

Intercessions 2 July 2017

Readings

Genesis 22:1-14

Matthew 10:40-end

Yesterday marked the start of a week of action on climate change.

Creator, make us co-workers with you, that the Earth and all who live in it may reap a harvest.

Show us how to reflect your rhythms in our life and work and to conserve the world's rich resources.

Help us to give all creation their due respect, to tend animals and crops with care.

Guide science along wise and considerate ways, that we may fashion agriculture that truly enhances, and that we sustain a vibrant environment.

(Source: Ray Simpson/ Eco Church/ A Rocha UK)

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer**

Lord, we pray for those who lead in the church:

Archbishops Justin and John, Bishop Alan of St Albans and Bishop Michael of Hertford.

Here at St Andrew's: Alan and Bill, lay readers, churchwardens and the PCC. We thank you for Tracey Plumpton and everyone who works with our children and young people.

We pray for each other, for those times when you give us a gift to 'lead' in any way, big or small:

If in preaching, just your message, Lord.

If in helping, just helping and not taking over.

If in teaching, sticking to your teaching, Lord.

If in giving guidance, encouraging and taking care not to boss.

If in charge, not in a manipulating way.

If in giving aid to people in distress, keeping our eyes open and responding quickly.

If in working with disadvantaged people, avoiding irritation and depression, and keeping a smile on our faces.

(Source: Romans 12:6-8, as translated in The Message)

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The G20 leaders have a summit meeting in Hamburg on 7-8 July, where Angela Merkel wants to focus on climate change and taking forward the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

We pray for wise counsel to be taken at this summit, and as well in Brexit negotiations where impetus on seriously tackling the difficult issues of Climate Change could easily be lost.

We pray for members of the government, of both UK Houses of Parliament, and the Scottish, Welsh and Northern Ireland Assemblies, that they may realise that co-operation is:

- a sign of strength, not weakness;
- a sign of wisdom, not foolishness.

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We hold before God:

Those for whom life is very difficult; those who have difficult decisions to make, and who honestly do not know what is the right the thing to do.

We hold before God:

Those who have difficult tasks to do and face, and who fear they may fail them; those who have difficult temptations to face, and who know only too well that they may fall to them, if they try to meet them alone.

We hold before God:

Those who have difficult people to work with; those who have to suffer unjust treatment, unfair criticism, unappreciated work.

We hold before God:

Those who are sad because someone they loved has died; and any who are disappointed in something for which they hoped very much.

(Source: A general intercession for those in trouble; William Barclay; Celtic Daily Prayer Book 1, p182)

Within our community, we ask for healing, protection and restoration for

We remember those who have died and their families and friends who mourn

We remember the anniversaries of

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Father, we know that in all creation only the human family has strayed from the sacred way. We know we are the ones who, working together, must come back to the path you have set out for us.

Teach us love, compassion and integrity that we may heal the earth and heal each other.

(Source: Green Christian)

Merciful Father **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ**