

Intercessions on Sunday 22 June 2025

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Today is St Alban's Day- the first martyr of Britain in about 250AD.

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.

We pray for peace and reconciliation in the world, especially in the Middle East.

We pray that the leaders of the nations may be guided by truth and justice in all that they do. We pray that they may really listen to one another, recognise that there is more than one point of view, respect and honour one another and seek the common good.

Lord in your mercy

Over three years on, we pray especially for the people of Ukraine and Russia that there may be an end to that war, which seems to have been forgotten.

We also pray for the desperate situation in the Middle East especially in Gaza and that there will be a ceasefire and a resolution to this longstanding conflict.

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.

Lord in your mercy,

We pray and give thanks for all charities and organisations helping to support those who have become refugees and are hungry, lonely and homeless. We remember those starving in various parts of Africa,

Lord in your mercy,

Lord in your mercy Bless and guide Charles our King and Camilla our Queen and other members of the Royal Family. Give them wisdom, energy and strength to cope with their many responsibilities.

Lord in your mercy,

We pray for our Police, Fire Services, Ambulance and emergency staff (including those who work as air ambulance crew) that they may feel valued at this time.

Lord in your mercy,

Strengthen our Bishops and all your church, including Alan (on his sabbatical), Bill, and especially today for the Rev Scott Martin and all who serve here at St Andrew's and St Mary's.

We pray for Lauren and Sam who were married here yesterday.

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,

We pray for our Town Council, especially for its shopkeepers, people who work in offices and businesses and all those who are working today.

Lord in your mercy,

We pray for those who are unemployed, suffering from stress, depression and anxiety and give thanks for all the voluntary groups that work to support them

We pray for our hospitals and surgeries, GP's and medical staff and for all those working as carers.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit including:

[names]

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

Hear us as we remember those who have died: *[names]*

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:

[names]

and others known to us

Lord in your mercy,

May we try to be good shepherds and offer words of encouragement and hope to those whom we meet and to whom we speak.

A Prayer for refugees all over the world

God of all, save and protect refugees, asylum seekers and displaced people around the world. God who made each of us unique and precious in your image, take these broken situations and bring transformation.

May those who have fled wars be able to return home, those who have been torn from their families be reunited, those who are seeking a new home find welcome. Be with those who find themselves uprooted, grant them patience, peace, and security. Amen

We rejoice in the fellowship of St Andrew and all your saints and commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love. May we be filled with the Holy Spirit.

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