

Whilst the Vicar is away ... DIY Intercessions for the next couple of weeks - Sunday 26th July and Sunday 2nd August

There are plenty of resources on the website to help you pray. You might wish to use the set that I include in the Benefice's standard service for Holy Communion, *Living Communion*. Just fill in the gaps.....

O CHRIST THE MASTER CARPENTER,
who at the last, through wood and nails,
purchased our whole salvation:
wield well your tools in the workshop of this world,
so that we who come rough-hewn to your bench
may here be fashioned
to a truer beauty of your hand.
We ask it for you Name's sake.

from the Celtic tradition

You who spread your creating arms to the stars, strengthen our arms with power to intercede when we lift our hands to you.
Armenian Liturgy

One of these, or some other response, may be used

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

Or. Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us**

As members of Christ's Body, we pray for the world and for the Church in the world.

For the peoples of the earth in all their sorts and conditions; gracious God make known your ways and saving health among the nations

For the universal Church: for John and Martin our Bishops and all people of faith that we may joyfully sow seeds of faith, hope and love and grow up into Christ

Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us

For all at work or those furloughed or facing hard decisions.....

For all who are any ways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body or circumstance; visit them with your health and salvation

Holding before you all who grieve we remember those who have died: *amongst whom we name..*

May they rest in peace **and rise in glory.**

In a time of stillness let us offer to God our own concerns.

A short time of quiet is kept

Lord of life **hear our prayer
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**