

St. Margaret's Church, Dunham Massey,
Intercessions for 7th Sunday after Trinity . 26th July 2020

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like to treasure hid in a field; the which when a man has found, he hides, and for joy thereof goes and sells all that he has, and buys that field.

Matthew 13:44



We meet for our intercessions online again this week . Jesus said that where two or three are gathered together in his name, he will be in the midst of them, so we have the confidence to know that, small as our numbers are, our prayers will be heard.

So, let us pray:

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

Our heavenly father we thank you that we know that wherever we are, and in whatever circumstances we find ourselves, you will be with us. Even though you are the Creator God, who made the universe and all that is in it, you choose to speak in the still, small voice of love. Be with those who demonstrate your love in difficult situations. Be with young carers, as they give of themselves to look after the wellbeing of others. May they have time and space to be refreshed.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Be with those carers and volunteers who feel that their voice is too small to be heard, but speak out nonetheless. May they encourage us all to listen more closely to those on the margins. Be with them as they share your blessings, so often in the background and unseen by many; may their work bring to the fore the issues that need to be addressed. Be with us all as we seek the welfare of one another, and teach us how to support the wellbeing of all; may we work together to help the seeds of your kingdom take root and flourish in our lives and in all the world.

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We continue to pray, Lord, for the work of our Parochial Church Council; for our churchwarden and her deputy, for our team who are working so hard to bring these services on-line in this period of interregnum and the Covid19 crisis. We pray especially for our Pastoral Care team, that you will be with them as they carry out their work.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Compassionate God, we pray for all who are in trouble and fear today: for those who are anxious because someone is ill or in pain; for those who are lonely because someone they love is not able to be there for them. We pray for those who are struggling with finance or who are facing the prospect of unemployment; for those who are unhappy because of an unkind word or action. Lord, surround those in need with your wisdom, your spirit your healing and your life-giving peace.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones today. If we were in church, we would be lighting our candles in their memory. As we light our candles at home, or just pause for a moment, prayerfully remembering those who are no longer with us in this life, we bring before you the family of Robert Eaves, whose funeral will shortly take place in our church. We pray for Eleanor, and for Robert's daughters, Issy, Milly and Isla. God of love, may the whole family feel your love at this time.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Let us end 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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Every blessing,
Christine Armstrong