

Old Hills Malvern Churches

Intercessions for the Second Sunday before Lent – 7th February 2021

Ever living God, our creator and redeemer, you love us and know us better than we know ourselves. With a word you created all things and so we pray that you will hear the words of your children as we pray; giving thanks to you for your church, the world and its peoples.

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

Mighty God, we pray for the worldwide Christian Church in all its wonderful diversity. We pray especially for those churches who meet together in difficult and dangerous circumstances and at this time of the Pandemic for all those churches who cannot meet in person but only online. May they feel your abiding presence to uphold their courage and strengthen their faith. We hold before you our new Area Dean, The Revd Mark Badger, as he takes up his new role across the Upton & Malvern Deanery. As we pray for our parishes, we bring before you all those who design and support our worship on line, those who visit, call and pray for the sick and bereaved. We pray for those whom carry out the maintenance and grounds work in our churchyards and administration for our churches.

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

Creator God we pray for your world and its peoples with all their needs, questions and longings. So often we struggle to understand the reasons behind things like Coronavirus; and yet we know that in the midst of such events your love is shown in the acts of bravery, selflessness and compassion which follow. We pray for all who suffer in such dreadful circumstances and for those who are tasked with providing medical and community support and, eventually, the long task of recovery that will surely follow this devastating Pandemic.

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

Father God we pray for our Church communities, that each of us might make use of our individual talents enabling each church group to flourish as a witness to the “One Body” of the church. Help us to spread the warmth of your love to everyone we meet whether in person or online.

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

Loving God we pray for those in need in our own community, the sick and the dying, the elderly, the housebound and those in care homes, hospitals and hospices and for the work and devotion of those who care for them. We thank you for Carers (paid, family or volunteers) whose love and compassion bring both material and spiritual comfort at times of need. We raise before you now, those from our parishes for whom prayer has been requested:

Ken Mann, Colin Prosser, Pauline Cooper, Sheila Cook

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

Merciful God be close to those who feel the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one whether recent or as each anniversary passes. Help us to support all those who mourn with our prayers, with words of comfort and with practical help as they struggle to come to terms with their loss. We especially pray for the following and their respective families....

Lyn Snook. Muriel Voce Mildred Moss

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

Help us during the coming week to live the Good News. Give us the will each day to live in life eternal. Let our citizenship be in heaven with the whole company of the redeemed and with countless angels, praising, worshipping and adoring him who sits upon the throne forever and ever.

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

Prayer for the week - this week it is provided by Rosemary Wells

Dear Lord Jesus, Thank you for villages!

I have lived in a city, but they are often filled with noise and fumes.

It is great to be able to walk from the house and be surrounded by greenery and birdsong.

It reminds me of Palm 16. *"the lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places, whereof I am glad."*

Thank you for all the people who keep our villages so welcoming-as well as residents, of course.

The bin men, the postmen and women; all the people who run our shops, pubs, garages and schools.

Especially we pray for Mums and Dads, trying to "home-school". Please keep them from tearing their hair out! Particularly when there are younger children who can't understand their brothers. and sister's need for a quiet space.

Please be with those who can't get out and feel "lost and forgotten" help us to ring them and cheer them up.

Thank you most of all for loving each of us so much you gave your life for us. Please continue to. be our guide and constant companion.

Amen

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