Eccleshall Parish

Intercessions

26 June 2022

The Second Sunday after Trinity

Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.

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 forever.

Amen.



Intercessions for this Sunday received with thanks from David Beswick:

Intro: Just occasionally, it is good to use the liturgy that has been used for many years but has been superseded by the more modern language and as this service is Morning Prayer, the more traditional service, I make no apology for using these words so loved by the more mature of us.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

We pray for the witness of the Church this week, particularly places where the Christian faith is ignored and forgotten. We pray for those who carry major responsibilities as Bishops and church leaders and are always expected to know what to say and do, whatever the situation. Give them compassion, wisdom and the mind of Christ.

Pause

Strengthen our Bishop's Michael and Matthew and all your Church in the service of Christ; that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

We pray for Christians working in places of power and influence who make decisions which may affect many people. We pray for Christians in politics, the media, advertising and the financial markets, that they may know how to act and what to say, in order to be true to Christ. We pray too that we may examine our own power over others, at home or work, and use it responsibly, by offering it to the One who laid aside his power and took the form of a servant.

Pause

Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honour one another and seek the common good.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

We pray for those whom we love, the special people you have given to us, wherever they may be.

We pray for our friends, the close ones and those we sometimes forget, those with a special problem and those who need you. We thank you for each of them and what they give to us. Keep us faithful to them as you are faithful to us.

Pause

Give grace to us, our families and friends and to all our neighbours; that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

We pray for those for whom this day will seem long and hard, for those in hospital or ill at home, those struggling with despair or depression, those waiting for a job, or important news, or a friend to call. We pray particularly for those for whom this day will be their last. We name silently and, in our hearts, any one we know in special need.

Pause

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

We remember with deep gratitude those who have left their mark on our lives by giving us love and laughter but have now gone before us to be with Christ.

We think particularly of Eileen Amos. We hold them in our hearts, knowing that you Lord, hold them in yours.

Pause

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ; according to your promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father

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

