

Intercessions Sunday 19 May 2024; Pentecost (Whit) Sunday

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“Breathe on me, breath of God...

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, you promised through your son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen our Bishops and all your church, including Alan, Bill, Wendy, Melanie, Geoff and Forbes, Maria and Adrian.

We give thanks for the faithful and continuing hard work of our church wardens, treasurer, administrators and all who keep our churches running smoothly, also those who care for the flowers and churchyard.

We pray that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory to the world.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer

We think of and pray for the people in many parts of the world where there are major tensions, storms, floods and fire. We give thanks for and pray for the work of Christian Aid. We pray that its work can lead toward a world where families can escape the trap of poverty and fulfil their ambitions of lasting change.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for peace amongst all nations, especially in Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, where tensions remain high and a positive outcome seems so remote and difficult.

Give wisdom to all in authority, especially the leaders of the nations throughout the world. Direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace, that we may honour one another and seek the common good.

Lord in your mercy

Bless and guide Charles our King, Queen Camilla and all the Royal Family in the many ways they support and encourage our communities.

Lord in your mercy

We remember that this has been Mental Health Awareness Week and pray for all those who struggle with mental health issues. We give thanks for the mindfulness and meditation and the Compline services. Give us all a sense of calm and peace.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for our Town, for those people who work in offices and businesses including on Sundays. We pray for our outgoing Mayor Vicky Smith, her successor, Rachel Carter and all the town councillors as they serve our community.

Lord in your mercy,

Thinking of Junior Church, we give thanks for each person who gives of their time, energy, dedication, creativity, love and wisdom. We pray that you will continue to encourage, energise and inspire them. May they be strengthened through our prayer and support. We pray particularly that you will inspire new people to step forward and help with Junior Church. In particular we pray for a new Children and Families worker.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for our choir and all those involved in providing music in this church, giving particular thanks for recent concerts held here. We pray that those attending may experience something of the peace and spirituality of this place. *Lord in your mercy*

We pray for all those preparing for marriage in the next few months, including Jack and Katie.

Lord in your mercy

We pray for all the sick, together with those who love and care for them. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit especially;

Sheila, Phoebe, Francesco, Oliver, Debbie, Dominic, the Revds Richard and Rachel, Michael and Val, Trevor, Nancy, Gordon, Pauline, Vera, Paul, Robert, Dino and Debbie.

Pauline Rhodes gives thanks to Almighty God for the measure of recovery thus far granted to her.

Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Hear us as we remember those who have died including *Colin Kime, Pat Philipp and Jean Martin.*

Give those who have been left behind strength and courage to cope in their time of grief.

We remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time, including;
Eddie Mason, Maisie Ditton, Audrey Cobb, Elsie Pettit, Francis Edward Carpenter, Alec Bentley, Brenda Squires, Arthur Risby, Sylvia Mear and Dorothy May Hopkins.

Lord in your mercy

May we try to be good shepherds and offer words of encouragement to one another especially to any newcomers to our church.

Help us to discern how best to move forward in our search for a new Children and Families worker and stir our hearts to keep praying.

As Romans 12 says "Let your hope keep you joyful, be patient in your troubles and pray at all times".

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

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