

## Old Hills Malvern Churches

### Intercessions for Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Year A - 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

*(these are overarching intercessions for the lectionary readings and situations. A special set will feature in Sunday Worship at Callow End (9.30am ) and Madresfield (11am) to reflect the theme of Education Sunday).*

Everlasting God, Lord of compassion and gracious understanding, we come with an openness to express our concerns for the Church and the world, and to thank you, for your goodness.

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

Merciful God, we recognise that the work of helping people through life can leave church ministers (lay and ordained) vulnerable to spiritual attack. We thank you for our church leaders and pray that they won't allow criticism or negativity to blunt their ministry; that they will hear encouragement, and that they will always respond in love and forgiveness when difficulties arise.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Creator God, we pray for our world, where through television, we see the misery and tragedy brought about by wrong choices and brought into our homes day by day. We pray for wisdom and compassion in all negotiations and decisions taken by our world and local leaders; and ask that there be humility in leadership and responsibility for right action shared by all and we particularly pray that this may apply to all things associated with the Pandemic.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father God, help and guide our schools, colleges and universities as they return for a new educational year, especially with all their concerns about the Coronavirus and how they will cope with social distancing but still be with one another and learn with and from one another. May their teachers inspire a love of learning for its own sake and kindle joy in all subjects and sports and help them to grow into caring and knowledgeable adults. We pray for our three schools as they receive our video services and prepare for Zoom video worship with Rev Gary in the coming weeks.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we raise before you those from our churches and communities who are ill, hospitalised, reacting well or negatively to test results or recuperating. We pray for those we know within our families and circle of friends in these categories especially.....*(add names of those requesting prayer)*

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, give us ears to hear and minds to understand the message of immortality for the children of your kingdom so that we may look forward with patience and confidence to that time when we will join you in the peace of eternity. And we especially pray for any we know who recently died and are on that journey to you. We pray for Stuart Knowles, Patricia O'Brien and Humphry Bladder.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, forgive us for those times when we treat ourselves with less kindness than you do. We want to believe in ourselves the way you believe in us and so as we go out to live the coming week show us more of the life you have designed especially for us to live

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