

## **31<sup>st</sup> May 2020 – Pentecost – Intercessions (prepared by Ed Manning)**

Lord, ignite in us Your holy fire, that Your church, revived with the breath of love, may renew the face of the earth. Lord, may we be open to the work of your Holy Spirit in our lives. Lord, at Pentecost people of all nations heard your call in their own language, that we should repent and turn to Christ and be saved. Help us to hear your voice, set us aflame for you. Forgive us our coldness, forgive us when we do not hear your call. Forgive us when we do not love others as we should.

Lord, by your Holy Spirit, we pray that we may be united as a body to care for the good of all people everywhere. We pray that your voice of peace, truth, justice and love may be heard today. Filled with the Holy Spirit your church was marked with extraordinary compassion, may we be filled with that transformative compassion today.

We praise you for all who are showing compassion today in their work and as volunteers. We praise you for all the goodness that this pandemic has revealed. We pray that what will endure from this pandemic is love, and that by your Spirit we may work together for a kinder, more just, more loving world.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Lord, as tough decisions have to be made, we pray for all those in government. We pray that their decisions may be right and just and for the common good. We pray that you would keep this nation and every nation on the path of goodness and love.

We pray for all those returning to work and to schools. Lord, protect them and keep them safe. We pray for all children and those parents who are trying to home school them.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Lord, we celebrate the gifts of science and intellect that are being used to find cures and vaccination. Lord, help them to see the opportunities and be aware of the dangers.

In our diocese on ME Awareness Day we pray for those with Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and all who suffer fatigue, pain or cognitive difficulty. From Your abundant life, give them energy and comfort and clarity.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

In our parish we pray for all who live in Bates Road & Beechwood Avenue and for the residents and staff of St Andrew's House.

We pray for each person in this parish, loved by you and precious, and in the wider world. We pray for those concerned for their jobs and their livelihoods, their safety and security, their health and their wellbeing.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for the members of St Mary Magdalen Church and their vicar, Rev'd Dwayne Engh, as they prepare for the Prayer Breakfast over Zoom on Saturday. Bless your church and unite by your Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

We pray for all those who are ill, recovering from surgery, awaiting results of recent medical tests, the housebound, of whom we name today:

Stephanie Cotton, Mabel Cronin, Gwyn Morgan and Wena Hughes.

We pray for Alison Manning's father who has been in hospital for weeks, and for her Mum who has been unable to see him. We pray for all those in hospitals and homes where they cannot be visited by their families. We hold all who we cannot meet with but who are dear to our hearts and we pray for their blessing today.

In Annual Remembrance we name:

Mark Frith, Ivy Sibley, Frederick Bashford, Muriel Kendall and Patricia Down.

In the quietness of our hearts we name before you those we have loved and lost, and those we know who are suffering the pain of grief today.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour Jesus Christ.**