

Sunday 19 June – First Sunday after Trinity

Prayers written by Jenny Cass

Dear Lord & Heavenly Father

We come to you this morning, thinking about those situations, countries and people that are on our hearts and minds,

We thank you for the good news you have given us through your son Jesus Christ, may we be willing to share this with those we meet in our daily lives.

Let us pray for our Archbishops Justin Welby and Stephen Cottrell giving thanks for their leadership and wisdom. We also pray for Bishop Guli our Diocesan Bishop and for Bishop Roger. We give thanks for all our churches in our Benefice and for the hard work of Anne-Marie and the ministry team and continue to pray that the vacancy for team Vicar will soon be filled.

We give thanks for our world and are reminded that we are caretakers of your wonderful creation. We pray for the environmental initiatives and in particular the Environment Group which is working in our Benefice.

We pray for our troubled world, continuing to pray for the war in Ukraine. For all who have died, suffered injuries, lost their homes and places of work and for the thousands who have fled to other countries including the UK to find refuge.

The war in Ukraine is also affecting other countries in Africa, particularly Ethiopia, where there is continuing famine and drought.

Let us pray for all those Aid agencies including the Red Cross, Christian Aid, Tearfund and many others who are tirelessly working to bring aid and assistance to those who are suffering.

We continue to pray for peace, for the leaders and governments around the world that they may have hearts of compassion and work towards bringing to an end the suffering endured by so many.

Thank you Lord for our local community, for our shops, schools and local businesses. For all the voluntary organisations and activities that take place including the work of Friends of St Luke's, Tiptree Volunteers, the WI, U3A, our Youth work lead by Andy, the Toddler Group, Messy Church, the St Luke's Connection group which will now be meeting at the Exchange and many others.

Let us spend a moment bringing to the Lord those who are struggling with illness, dealing with daily pain or depression, waiting for tests or treatment. For all who are lonely and sad. We pray for all the carers who are often exhausted and overworked. For all the NHS workers in our hospitals, hospices and local surgeries. We pray that wise and good decisions are made regarding the future of our NHS.

We pray for Jan Banks, Ken Cathcart, Dorothy Lawrence, Hazel Chapman, John Leaworthy, Ellen Vigar and Christine Eaton. May they experience your healing presence in their lives.

Heavenly Father, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, and from our own community we pray for the family & friends of Diana Wheeler, Susan Dickinson, Richard Rich, Thomas Walker, Trevor Goodchild & Brenda Cowley. May they be comforted by your love, From our Memorial book we give thanks for the lives of Hugh Cox, Gordon Humphrey, Christopher Morman, & Mollie Stammers.

We bring to you in our prayers all whom we love, knowing that your love for them is greater than ours and ask that they will know your peace.

Accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.