

Intercessions for Sunday 28th April 2024

Oh Lord, our Loving Father, we draw close to You in prayer.

Grant that we may pray not with our mouths alone, but from the depths of our hearts.

Thank you, Father, for our church - our church building and our church family.

We are so grateful, Lord, that the repairs to the church roof are nearing completion and for the generous donations and grants we have received to finance this project.

As we make decisions about the future of this church, we pray for today's Annual Church meeting. We ask your blessing on all those preparing to take on responsibilities for leading and serving our church community as new members of the PCC.

Lord, would you guide, support and sustain our new churchwardens John and Andrew. We thank you for their commitment and pray that the demands of this role may not be too overwhelming, and that we would do all we can to support and encourage them.

We give thanks and pray for all those continuing in office, for Keith the PCC secretary and Chris the treasurer.

And we thank you, Father, for the service, skills, and dedication of those stepping down from office this year.

Bless this church we pray. We ask that it would be a place of loving acceptance and welcome for all, where we can support each other, serve our community, grow in faith and glorify you.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Lord, you know us so well, our worries and fears, our struggles and our weaknesses, our needs and desires. Send us the peace you promised and take away our fear.

We pray for all those we are holding in our hearts and minds today.

We lift to you all who are sick or in pain. Those undergoing courses of treatment, recovering from operations or anxious about their deteriorating health.

In a few moments of silence, we name them before you now. PAUSE

Lord, bring healing and wholeness of heart mind and body. Restore strength and renew hope.

Bring peace Lord to areas of conflict and suffering in our world today. Inspire and encourage the peacemakers. May their voices be heard.

We pray for aid and relief for those in need of food and water, medical supplies or shelter.

We pray your comfort for those whose homes are destroyed, those who are separated from family and friends and those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

In a few moments of silence, we lift to you areas of particular concern to us. PAUSE

Send your peace Lord – to our world, to our country, to our lives.

We pray for refugees and asylum seekers and all who are forced to leave their home to find safety and a better life. We see injustice, inequality, and intolerance all around.

In a few moments silence we lift to you our own prayers for them. PAUSE

God make things right. Inspire those with authority to make compassionate decisions for safety, protection, justice, and fair opportunities.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Help us, Lord, to enjoy and value the wonderful gift of your created world. Forgive us for the way we have spoiled it, as we are fearful of the consequences of that. Prosper and support all schemes to heal and restore the land. Give us the courage to speak up and the strength to make sacrifices, to live more sustainably and look after this incredibly beautiful world.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Thank you, Lord, that you are the unchanging rock we can cling to. May we take comfort in the stability of your presence and your goodness in the midst of our challenges today. As we seek to advance your kingdom through action and prayer this week, fill us with your spirit and be our strength and shield.

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

Amen