

## St Barbara's Intercessions – 26<sup>th</sup> April, 2020

*In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen Christopher and John our bishops and all your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another, and seek the common good.

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

Holy God, we remember all those who are working to keep things going: those working in the NHS and those around it helping to keep things working, those keeping our streets clean and collecting our rubbish, those harvesting, delivering and selling the food in our shops, those keeping us secure and our utilities functioning, those looking after the children of key workers, those helping to care for the elderly and vulnerable, and clergy of all religions seeking to minister in difficult times.

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

In our diocese we pray for headteachers as they work to support their staff, pupils and vulnerable families during the school closures. Give them wisdom and comfort during this time of remote learning.

In our parish we pray for all who live in Warwick Road & Warwick St and for the residents and staff of Beechwood Gardens Care Home.

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for the members of All Souls' Church, for their priest, Father Paul Burch, and for their deacon, Paul Rabvukwa.

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

We pray for those in need:

Those who are ill / recovering from surgery / awaiting results of recent medical tests / the housebound:

Hazel Cantes, Stephanie Cotton, Wena Hughes, Gwyn Morgan and Valerie Loft.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for all those who are grieving the loss of loved ones at this time. In particular, we bring before you the families and friends of Joe North, John Rathbone, Peter Watts, Doreen Winstone, and Joan Donaldson. And in Annual Remembrance we think of: Rose Dupen, Marianne Connolley, Anthony Millerchip, Leslie Dunkin, Raymond Stopher and Noel White.

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

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Barbara 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.