

Our church buildings may have to be closed, but we are Christ's Church and, confident as we are that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the wider Church, the world, and all people in need.

We pray for our Queen, for Prince Philip; For the rulers of nations; for local and national leaders, and those who provide counsel to them, that they be guided by the command to love one another. At this time of the Covid19 pandemic we pray that the nations will work together in defeating this destructive virus.

Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for our Bishops and priests, and for those who work in any way for the furtherance of the Gospel message of the risen Christ. We pray especially for those Christians in many parts of the world who are even now being persecuted, even to death, for their faith in Christ.

Lord, hear us, Lord graciously hear us

We pray for those who are sick in body or in spirit; for the imprisoned; for those who feel themselves living without hope. For those struggling to deal with the lock-down conditions; for those who are worried about their finances. We continue to pray especially for young Jackson and for his parents and family.

Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

We pray with thanksgiving for those whom we love and by whose lives we have been nourished, who have passed from this world into a greater life. We pray especially for Roy Powell whose funeral will take place on the 21st April. We pray for Sheila, his widow, for Lynne, Phillip, Vernon and Dave and the wider family in their grief. Help us to be bold in believing Your promise to be with us, and them, always.

We pray too for the Kent family in the loss of Fred's much-loved mother.

Lord, hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

We thank you Father for the warmth and love which we have felt amongst our congregation during our enforced separation due to Covid19. We thank you for all who have ministered to us on Sundays; for those working hard to ensure that our contacts are maintained; for the Pastoral Committee and the Ladies Fellowship. We pray that you will be with us all in this period of interregnum, and that you will continue to bless and guide those elected to lead us over the next few months.

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

Heavenly Father, by the death and resurrection of your Son, you have granted new life and abundant renewal. Hear our prayers for the sake of the One who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN:

We conclude our prayers by saying together The Grace.

May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. **AMEN**

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