

Sunday 2 November – All Saints Day

Prayers written by Wendy Borgartz

Let us pray to God, our heavenly Father.

Father God, we thank you that we share your love with the saints who have gone before us and reveal your love for us all. We give thanks and praise for those in weakness who have revealed your power and those who challenge and inspire us by their deeds. We give thanks for all who have built up your Church through their holiness, their witness and their faith in you. Lord, grant us the power to be the people you want us to be and to do what you want us to do.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

As we continue the vacancy, we give thanks for the Ministry Team, Churchwardens, PCC Members and all those who are keeping our church going. As we give thanks for our freedom to worship you, we remember all who are being persecuted for their faith. We ask your blessing on all who are risking their lives to maintain peace and order in our world. We ask you to bless and guide all who stand up for the freedom and well-being of the poor and the oppressed, thinking especially today of the people of Gaza, Israel, Sudan and Ukraine.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord God, we pray especially today for the people of the Caribbean, especially those in Jamaica, Haiti and Cuba affected so badly by hurricane Melissa. Give comfort to those who are suffering, and we pray for the aid organisations and all who are working to rebuild the shattered lives of those in the path of the hurricane.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Father, we give thanks for all who have revealed your love to us through their own love. We ask your blessing upon our homes and our loved ones. We lift up to you all who are giving care to others, bless all who are caring for the ill and infirm, whether at home or in a care setting.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who have risked pain or death to forward your kingdom. We ask your blessing on all who are struggling currently, all who

are oppressed or in danger, all who are ill at home or in hospital. We raise up to you this morning June Dennis, Jericho Hasieber, Jo and any known to us individually or to you alone.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

We rejoice in the communion of saints, that we are one in you and your love. We remember those whose service on earth is done and now rejoice with you in glory, including Eileen Piggott, Peter Morley, William Lock, Ann Barkham, David Theobald, Audrey Hayward and Martin Turner and from our memorial book we remember Peter Elston and Joanne South. We ask for your comfort those who mourn. We ask your blessing on all who have been an inspiration to us and have enriched our lives by their love but are now departed from us.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Father, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth. May we ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer and may we know ourselves surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy.

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