

INTERCESSIONS APRIL 18

We pray for ourselves and for everyone in this country and all countries in this time which has such an 'in between' feel about it - with the sad time of plague so near in memory, with much hope for better times ahead but with things still not quite clear and doubts still troubling us. Help us to reflect, as we read our Bibles in this season, on the time between Easter and Ascension when Jesus had returned to life - but not to things just as they had been - and the when the disciples were in a new and not yet clear situation. Keep us careful and patient!

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

We pray for the morale of those whose medical treatment has had to be postponed while virus victims were treated and we give thanks to all who have worked so hard in health care and in so many other essential lines of work to keep others supported, supplied and encouraged. Keep us grateful!

Hear our prayer

We also give heartfelt thanks for all the pleasure and entertainment that has been provided during the dark winter months over the electronic airwaves and for all that we now look forward to as the brighter weather arrives and lockdown eases, not least the resumption of Church life. Keep us cheerful!

Hear our prayer

As political life resumes and elections come help us all, Lord, to find ways to make things a bit better and fairer. Take anger and bitterness, as much as maybe, out of our political disputes. Keep us sensible!

Hear our prayer

Give comfort and wisdom to our Queen and all in lawful authority, to our Bishops, clergy, synods and councils as we face all the great opportunities that are to come. Be with our new Rector and our beloved congregations. Keep us faithful!

Receive our prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.