

Intercessions – Sunday 28th June 2020 (prepared by Mark Owen)

Holy God, you have given us your only Son to be for us, both a sacrifice for sin, and an example of Godly life; Give us the grace to thankfully receive this wonderful gift, and to always strive ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Everlasting God, We pray for the Church, both here in Earlsdon and throughout the United kingdom and the world, and all who call themselves Christians, that they may go forward in unity and strength. Help us to respect the beliefs of others even if we do not share them, to celebrate what we have in common and to accept our differences. Guide us all in our ministries as we live each day.

In the Anglican Communion we give thanks for the Council of Anglican provinces of Africa and its commitment to peace and nation building across the continent. And we pray for the three-way partnership between St Barbara's, African Pastors Fellowship and St Paul's Theological College Kapsabet, and ask that it may lead to significant and much needed improvements to the college.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God, We pray for people in parts of the world where life is precarious, whether through disaster, poverty, disease, war or the present pandemic. We pray that the time may be hastened when there is peace on earth, goodwill between all people and an affordable cure for Covid-19. Especially we pray for our precious world; help us to be good stewards so that we can pass on your wonderful creation in good order to the generations yet to come.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God, we pray today for our friends, our families and our Christian community, that united by our common baptism we may always welcome the newcomer, the stranger and all who are vulnerable. Help us always to follow Jesus' words and advice on hospitality and generous giving and realise that accepting someone's help is as good as giving someone help.

In our diocese we pray for all refugees who are separated from their loved ones and homeland and those who have fled persecution and are searching for peace and security. We give thanks for the vital work of Carriers of Hope and of the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre, and pray that we may find more ways of supporting and welcoming refugees into our communities.

In our parish we pray for all who live in Canley Road, Canley Ford & Watery Lane and for the residents and staff of Elsie Jones House.

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, as they prepare for the (virtual) Prayer Breakfast on Saturday.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Gracious God, We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit and for those who care for them. We pray for the sick; for those who mourn; for those without faith, hope or love. We especially pray for Hazel Cantes, Mabel Cronin, Stephanie Cotton, Gwyn Morgan, Wena Hughes and Valerie Loft we remember them now in a moment of silence.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God, We remember before God those who have died and those who are bereaved by their passing. We give back to you, Lord, those whom you gave to us. Your son taught us that life is eternal and that love cannot die. So death is only a horizon, and a horizon is only the limit of our sight. Open our eyes to see more clearly, and draw us closer to you, so that we may know we are nearer to our loved ones, who are with you.

In Annual remembrance we name Ursula Goodwin, Gwendoline Metcalf, Ida Carlton, Bert Freeman, Nancy Sylvester, John Arnold and Albert Newman

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God in the week that lies before us may we reflect your love in our families, our church and our community and in doing so, show everyone we meet that we are followers of Christ with a true desire to draw them into our Christian faith.

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