

Prayers for 18th April 2021

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept....

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

Amen.

When I say 'Lord in your mercy' please respond: Hear our Prayer

We pray today for the Queen, head of the Church of England. Without Philip walking beside her she must have a huge sense of loss and share some of the loneliness that so many have had to cope with this year. Be with her Lord so that she will feel strong in her faith and leadership despite the immense sadness she is experiencing.

We pray for all churches getting back in person after another long lockdown period. May it be an opportunity for people to share their faith and friendship together and feel able to welcome new members into our church.

We pray for churches around the world where they are persecuted for their faith. In particular we pray for Christians in the Middle East, Iran and Pakistan. We give thanks that we have the freedom in this country to worship freely and to share our love of God without fear.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

In the week that America are taking their troops out of Afghanistan after many years we pray for a lasting peace in that country. We also pray for peace in places where there is tension and rioting, especially Northern Ireland and Minneapolis.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

The last 12 months have been challenging for people in our community. We pray for people suffering from isolation and loneliness, for people who now have a fear of leaving their homes after so long, and those of all ages who have had mental health issues during this pandemic. Help us as a church to know

when to reach out, know the right words to say, and show warmth and kindness to everyone we meet not just those we recognize.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We give thanks for the continued roll out of the vaccination programme in this country and we pray that vaccines may be made available quickly throughout the world.

We pray for Doctors and Nurses and all the work they have been doing during the Pandemic, and the long hours they will be working in the future to decrease the backlog of treatments.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We pray silently for all those we know who are sick We pray especially for:

Zachary Sayers, Karen Wade, Ron Bowler, Samantha Sayers, Karin Vallis, Angela Fox, Harry Waller, Allan Brown, April Cane, Christian (Karin's brother) Margaret Horwood.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We bring before you those who have left this earthly life and especially the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip.

We also remember Fred Watkins, Ed Thompson and Brian Simpson

Thank you for all they have given us. Comfort those they have left behind and through your mercy, receive us all in our time to live in the peace and joy of your eternity.

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We give thanks that there is no place where you are not, wherever we go you are there . Now and always uphold us with your power and keep us safe in your love.

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of our Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ
Amen**

