

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Note - the Third Sunday is very much a "BCP fest" with our 8am and 9.30am services following that liturgy with its inbuilt intercessions. Our 11am service at Powick is a special for Sea Sunday with special intercessions to suit the theme. The following prayers are offered to follow the Common Worship set readings for this Sunday. Prayers for all tastes and offerings, then!

Intercessions for Seventh Sunday after Trinity Year B- 18th July 2021

To God the Father who created the world, To God the Son who redeemed the world, To God the Holy Spirit who sustains the world; be all praise and glory now and forever.

Everlasting God we pray that all who come in to our church may be enabled to renew their relationship with you and may find in you rest, peace, strength, grace and most of all your abiding presence. Help us as a congregation to be outward looking that through our fellowship we may share our faith and the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ with those who we love and live amongst.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Creator God we pray for the people of our world who are less fortunate than we are, especially those who live in the third world, in countries where there is very little governmental stability and in countries where there is drought or famine and where there is a shortage of Covid vaccine. Help us to remember those who are weary with the relentless struggle to keep alive; for those who can never look forward to a good meal and a comfortable bed, and those who barely have the necessities of life, much less so many material luxuries which we so often take for granted.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Father God may the needs of our families, friends and neighbours be made clear to us today, and may we find that in our giving to them we grow closer to you. We thank you for those whose work sustains our Faith and the sense of community across these villages and parishes in which we live: for all who create wealth from business, for those who grow and provide our food, for those who, day and night, maintain public services; for the police, and emergency services, and for all whose work is in the local health service, our schools and care homes.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

We pray for Amy and Sheila preparing for their Confirmation at St James', Next Sunday, and for Bishop Martin preparing to officiate and preside at this special service.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

We also pray for our schools that are straining to get through to the end of term - staff and children are still away isolating because of Covid. The end of term is nye but not necessarily the experience that the children nor staff wish for. We pray for those leaving our primary schools as School Leavers in Year 6 and for Mrs Stevens (Powick) and Mr Speakman (Madresfield) that are venturing on to pastures new.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Healing God, we raise before you those who are sick. We ask that you will ease their pain and heal the damage done to them in body, mind or spirit. Be present with them through the support of friends and in the care of doctors and nurses, fill them with the warmth of your love now and always.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Merciful God we commend into your hands those whom we have loved and now have lost. You gave them breath, and loved and cared for them throughout their lives. Receive them now in your eternal kingdom and may the rest peace and rise in glory.

We pray for the souls and repose of Dorothy Lois Penton and Ivor John Young and their funeral arrangements

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer

Faithful God we dedicate all these people and petitions to your loving care. Give us the strength and courage to walk alongside those in need, to fight for justice for the oppressed and to allow others to see you in us and in all that we do in the coming week.

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