

Intercessions 2nd August 2020

Dear Lord

We pray for the church, remembering that we are one with all Christians throughout the world when we worship you. We give thanks for our ministry team, church wardens and for all the people who are working to keep us connected as a church community in our vacancy. We pray that the hard work of all those involved in reopening our centres may bring us together in person again soon. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord

We pray for our government and all world leaders. Be with them as they make decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. May peace, justice and compassion be at the heart of their thinking as the world moves into an uncertain future. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord

We pray that you will bring your healing love to all who are ill, anxious or afraid because of Covid-19. Be with those who are lonely or who feel they cannot move forward at this time. We pray for all those who are named on our notice sheet and anyone known to us personally who needs our love and support at this time. We remember all those who have recently died. May you bring comfort to their friends and families at this time of grief. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Dear Lord

We give thanks for all who are caring for the sick in hospitals or the community and for those who work in care homes. We thank school staff and all key workers who have worked so hard during the lockdown. We pray for the many scientists and medical researchers around the world who are working to find a vaccine and treatment for Covid. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We offer you these prayers, Lord, trusting in your might alone and in the knowledge that nothing can separate us from your unfailing love. **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**