

## Prayers for 11th April 2021

Risen Lord, as we gather today to worship in person or online, may we see you and hear you, feel you and touch you and know that you are with us now. May you be a living presence for all Christian people in the nations of the world. We pray for your Church, which is adapting to an ever changing world whilst holding on to and proclaiming the timeless truth of a risen Lord and Saviour of all. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

We pray for our churches here in the parish. We rejoice in the growing number of in-person services and we give thanks for our ministry team and churchwardens and all those who have sustained us during the past year. We look forward with hope to new opportunities for fellowship that summer may bring and we pray for Rev Leonard, our new rector and his family as they prepare to join us in July. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Merciful God, we pray for peace in our troubled world. Wherever nations are at war and people are suffering we pray for true reconciliation. We pray that all world leaders will continue to work towards peace and justice for the good of all and we continue to pray for a fair and equitable distribution of the Coronavirus vaccines. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Father God, we pray for our families and for all those living and working in our parish. We give thanks for the green and pleasant area in which we live and for the new life we see around us in the spring sunshine. We pray for all families where there is difficulty and distress, perhaps exacerbated by the stress of the pandemic. We thank you for the gift of our risen saviour, who walks with us on our life's journey. May he travel alongside all who are struggling at this time. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Loving God, you are the comforter and healer to those in physical, mental and spiritual need. We pray for all those who are sick and suffering, both those on our news sheet and those in our hearts. Heal and strengthen those who are ill, anxious or lonely and help us to support them in any way we can. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Merciful God, we remember before you those who have died in the hope of the resurrection We pray for those who face the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one at this time. Help us to always remember that death could not hold your Son Jesus Christ and there is new life for all who believe in him. **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer**

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ stands among us and we have seen the marks of your redeeming love. Give us the grace of your Holy Spirit and send us out to share the peace of Christ in the coming weeks.

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

