

Prayers for Pentecost – 23/05/2021

In the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray.

Holy Spirit, giver of all good gifts, come into our darkness as light, come as the wind to refresh us and uplift us. Come as joy to disperse our sorrows, come as power to enable us and encourage us. Come as love and revive your church in Bovingdon, in our nation and throughout the world. We pray for a fresh in-breathing of life and power in each church community, which breaks down barriers and sets us on fire with God's love, that we may show and share your gifts, that we may reach out in love through your grace.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, direct our rulers: fill the world's leaders with wisdom and discernment; inspire our artists and musicians, writers and craftspeople. We pray for the grace to see the world and its needs and problems through the eyes of love, hope, justice and mercy; for the grace to abandon prejudice and build bridges of reconciliation. Come, Spirit of God, give peace and unity to the nations; especially in Israel and Palestine. Come, Spirit of God, renew the face of the earth, thinking particularly of those impacted by the drought in Madagascar

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, fill our homes, set our hearts on fire with the warmth of your love; come stir our minds and inspire us to do new things. We pray for the Spirit of loving kindness to fill our homes, schools, and places of work; for family rifts to be healed and long-standing conflicts revolved. Guide us in our relationships with each other and draw us together in your fellowship of love and joy. We pray for the Queen and Royal Family as old hurts and grief are brought to the fore again.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We come with all who are weary, all whose hope has dried up; we come with the despairing, the despondent, all who are dis-spirited, with depressed and oppressed peoples. We pray for the restoration of all who are sick to wholeness and wellbeing, especially for those in this country as well as India and other countries facing an increase in cases of coronavirus; for courage and patience in all suffering and for good to be distilled from every painful, destructive experience. We remember particularly:

Zachary Sayers

Karen Wade

Ron Bowler

Samantha Sayers

Karin Vallis

Angela Fox

Harry Waller

Ollie Kemp

Allan Brown

April Cane

Margaret Horwood

Christian (Karin's brother)

Sheila Marsh
Claudia Campbell

Kelly Wangwan
Ross Alberto

Heidi Wangwan

William &

O Spirit of God, stir up your power and come among us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Spirit of God, you breathe life into dry bones, you give new life to your people; we pray for our loved ones departed and those who mourn their departing, especially the family and friends of

HRH Prince Phillip

Susan Clark

Ed Thompson

Lori Houlihan

Brian Simpson

and Frances Evershed

We pray for God's merciful judgement on those who have died, and the opportunity for us all to prepare carefully for meeting God face to face.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, come upon us, come around us, come within us; come to lead us, come to guide us, that we may work in your power and rest in your presence; we pray for a deeper knowledge and love of God who knows and loves us completely.

Merciful father,

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