

**Intercessions Sunday 4 Sept 2016 (Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost)**

**We pray for peace in the world and for good stewardship of our environment, especially as the G20 group of countries meet in China.**

**In addition to our concerns for the environment, we pray for the homeless and all those suffering in any way.**

**This weekend is the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Great Fire of London.**

**The Paralympic Games also begin this week in Rio de Janeiro.**

***Lord in your mercy,***

**We give thanks for all those in the European Union, especially aid helpers in Italy, Greece and France who are working to help those displaced in Syria, Iraq, Eritrea and Afghanistan and so many other parts of the world.**

**We pray for refugees and migrants wherever they are and whatever nationality. The weather is cold and unpredictable. Many are hungry, exhausted, frightened and desperate. Many are very young people with little hope for the future.**

**Help us to know what small things we in this church and within our communities can do. We give thanks for the Calais support group.**

***Lord in your mercy,***

**As a new school year begins, we pray for all students especially those changing school or going to University. Bless all children and young people in this church. We give thanks for all our youth and children's leaders being commissioned today. We pray that you will give them energy, skills and enthusiasm to relate to our young people.**

**We give thanks for all those who work in education in schools and colleges as teachers, lecturers, teaching assistant and administrative support.**

***Lord in your mercy***

**We pray for all doctors, nurses and others who work in care homes and the medical professions, especially our three nearby GP surgeries.**

**We pray that for resolution of the continuing dispute in the Medical Profession. Help all parties to listen to one another, to have wisdom, patience and understanding of the needs of all patients.**

*Lord in your mercy*

**We pray for Teresa May, our Prime Minister, our government and for Mark Prisk, our MP. We also pray for our County, District and local council and for all who work there.**

**Give those in authority wisdom and understanding, the ability to listen and to seek practical solutions for the good of all.**

*Lord in your mercy*

**We give thanks for the Hertford Team Ministry, and especially Alan, our Rector, Bill, Jim, Melanie and Colin, our church wardens, Penny and Brian, our PCC, our servers and choir, our bell-ringers, clock-winder, our committees, coffee teams and for Philippa, our church administrator.**

*Lord in your mercy*

**We give thanks for the St Andrew's Centre, for all the organisations which use the Centre, for the many opportunities it brings for outreach, as a place of welcome and healing. May it be used widely and fill many community and well-being needs,.**

**We pray for all those who live in this parish, each according to their needs. We pray for all those who have to work today, many of whom would prefer to be with their families.**

*Lord in your mercy*

**We remember all who are receiving medical treatment at this time,  
whether at home or in hospital. We pray for all those who are ill.**

***(Read out list of sick)***

**We remember those who have died including**

***(Read out list)***

**Give those who have been left behind strength and courage to cope....  
and we remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time....**

***Lord in your mercy***

**We rejoice in the fellowship of St Andrew and all your saints and  
commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.**

**Give us the ability to know our story, enable us to tell our story and to  
live our story.**

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our  
saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**