

## **Sunday 11 February 2024 – Sunday next before Lent**

### **Prayers**

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 Guli and Roger 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 Charles our King; 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.

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.

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

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ: Paul  
Reeve, Michael Cleary, Daphne Norman, Howard Redgewell, Joan Lane,  
Mary Francis, Claire Bond, and from our memorial book, Minnie Caplin,  
Peter Cottee, Joyce Hooker and Vera Houghton,  
according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal  
kingdom.

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