

Old Hills Malvern Intercessions for First Sunday after Trinity Year A – 14th June 2020

Almighty God, we ask you guide your Church especially when differences amongst us seem to threaten our very existence. We face each other, but often do not see the face. We too easily make “another” of one another. Help us now to look again, to see Jesus in the face and to recognise hopes, aspirations and desires.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Creator God, we are part of the tensions and injustices of the world: heal the resentment between people and intervene in the world’s conflicts. Help us to walk humbly with you at our side and when we come to the crossroads and have to choose which way to go lead us down the path of justice and righteousness whilst steering us away from the road that leads to selfishness and sin.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Caring God, be with those that ponder and contemplate how best we can reopen our churches for your Name. Be with those wanting this and those anxious by it. We hold before you now our wardens, vergers, cleaning volunteers and sacristan and their collective work on the necessary risk assessments, communication and cleaning. Lord give us the way to open safely and be with us as our prayer rises to you.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God, help us to be gentle, with others and with ourselves. Give us, we pray, the calm that makes for consideration and the respect for others that makes us courteous. Take from us hard words and the cynical look. Let us be to others as we would wish them to be to us and, when we fail, forgive us and when they fail, heal us.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Caring God, we pray for all those who are afflicted by physical, emotional or mental illness especially the problems caused by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Help them to keep their eyes fixed on you and give them the courage to face the trials and temptations that may come. Especially we pray for.....

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Holy God, your love reaches beyond the grave. At the end of our days on earth be with us and with those we love and with those whom we love and have gone before us. We pray now for those who have recently died both Corona related and from other causes and for those bereaved by their passing. We hold before you the families of Felicity Pollard and Pam Patterson. Their funerals have or are about to happen in the parishes.

Lord in your Mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Gracious God, we thank you for hearing our prayers and as we move into the coming week help us to remember our Saviour’s words as he sent his disciples out into the world “As you go, proclaim the good news, the Kingdom of Heaven has come near”.

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