

Sunday 4 October – Harvest Festival

Prayers written by Sue Lyne

Lord, we come together to thank you for the harvest of all good things, for making plants to grow on the earth, for giving farmers strength to work, for supplying the food we have each day.

We pray for fisherman, miners and oilmen who live dangerously to feed and warm us. For businessmen and women, sailors and airmen, and those who drive lorries and trains bringing the food to our shops.

For shopkeepers, check-out staff and rounds people, for all who cook meals and lay tables and do the washing up.

All this work that people do – and your miraculous gifts of soil and frost, sunshine and rain, and the mystery of growth and ripening, Lord we thank and praise you.

Teach us to use your gifts fairly and generously and to remember that you gave them to us.

Lord in our mercy hear our prayer.

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us.

Reveal your kingdom among the nations; may peace abound and justice flourish.

We pray for those people in Ukraine who are suffering from the loss of their homes and families, for those affected by flood, famine, hurricanes and wars. May they understand that you are close at hand.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high.

May we all be filled with the holy spirit and shine as beacons of light showing your love to all whom we meet. Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak, heal and restore your creation.

We pray at this time for those known to us who are in need of your healing power especially for Jericho Hasieber, Sarah, Jean, Graham

Chislett, Faheem and Owen. Surround them with your healing hands and comfort them in their hour of need.

We pray for those who mourn for family and friends now in your loving arms: We pray for Ruth le Poidevin and Allen Salmon. And from our Memorial book we remember Hugh Pullen and Queenie Barnes.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

We pray for ourselves and especially for discernment so that your will be done in calling the incumbent who will lead us forward. May they hear your voice and trusting in you, come forward to show us the way ahead.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, we join our prayers with all the saints in glory.

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