

## **Old Hills Malvern Churches**

### **Intercessions for the Second Sunday of Lent – 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

Loving God as you revealed yourself to Abraham in ancient days, reveal yourself too in this present age. Make us into a faithful people ready to believe your promises and follow you wherever you will lead us.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, during this period of Lent, give us a new awareness of your presence in our Church here in our parishes and villages and teach us the humility to accept that all our gifts come from you to be used in the service of your people and in the spreading of the Gospel. Live in us through all of our small acts of sacrifice and help us be cheerful in our fasting and giving as our Lord Jesus Christ commanded.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Creator God your son walked upon earth and taught us to seek your hand in the beauty and wonders of earth and sea and the sky. We so often see too much of the evidence of poor stewardship in our surroundings and it is easy to forget that the world belongs to you. Help us to recognise your presence in our modern world, and help us to use more wisely the resources of the earth.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Father God, we give you thanks for our Local and Church communities here across the Old Hills Parishes: for our neighbours, for our friends and for the people around us with whom we work and share our daily lives. We pray for those who are old and lonely, those isolated because of ill-health, and those who find it difficult to be accepted. Show us all that we can do to help those around us and teach us to be good neighbours and true friends.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Gracious God, we pray for the sick and the suffering. For those undergoing treatments and surgery; for those convalescing and those who are recovered. We pray that through their suffering they may all experience the light of the Gospel. We pray too for all who administer to the sick and infirm; for those working in our local health centres and hospitals; for those working in care homes and those who daily give help at home; for all of our local charities and Help organisations.

(add names of those requesting prayer, as required)

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Almighty God be near to all those who are grieving today over the loss of a loved one. We raise before you those who have died in the faith of Christ and for those whose belief is known only to you. Lord, we thank you for those who have travelled before us on the way of the cross and are now at peace in your eternal presence. We remember those families we are supporting at their time of bereavement and others who may be remembering a sad anniversary this coming week:

Lyn Snook, Mary Thomas and Pauline Cooper

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our Prayer**

Faithful God as we go out into the world today help us to remember that your son was tempted by the Devil but chose faithfulness before popularity, service before fame and sacrifice before power. Give us the strength to reject temptation through our Lenten journey and beyond it throughout the rest of our lives.

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

#### **Your Prayer for Our Prayers - Prayer for the week**

This week's personal prayer contribution has been kindly submitted by Paul Higgins - very apt, I think, for our five communities and our mission to them all:-

#### **A Village Prayer (anon)**

O Lord Jesus Christ,  
You lived in a village and  
Understood village life.  
Help us to help our villages.  
May Spring come into our houses,  
May the water of life spring up in our hearts,  
And may action spring from our new life in you,  
So that the spring sowing may bring an autumn harvest.  
Amen

**Remember - your Prayer could be here  
and on our parishes website next week if you share it.**