

Intercessions – Sunday 29th March, 2020

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory.

We pray Lord that in spite of the challenges that we face in our devotions during Lent, we will be guided by the Holy Spirit and that during this time we will grow in our faith and come to a greater understanding of You and of Your Son Jesus Christ. We ask for the courage to live the life of a Christian and to be strong in affirming our faith. We ask that we will be able to find the words to speak the Gospel to others.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God we thank you for the millions of health care workers around the world selflessly treating the victims of the virus and in some cases as a result losing their own lives. We pray Lord for your care and protection at this time, for all people working in healthcare.

We pray for those who struggle to find life's basic needs, food, water and shelter; we pray for foodbanks and all those who seek to help. And we pray that these people will be sustained by your love and the many agencies who seek to help them.

In our diocese as Charlecote Quiet Garden closes down as a retreat centre, we give thanks for all those who have benefited from the hospitality it offered, creating space where change could take place. We pray that in our enforced isolation we will be able to find space in our own homes to pray. Thank you Lord that we are able to meet together today, joined in worship via technology.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for leaders around the world trying to do the right thing in dealing with the Coronavirus pandemic. We pray for ourselves that we remain calm but that we look out for and look after the more vulnerable in our society; help us we pray to be less selfish and to think of the common good rather than just ourselves.

We pray for peace everywhere. We pray Lord that when the present situation is over that we will have a greater understanding and respect for our fellow man and woman and know that we need each other more than we need more power or wealth or any other of the false gods which we worship.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In our parish we pray for all who live in Stanley Rd & Stanway Rd and for the residents and staff of Herald Lodge.

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for the members of Earlsdon Methodist Church and their minister, Rev'd Doreen Koffie-Williams.

We pray for this community of Earlsdon, Chapelfields and Hearsall; for the businesses; for the leisure areas such as the library and the Criterion Theatre; for the

many volunteers collecting and delivering food: for good neighbours: Lord please bless everyone of them.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in any sort of need

We name from our own church family: Wena Hughes, Hazel Cantes, Stephanie Cotton and Valerie Loft; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for families now unable to visit each other or relatives in hospital or in care homes. Help us to be patient and know that it is necessary in order to protect us all.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ.....

In Annual Remembrance:

Alfred Wells, Everard Perrens and Charles Biggs. We remember our own loved ones who are no longer with us.

...according to your promises, grant us with them, a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of (N and of) all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

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