

## **St. Margaret's Church, Dunham Massey. Intercessions for 24th May 2020**

If we were in church today, on the fourth Sunday of the Month, we would be lighting a candle for those who we have loved but who have passed from this life. You may not know that Sue's father made the votive stand on which the candles are placed. When we come to that point in our prayers, you may wish to light a candle. If you prefer it, you can just pause for a moment or two to remember.

**The response to the bidding 'Lord in Your mercy' is 'Hear our prayer'.**

Confident that Christ has promised that where we gather in his name, he will be in the midst of us, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

At this time when we all have concerns about the Corona virus, we pray for our Queen; for the rulers of nations; for local and national leaders, and those who provide counsel to them, that they will be guided by wisdom, courage and your command to love one another.

**Lord in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray today for the Bishop designate of Chester, Mark Tanner, as he prepares for his installation at Chester Cathedral. We ask you to bless him, his wife, Lindsay and his children Jonathan and Pippa as they move from the North East.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we bring before you those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit; for those who feel themselves living without hope. We pray for those dealing with the pain of sudden loss. In particular we pray for all those whose lives have been torn apart by the effects

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of Covid19. Lord Jesus Christ, bearer of our griefs and sorrows be with them and bless all those who mourn.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Everlasting Father, we come before you with thanksgiving for those whom we love and by whose lives we have been blessed, who have passed from this world into a greater life. As we light our candles in their memory, or spend a few moments remembering them in our hearts, help us to be bold in believing Your promise to be with us, and them, always.

**Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, by the death, resurrection, and glorious ascension of your Son, you have granted to this world new life and abundant renewal. We thank you that by the gift of your Holy Spirit we are able to experience that abundance from you now in our daily lives. We therefore trust that you will hear our prayers which we bring in the name of the One who has set us free, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We conclude our prayers by the saying together of 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**

Every blessing,

Christine Armstrong