

Intercessions Sunday 13 September 2020

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Lord of compassion and understanding, we come with openness to express our concerns for the Church and the world, and to thank you, for your goodness.

Lord – it's good to be back. I know you never went away but it was different, so thank you for being with us all wherever we have been worshipping and talking to you. Thank you for your wonderful natural world that has been so vibrant and comforting over the last few months – help us to be better stewards.

We pray for our Church, our archbishops, bishops and priests. We recognise that the work of helping people through life can leave church leaders vulnerable to spiritual attack. We pray that they won't allow criticism or negativity to shape their ministry; that they will hear encouragement, and that they will always respond in love and forgiveness when difficulties arise. We pray especially for Alan, Wendy and Bill, for Melanie and Geoff and Forbes, and Penny Wiggins being licenced as a Reader in Truro, but also for those who run the different groups within the church that can be such a lifeline for many. Help each of us to think about how our words and actions can be interpreted if we disagree with others and let us be kind in our disagreements.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for our world. We see the misery and tragedy brought about by wrong choices by some and persecution by others, brought into our homes by different media day by day. We pray for wisdom and compassion in all negotiations and decisions taken by our world and local leaders; and ask that there be humility in leadership and responsibility for right action shared by all, and we particularly

pray that this may apply to all things associated with the Pandemic, and with negotiations around leaving the EU. We also remember all those who are affected by the terrible wildfires in America in Oregon and California and pray for strength for all the firefighters who are putting their lives on the line to save others. We think of those migrants who are still risking their lives by crossing seas in search of a better life for their families, only to find more hardship in foreign countries. We particularly think of all the refugees who have lost everything in the fire at their camp in Lesbos and pray that you will guide Greece and the whole of Europe in providing for them.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, help and guide our schools, colleges and universities as they return for a new educational year, especially with all their concerns about the Coronavirus and how they will cope with social distancing but still be with one another and learn with and from one another. May their teachers inspire a love of learning for its own sake and kindle joy in all subjects and sports and help them to grow into caring and knowledgeable adults. Give them all patience to deal with the new ways of being at school or university, and let common sense work with all.

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we raise before you those who are ill, hospitalised or recuperating and we pray for all those who help care for them – families, friends or professionals. Give them all patience and strength in their lives, and the knowledge of where to go for help should it be needed. We especially think of

We pray for those who are unwell: Joe, Paul, Chris, Andy, Tim, Julia, Bernard, Colin, Win, Connie, Jean, Chrissy, Mark, Dorothy, Debbie, Barbara, Susan

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, give us peace of mind to understand the message of your kingdom so that we may look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. And we especially pray for any we know who recently died and are on that journey to you.

Victoria Morgan, Norman, Geoff Mutch

The anniversaries of:

Margaret Temple, Bill Acheson, Sandra Burling, Ken Norris, Neil Cook

(Short Silence)

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, forgive us for those times when we treat ourselves with less kindness than you do. We want to believe in ourselves the way you believe in us and so as we go out to live the coming week show us more of the life you have designed especially for us to live. Rejoicing in your love, we commend these prayers and all people to your unfailing love.

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