

## **Old Hills Malvern Churches**

### **Intercessions for First Sunday after Trinity - 6<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

Almighty God, we ask you guide your Church especially when differences amongst us seem to antagonise or worry us. We face each other, but often do not see the face. We too easily make “an other” 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. Let us strive to make the Covid vaccination available to all, not just the richest countries. No one is truly safe until we are all vaccinated. 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**

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. 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 and those bereaved by their passing.

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**

**Your Prayer becomes Our Prayer**

No contribution this week, so here is a little prayer from John Calvin

*Lord, save us from being self-centred in our prayers and teach us to remember to pray for others.*

*May we be so bound up in love with those for whom we pray that we may feel their needs as acutely as our own and intercede for them with sensitivity, with understanding and with imagination.*

*We ask this in Christ's name. Amen*