

Sunday 25th April 2021

Holy God, your Son remained with his disciples for 40 days after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as friends and neighbours.

As we too are his disciples, let us offer our prayers today on behalf of the His church, the world in which we live, and all those with whom we share it.

Loving God, the letter of John reminds us that “If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?” Help us as a Parish to try to aspire to love with actions and truth and not merely with words or speech.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

Loving God we pray for all the worlds’ leaders that, using Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd as the ultimate model of leadership, they would lead and care for their own flocks in such a way that peace might abound, righteousness flourish and injustice be eradicated.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

Father God, help us to reach out to strangers in our midst. As we remember the way the early Church lived in one heart and mind and shared everything, we too in this Parish be always mindful of the needs of others less fortunate and always welcome newcomers joyfully into our midst.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

Loving God we pray for those who do not know your peace and for those who are struggling with their lives. We ask for your healing on those who are sick, your strength for those who are tired and your love for those who live with despair and fear.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for those who now walk in the valley of the shadow of death. We know from the Psalm that you are with them and have gone before them to prepare for them a table overflowing with good things. Guide those who are left behind and uphold them in their sorrow with the assurance of your goodness and love.

We remember especially Her Majesty the Queen and all the Royal Family mourning the loss of Prince Philip. May he and all the departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.

Everlasting God, as we move into a new era with our Rector Leonard, we ask you to bless us here in Finchampstead, California and Arborfield Green with a vision for the future and reverence for the past. Guide us each day as we minister to one another and to the world. Help us each day to bear witness to your name and to do your bidding, always mindful of your amazing love for us.

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



The Good Shepherd.