER



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WELCOME AND NOTICES



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LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLES



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CALL TO WORSHIP

Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, “Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to all on whom his favour rests.”

(Luke 2:13-14)



ANGELS FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY



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OPENING PRAYER AND CONFESSION



Gracious Father God, you who created the heavens and the earth, who opened the gates of heaven and came in Christ to save all things:

We adore you, Lord



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Gracious Father God, you who made a covenant with your people, who sent prophets to declare your will and came in Christ to save all people:
We adore you, Lord



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Gracious Father God, you who prepared the way of salvation and chose obedient servants like Mary and Joseph and came in Christ to save each of us:

We adore you, Lord

Forgive us, Lord, when we demand signs and wonders before we will trust in you; when we are not obedient to your will, and find excuses for what we do and say; when we do not appreciate just who Jesus is and what he has done for us. Lord, forgive us. Amen.



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There is hope because we have a Saviour, who came in love to set us free and give us life in all its fulness. His name is Jesus and he declares, 'Your sins are forgiven.'

Thanks be to God. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER



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Almighty God, as Mary rejoiced to be your humble servant, and Joseph was content to do your will, receive these gifts we offer, as symbols that we too



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desire to be your servants and seek
to do your will; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen.**

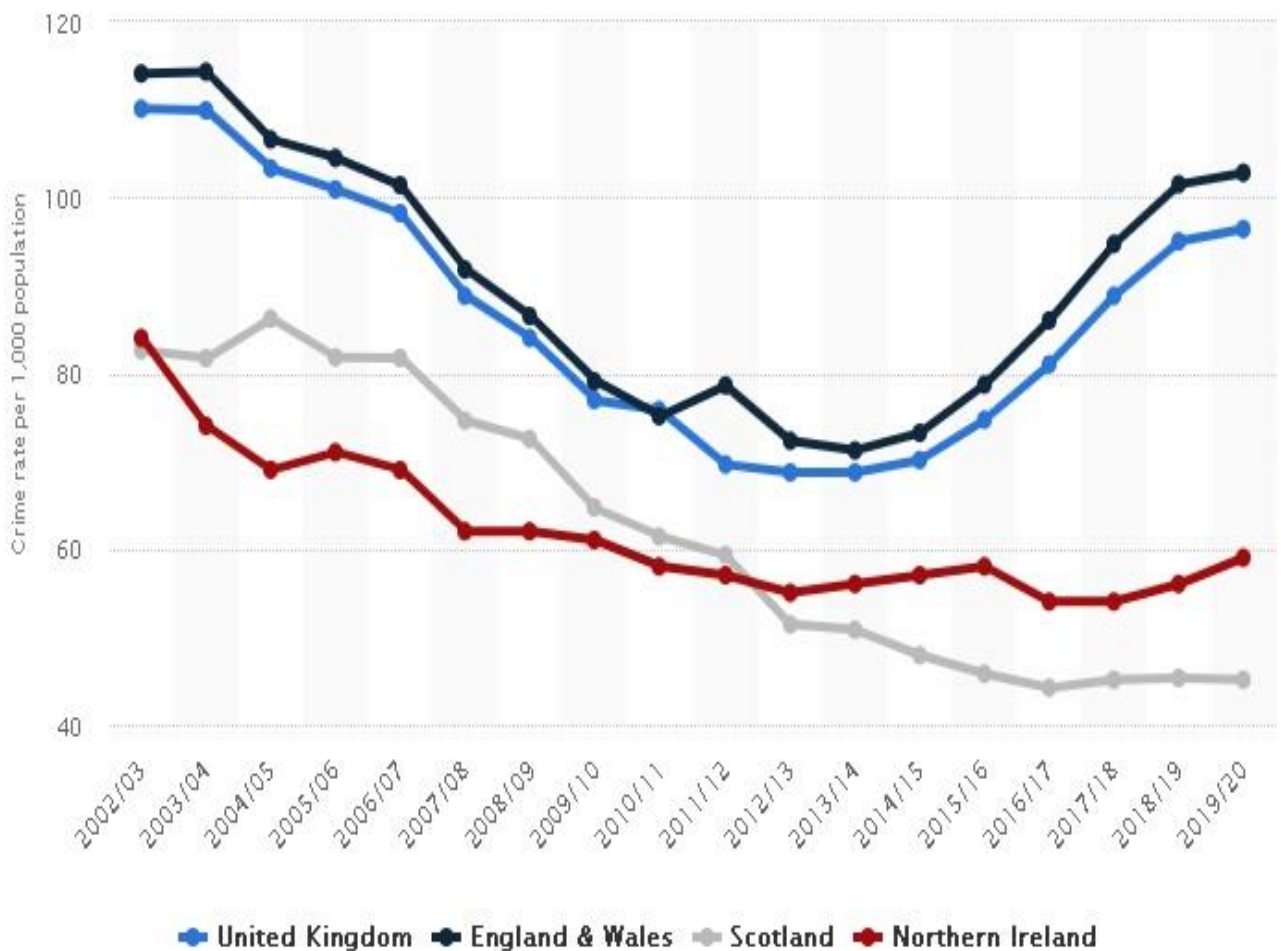


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INTRODUCTION - EVERLASTING FATHER

Crime rate per 1,000 population in the United Kingdom from 2002/03 to 2019/20, by country



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Release date

November 2020

Region

United Kingdom

Survey time period

April 1, 2002 to March 31, 2020

Supplementary notes

Crime reports for the following countries include the country-specific crime figures, which were used to calculate or the entire UK.

[England & Wales](#)

WHO IS THE KING OF GLORY?



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ISAIAH 9:2, 6-7



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Isaiah 9:2,6-7

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



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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will



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reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God



REFLECTION:
EVERLASTING FATHER
IN BROKEN HOMES,
BROKEN LIVES



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IS HE WORTHY?



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



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Lord Jesus, Everlasting Father, Son of David, we pray for all the nations of the world, especially those where there is conflict, where people cannot live in freedom and where their voices are silenced and not heard.

Our Lord Immanuel,

be with them we pray



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Lord Jesus, Everlasting Father, Son of God, we pray for those who approach this Christmas without faith or without hope, especially those who are dreading this Christmas because they will be alone.

Our Lord Immanuel,
be with them we pray



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Lord Jesus, Everlasting Father, Son of
Man, we pray for all the people we know,
especially those who are filled with
sadness in this time of joy, especially
those who are grieving and feel the loss
of a loved one more deeply than ever.
Our Lord Immanuel,
be with them we pray



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Lord Jesus, Everlasting Father, Son of
Mary, we pray for all families at this time
with the uncertainty of a covid
Christmas, especially those families who
are having to cope with changes in their
lives.

Our Lord Immanuel,
be with them we pray



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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

**Your kingdom come, your will be
done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.



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**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin
against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and
the glory are yours now and for
ever. Amen.**



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FULLNESS OF GRACE

DISMISSAL AND BLESSING



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Lord of eternity, when darkness had obscured the light and indifference had displaced love, you saw that the time was right and came into the world



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full of grace and truth. Set us free from
fear that we may be ready to welcome
you when you return as Saviour and
Lord. **Amen.**



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And the blessing of God Almighty,
the father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit be with you now and always.
Amen.



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Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.