

Sunday 7 June – First Sunday after Trinity

Prayers written by Wendy Borgartz

Lord, you promised to always hear us when we pray in faith to you.

Father, we rejoice in this time we spend together, worshipping you and singing your praises. We thank you for this time of fellowship and community with each other. We pray for our ministry team, our PCC, and for all who are working hard to keep our church community going through the vacancy. We pray that you will inspire the person you have chosen to join us to respond to the latest advertisement for the Team Rector post.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for all those working in our criminal justice system, the police, the lawyers, the court staff. We think of the victims affected by recent cases, and their families. Lord, we know that we are weak humans and will get things wrong, but we pray for forgiveness and reconciliation for all those affected, and for peace and justice to prevail for all.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for our young people in Tiptree, that they may feel your love. We thank you for the families who came to Messy Church this week. We pray for our schools as they move towards the end of the school year, that exams and plans for moving to new classes, new schools, new opportunities will go smoothly, and all can give of their best.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we lift up to you all who are suffering in body, mind or spirit currently. We think of those in hospital, in hospices, in care homes, or being cared for at home and ask you to stretch your healing arms out to them. We think especially today of Jericho Hasieber, Sarah, David Richards, Andy and Jean and any others on our hearts today....

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for breaking the bonds of death and offering us the hope of eternal life with you. Despite that hope, it is still difficult for us when someone we love is with us no more. We pray especially today for the family and friends of Violet Cassie and of Henry Nowak. Give them the

comfort of your love. From our memorial book we also remember with thanks Arthur Lane, Delia Anne Clough, John Elson and Michele Reilly.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father, we thank you for your promises to Abraham and, through them, to us all. Help us to emulate Abraham's faithfulness to you, to stand firm in our faith and may all that we do be done in love.

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