

## Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

### Prayers written by Wendy Borgartz

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

Father, we pray for your church throughout the world, that we may work together to bring the good news of Jesus Christ our Lord to all. We pray especially for those Christians unable to worship you freely, for all who live in fear and are threatened with imprisonment, poverty and loss of family and friends through worshipping you. Give them courage in their difficulties. We pray for our Diocese, and our new Bishop Guli, that she be given the wisdom to lead the Diocese through difficult financial times, made worse by the pandemic. We pray for our Team Council as they work to produce the profile document to recruit our new Team Vicar, and we pray also for our Rector Anne-Marie and our retired priests Christine, Ruth and Michael, our LLMs Harold and Anne, and give thanks that Liz Barnes is re-joining us soon.

We give you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth and the wonders of each creature. Lord, help us to have a reverence and awe for all that you have made. We praise you for the diversity of life on our planet, for the balance of nature and the goodness of the earth, which humans are upsetting due to our actions. We ask your blessing on areas and creatures that are endangered. Lord, guide the decisions of all who influence the future of the earth, give wisdom to those in authority as they plan for the international climate conference next month, that we may find a way for the whole world to work together in a fair and just way to address the problems of climate change.

Father, we also give thanks for our comfortable homes and loving families. On this national grandparents day, we think especially of our own grandparents and give thanks for the love and guidance they have given us all over the years. We pray for those grandparents separated from their grandchildren, through family arguments or the impact of the coronavirus, especially when they live in different countries. Give comfort to those who are missing contact with all family members who are separated from them.

We think this morning of all those who keep our community here in Tiptree and Tolleshunt Knights safe and well. We pray for the emergency services, our medical centre, all doctors, nurses and carers, those who collect our rubbish and run our local councils. We also pray for our local businesses, for those who have kept going through the past difficult months, and also for those who have had to close and for all who have lost their jobs and are struggling to find new employment.

We remember all who are struggling in any way. We pray for those who have lost any sense of wonder or joy, the depressed and the disillusioned. Lord, comfort all who are ill and all who are finding life difficult. From our own community we bring before you today Jan Banks, Ken Cathcart, Dorothy Lawrence, Hazel Chapman, John Leaworthy, Pat Bolton, Donald Rooke, Ellen Vigar, Linda Tuthill, Roger Hoare and in a moment of silence those known only to us

We give thanks for the mystery of our own life and that you are with us always. We ask your blessing on all who have departed from us and pray that they may rejoice in the glory of your presence in your kingdom. We seek your blessing on all who are mourning the loss of a loved one, thinking especially today of the family and friends of Alfred Perrin and Joyce Neal.

From our memorial book we remember and give thanks for the lives of Hugh Pullen and Queenie Barnes.

Father, we commend ourselves and all of creation to your loving care. Amen.