

Sunday 16 August – Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Prayers written by Yvonne Toms

Let us pray for the church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

Loving Father, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ and for revealing him as Messiah and Saviour of the World. Thank You that in Him is life, abundant life -eternal life for all people and that in Him we have all that we need to sustain us and help us to grow and to serve others. Thank you that we have been made new creations in Christ.

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

We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service. We pray for the life of our church community. We pray that our living witness of faith would draw to you others who might know the joy of your forgiveness and love. We pray for all who are contributing to the activities of our Church and all who share in this communion today. Help us to be a caring and an outward looking church community, serving all people.

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

We pray for children and young people in our community, especially those who have received exam results and who are starting new courses or entering training or employment that they will build on the past and will be open to the future, guided by your Spirit and held in your love. Thank you, Loving God, for the doors you open and close. Give us wisdom, dignity and hope in the challenges and opportunities before us today.

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

We pray for the created world and for all who suffer due to climate change and the impact of human actions on our world. We pray for world leaders delegated to make decisions for life, for scientists and activists who raise awareness and seek solutions. We pray that through love and care we will all take practical steps as individuals and communities to help to address climate change, to transform us and our world with new steps towards life.

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

We pray for all who rebuild where things have been destroyed; for those who fight hunger, poverty and disease; for those who are working to bring aid to refugees and people fleeing from war, drought, fires and famine. We pray for all who have power to bring change for the better, to work for peace and to renew hope. We pray especially today for all who are suffering as a result of the wars in the Middle East and in Ukraine and for asylum seekers. Lord of all nations, we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation in places of conflict. We give thanks for all who work to bring about an end to war and oppression. We pray that your Spirit of peace will fill those in authority with a new resolve to use their power for the good of all people.

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

We bring before you all who are suffering or struggling due to the rising cost of living and pray that those in local and central government and the voluntary sector take action to support the most vulnerable. Give us all the wisdom, grace and courage to challenge through prayer and through actions the policies and structures which make the poor even poorer. Help us to build sharing communities where all are valued and none left out, where community spirit can grow and individual gifts develop and flourish.

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

Lord of all love and healing, we remember today all who are troubled in mind, body or spirit,

From our own community we pray for Jericho Hasieber, Sarah, Jean, Graham Chislett, Jimmy and for all known to us alone.

Bind up our wounds and bring us back to the foot of the Cross.

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

We thank you that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Whether we live or die we are yours and yours eternally. We pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them and , for members of our families who have died

We pray for the family and friends of Andy.

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From our Memorial Book, we give thanks for the lives of Maureen Dewey, Brian Robert Flint, Irene Manning, Eric Pudney and Sybil Rose Wyncoll.

When the victory is won and we see your face, Servant King unite us in your love and in eternal life.

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

Be with us Lord as we leave your house and grant that the prayers which we have said and the words that we have heard will help us in our daily lives. May we never forget that you are always near and may we be given grace to do all things to your glory. May we accept this day at your hand, as a gift to be treasured, a life to be enjoyed, a trust to be kept, a hope to be fulfilled and all for your glory.

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