Prayers for 25<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Let us come together as one family and offer our prayers to God our Father and Jesus our Saviour, assured that we are precious and loved and listened to.

Father God, we continue to pray for our Queen and her family as they mourn the loss of Prince Philip.

We lift to you all widows and widowers who, like her, have recently lost a partner, with whom they shared so much, for so long.

In their sadness, may they draw strength and comfort from the love of family and friends. Enfold them in your peace, your reassurance, and your hope, we pray.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Jesus, our Servant King, after the Annual Church Meeting last Sunday, we give you thanks for all who take roles of responsibility in this Parish and those who willingly serve you and this church community. We give you special thanks for the tireless and cheerful commitment of our churchwardens, Emma and Beki. We lift to you our PCC, those members who are retiring from duty, those recently elected and those continuing to serve. Make your plans for the future of this place and its people known to them. Encourage and inspire those who have skills to offer that they may know the joy of serving you and each other.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Loving Lord Jesus, we lift to you the children and young people in our families and our community. Especially, we pray your blessing on those who face exams and assessments after a year of disrupted education.

We pray that you would guide and inspire all who are uncertain about the future and those faced with difficult but important career decisions.

Would you nurture and encourage them all throughout this term of hopefully uninterrupted education.

We lift to you Claire McDonnell as she prepares to resume her Youth ministry. We give thanks for all those who have continued to organise and lead youth groups in her absence. Bless Fiona as she continues to find inspiring and creative ways to engage with children and their families. May they be supported by our prayers and practical help.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, as we move to greater daily freedoms, we pray for protection against new strains of the virus.

Bring healing to the people of India, Brazil and South America especially, and we ask that effective vaccinations may be available to all throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

God of life and love, grant that the courage and faithful loyalty of St George and all your Saints would inspire us to lives dedicated to love, service and sacrifice. May we share with them in eternal life in the glorious light of heaven.

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