

Sunday 24 May – Pentecost

Prayers written by Jenny Cass

Loving God on this day of Pentecost we come before you with hearts open to your Spirit. May we be empowered to proclaim your word, be obedient to your call, and serve with love.

We pray today for the Church around the world that it may be a faithful witness to your love and truth, that the Church may be blessed and guided with the gift of the Holy Spirit, to preach with boldness the Gospel to all people, grace to welcome the stranger and a deep longing for unity.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

We pray for our world, for nations and leaders that the Spirit of wisdom and peace would guide them to bring justice to the oppressed and healing to the broken, that the Holy Spirit may unite and reconcile, and bring an end to war, hatred, and discrimination. Please spend a moment praying for those countries that are on your hearts today.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Holy Spirit, fill our homes and set our hearts on fire with your love. We pray for our local community, our schools, the Medical Centre, for all who serve us in the shops and businesses.

We pray for St Luke's and give thanks for our Ministry team, the Church Wardens, PCC members and all who serve and worship here. We continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will lead the right person to become our Rector.

May each of us respond to the gifts that your Spirit bestows to enable us to serve you faithfully each day.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, we bring before you those who are unwell, feeling sad or lonely. May your Holy Spirit come to them to be their Comforter and companion. We give thanks for all who work in the medical profession and pray that your Spirit and healing power may flow through them bringing peace and comfort to all they serve. Today we pray for Jericho Hasieber, Sarah, David Richards, Andy & Jean.

We pray for all those whose life is saddened by the loss of someone dear to them and we remember all we have loved and who we miss.

From our Memorial book we remember and give thanks for Terence Lutterloch and Richard George Betteridge.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light no darkness can quench.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Holy Spirit may we look for and know your presence in our daily lives.
Create new life in your people, and renew and refresh us, as we turn in faith and obedience to you.

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