

Prayers – 15.5.22

Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”

Let us turn to our God with our prayers:

We pray for church leaders throughout the world, that they may continue to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We thank you for our team here at St Pauls & All Saints, for Jeni, Rachel, Amanda, Martin and all the ministry team who lead us in our worship and bring us closer to God. Let us remember Pete & Chris as they come to the end of their studies and look to the future. May we all step out in faith and love one another.

Lord in your mercy,

We hold up to you all the countries in our world. For the Ukraine and the many other countries experiencing war, economic problems, or civilian strife. We pray that your command of love one another may truly come to fruition. Give world leaders the same love and concern for others as you have shown us.

Lord in your mercy,

We pray for our church community and for the wider community of Letchworth. Thank you that we are now able to return to more of our community activities, but life is busy again and for some of us that brings joy at seeing people face to face but for others may be overwhelming and exhausting. Give us time to relax Lord so that we can have the energy to reach out to our community and show your love for all.

Lord in your mercy,

As we come to the end of Mental Health awareness week, we pray for everyone we know or who are out there in the community who are struggling with their mental health. Feelings of worthlessness, feeling depressed or anxious or stressed. Let us take notice of our fellow human beings, to listen and be open to other lifestyles & points of view. Please help us to be non-judgemental and to show Gods enormous love he has for all.

Lord in your mercy,

We life up to you Lord all those who are suffering from sickness or who are housebound, the elderly or vulnerable, and especially those are near to the end of their lives. We pray they all may be given great comfort by knowing your great love for everyone.

True love can be very costly but we are called by God to love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another.”

Merciful Father,