

Intercessions for Peter-tide - (Feast Day - 29th June - celebrated on Sunday 28th June 2020 as the Patronal Festival for St Peter's Church, Powick - drafted by Julia Davis, Reader)

Lord, help us to be like Peter the Rock on which the church was built. He didn't always get everything right and neither do we. Jesus is the cornerstone and we are the building blocks. May we be guided by Peter's example and be willing to move and change to spread the good news of Jesus.

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

Lord, guide our thoughts and actions as we begin the process of opening our churches again to our communities and church members. May they be places of sanctuary, welcome and places of prayer - and as safe as we can make it from the risk of the coronavirus.

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

We pray that the message of hope that Jesus left us through Peter and the other disciples will spread at this difficult time with so many lives lost and families grieving. May they find the comfort and peace of the Lord.

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

We pray for those who are struggling and are worried and fearful about the future. Help and strengthen them Lord as we go through these uncertain times.

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

We pray for those in authority that make decisions that affect peoples' lives. Lord let your Holy Spirit guide them into wisdom and truth.

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

We pray for the Friends of St Peter's and give thanks for all the work that they do to support the work of the church in Powick by raising money to care for the church that has been a centre of faith in the village for hundreds of years. We pray that all the work and plans made for the future reordering of the church, led by the Powick Project Group and supported by the PCC, will not be lost because of the virus but will be reformed and restart when the time is right.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Our Saviour, Jesus Christ - Amen