

INTERCESSIONS NOVEMBER 19

God creator of us all, made known to us by Jesus, among us by your Spirit, we bring to you our concerns for the earth, its life and its people.

We give thanks for those who are willing to take on the responsibilities of government among the nations, and we pray for them. Particularly we pray for the leaders of those countries troubled by unrest at this time. We think of Zimbabwe, when leadership which has been in place for so long is at last challenged. May a wise and trustworthy government be formed so that a tired & wretched population may live again and that such a beautiful country may flourish.

We also pray for the people of Spain. We pray for a satisfactory settlement of the dispute dividing the country so that this country too may return to stability under wise government

We pray for our own government for peace and stability too - praying for a swift and constructive conclusion to the current Brexit negotiations. We see these affairs dominating when other very urgent matters deserve attention - such as the national health service. We give grateful thanks for this service and the selfless work of so many staff. With an ageing population we pray particularly for care for the aged and infirm.

We read with alarm about the mental health of our young people and we pray that the government will focus urgent attention on this matter too.

Lord in your mercy

Now we pray for your church in the world. Bless all clergy and give them strength to maintain The principles of their faith in this modern world which at times seems to be totally materialistic yet in which spirituality is often sought after as a relief from stress. In our own church we give thanks for the meditation sessions on alternate Wednesdays, where we enjoy peace and silence..

Thank you for the recent inspiring evening with our Bishop. Help us by your holy spirit to put into action some of the measures we found desirable to attract new members to the church. Please bless our team here, Alan , Bill, Jim, Melanie, Colin, also Penny and Brian, our Churchwardens, giving them strength for the forthcoming Christmas season. Bless Tracy and her continuing good work with our young people. We pray that finance will be found to extend her work for a further period.

Bless, too, our choir as they prepare a feast carols to celebrate Christmas.

Today we pray for Finlay, who is to be baptised and for his family who surround him with their love.

Lord , in your mercy...

We pray for the sick, both at home and in hospital. We think of the elderly , the housebound and those in care homes., and we pray for all who care for their needs.. Lord Jesus, who responded to the needs of all who had faith, comfort and sustain all those who are in need of your grace at this time. And we think particularly of those known to us.....

Joy

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.....
Let the knowledge of your resurrection in glory be comfort to all those who mourn.

May our eyes be opened to the wonder of the daily miracles around us and our sense of mystery be deepened.
May we be aware of the light that shines in the darkness and that the darkness can never put out.