



This week's reading is all about giving.

'A cup of water to the least of these little ones'.

This image is taken from the stained-glass window just near the organ where Terry plays. It is in memory of a woman who taught, clothed, and fed the poor. Her epitaph, on the window, is

**'She hath done what she could'**. What an epitaph.

**Let us pray:**

**The response to the bidding 'Lord in your mercy' is 'hear our prayer'**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ we pray to the Father.

We pray for our Queen, our Bishops, our politicians and for all who are in positions of authority in this country. We pray for the rulers of all Nations, that those who have power over the lives of others may exercise that power with justice and compassion.

**Lord in your Mercy, Hear our prayer**

Heavenly father, we pray for those innocent victims caught up in acts of terrorism and violence. We pray for the three young men who were killed in Reading this week, and for those who were injured. We pray for their families and friends that you will comfort them in their grief.

**Lord, in your Mercy, Hear our prayer.**

We bring before you, Lord, those in our churches here at St. Margaret's and St. Mark's who need your comfort and strength at this time. We continue to pray for the Eaves family.

In a moment of quietness we bring before you those who we know who are going through times of struggle, loss or distress. We remember those we have loved and who have left this life before us. We thank you for their love and guidance and for the time that we were able to share.



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

We thank you Father for the blessings we have in our church community. We pray that you will bring us closer together in friendship and fellowship so that we, through our lives, can enrich the lives of others. Help us as we plan carefully for our safe return to our church services so that we can be once more a light revealing your gospel.

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

Loving God, we pray that the design of thy great love may light upon this world and give peace: peace among nations, peace in our land, peace in our dwellings, and peace in our hearts:

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

**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

**ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH DUNHAM MASSEY – THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Every Blessing:**

**Christine Armstrong**