

Intercessions April 2018

'Let us pray'

Lord Jesus, thank you for your word. The reminder today of your desire for us to remain in you. Thank you Lord that despite the distance we often fall away, the cross reconciles us to you. Thank you for your holy spirit working in us and enabling us to be in oneness with you in prayer. Thank you for your holy spirit empowering us to say and do the right things. For leading us to repent and turn back when we say and do the wrong things.

'Lord in Your Mercy' hear our prayers

Lord we pray for the ministry of our church.

Thank you for Alan's leadership, for Bill and Tracy and for all those involved in leading us closer to you. Thank you for all those who faithfully come each week and for the different gifts we all bring and for a shared vision to see Your Kingdom come. Motivate us to use our gifts and support and encourage one another.

We pray for events happening within this church building and the St Andrews Centre and for opportunities to share and work with those who don't know you. We pray for the church meeting today and all those called to serve or to continue serving in our church community. Thank you for our church wardens Penny and Brian and all those who give their time to serve on our PCC. Thank you for your financial provision and pray that you would continue to supply all we need to fund the work of this church. Help us to to commit to giving where it is needed.

'Lord in Your Mercy' hear our prayers

Lord we pray for our local communities

Thank you Lord for the local charities and believers serving our young people in Hertford. In particular today we lift up to you the work of Young Life and Future Hope, for all those involved and for those they support and encourage with their work in schools and in the local community. We pray for young people preparing for exams and ask that you help them to look to you for guidance and peace when they feel overwhelmed. We pray for parents providing much needed support, encouragement and perspective.

Lord Jesus we pray for those in Hertford who have had need to use the Food Bank more frequently of late. Provide them with stability in their finances we pray. Lord thank you for the work of the Hertford and District Foodbank. Prompt us to provide where we can for those local people in crisis. Help us to be good neighbours and look out for those in need who we encounter at home and work or just going about our day to day lives.

For the older members of our communities, thank you for the organisations that help to provide companionship. We pray for those unable to get out as much as they would like due to illness or frailty and ask that you would provide help, support and companionship where it is needed.

As our Leaders debate the funding of our NHS going forward, we pray for wisdom and guidance.

'Lord in Your Mercy' hear our prayers

Lord we pray for the needs of the World

Lord we pray for Leaders to work together on environmental issues in the interest of future generations. Thank you for the massive leaps in terms of our understanding of plastic pollution in our seas and we ask there are legislations brought in that will protect further damage. Help us all to take responsibility and as individuals make good choices about what we consume and discard.

Thank you for the meeting that took place between the leaders of North and South Korea this week. We ask that there would be a clear plan and a common goal, working together to rid the two nations of nuclear weapons. For all those involved and in positions of power and influence we pray for wisdom and peaceful and effective negotiations.

'Lord in Your Mercy' hear our prayers

Lord we remember those who are sick, for those who must undergo treatment and those who must simply endure pain or disability. Comfort them and those who care for them.

We pray in particular for:

Lord we remember those who have recently died and lift up to you those who have lost loved ones.

In particular we remember:

We ask for those left behind that you would grant them peace.

Lord we also remember those whose anniversary's fall at this time and for those who continue to feel their absence:

We remember:

'Lord in Your Mercy' hear our prayers

Father, as we go into this week pray that you would help us to remain deeply rooted in you. Prompt us to walk with you through each day and to invite you to be part of both the highs and lows we face.

'Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ'

Amen