

**Eccleshall Parish**

**Intercessions**

**28<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**The Fifth Sunday of Easter**

***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 Bruce Braithwaite

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Thank you, Lord, for your love for us, in sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to die for us. We pray that we might keep your commandments and remain in your love that our joy may be complete.

We ask you to guide us in all that we do, to make us mindful to follow in your footsteps, and not to wander off the narrow path of righteousness. Make us fruitful in telling people about the good news of Jesus, in bringing them to know you as their Saviour, and in following your way.

**Lord in your mercy**

**Hear our prayer**

We live in a very divided society. We pray for those who live in despair and darkness, who struggle to cope with the pressures of social media and of fractured relationships. We ask that they may see you, the light of the world, and find that there is a solution to their problems. Be with those who struggle daily to find sufficient food and clean water, who struggle to pay bills and to afford power to cook and keep warm. Whatever problems the people we meet have and whoever come through the doors of this church looking for help; may we meet their need and show the love that comes from knowing you as our Father and Saviour.

**Lord in your mercy**

**Hear our prayer**

In so many parts of this world the concept of love and caring for each other has been overtaken by the lust for power and control; people are being taken captive and held hostage; freedom of speech is being curtailed. We pray for those who are being held in captivity and imprisoned, in Israel, Gaza and Palestine; in Ukraine and Russia; in Nigeria and sub-Saharan Africa; in Mexico, central and southern America. Fill us, Lord, with love and respect for each other, with tolerance and understanding. May we be as understanding in our forgiveness of others as you are in forgiving us.

**Lord in your mercy**

**Hear our prayer**

This month has seen many people mourning the loss of family and friends. We pray that they will find comfort in their eternal rest and peace. May their family and friends know that they are not alone in their grieving and that we are here to love and care for them.

Other members of our church family and community have been in hospital, in residential care, or confined to home through illness, and we bring them before you Lord asking for their healing and relief from pain and suffering in both mind and body. May their family and friends also know that we are here to love and care for them.

**Merciful Father,**

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our  
Saviour,**

**Jesus Christ**

**Amen**

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