

Intercessions – 10th May, 2020

Lord we pray that we are able to fully embrace the words of your Son Jesus Christ “Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me”. Lead us Lord to a better place where we can grow as individuals and make a difference to the lives of people we know and to those we have yet to know. We pray that in these difficult times we are able to show our joy and gladness at being part of your Kingdom here on earth.

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

In the Anglican Communion we give thanks for the Church of Bangladesh and pray for its disaster management work. As the impact of climate change becomes more evident in rising sea levels, may the Church succeed in its objectives of education, raising awareness and risk management.

In our diocese on World Lupus Day we pray for all who live with this systemic autoimmune disease, and for better understanding of this complex and difficult condition. We pray for a greater general awareness of lupus.

We thank you Lord for the many volunteers from the churches, mosques, temples and Gurdwaras in our city working alongside other charity teams and individuals helping those in need with food deliveries, telephone calls and we especially thank you Lord for their love and care for their fellow men and women.

Strengthen in the service of Christ, Christopher and John our bishops, the clergy, readers and lay people in our churches, as they continue to meet the challenge of maintaining worship in our diocese.

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

Lord comfort all who are worrying about their jobs, their reduced income and simply for what the future holds for their families and friends. Many people are anxious about returning to work with its implicit risks of closer contacts after these weeks of isolation and we pray that their fears can be allayed to a degree by employers and employees showing true compassion and understanding by adhering strictly to what new rules may be set and thereby keep everyone safe.

We pray for our leaders facing their own doubts as to whether they are doing the right things to tackle the crisis. Grant them wisdom and integrity in what they do.

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.**

In our parish we pray for all who live in Woodfield Road and for the residents and staff of Elsie Jones House.

In our CTEC Prayer Cycle we pray for the members of St Mary Magdalen Church and their vicar, Rev'd Dwayne Engh.

We pray for good health for all essential workers in the health and social services, for the bin men, for transport drivers, for shopworkers, for the police and emergency services. And we pray for friends and neighbours who we know from these services going off to work everyday.

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us.

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit...

From our own congregation we name

Stephanie Cotton, Monica Harrison, Dorothy Hope, Gwyn Morgan and Wena Hughes.

give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

And Lord we pray for young people suffering mental health issues due to this current crisis; Lord help us to help them to get through this.

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

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

Eileen Eccles, Dorothy Stott & George Elvin. We pray for their families and friends in the knowledge that their bereavement is even more difficult because most are not permitted to be at their funerals. We pray that memories of their loved ones will be a comfort to them.

In Annual Remembrance we name Rita Watkin, Cyril Carlton and Joseph Connor.

...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 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.**