

## Eccleshall Parish

### Intercessions

5<sup>th</sup> February 2023

The Third Sunday before Lent

#### *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 Peter Jones:

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Let us pray to God, our creator sustainer and redeemer for our needs and the need of the whole world.

Grant that your faithful people chosen by your grace and sealed in baptism may always know hope.

We pray in the assurance that you are present amongst us today and always O Lord

#### **The Church**

We ask you O Lord to give your love and support to Alison and Stephen and the officers of our church and help them to fill all our churches with the spirit of hope, enable them to pass on the good news about the kingdom.

O Lord our God we humbly ask that you give strength to those who work in our community in your name.

Lord in your mercy  
Hear our prayers

#### **The World**

We ask you to give hope and trust and to take away the anxiety for the future that troubles many at this time Lord. Help those who endeavour to bring peace and hope to a world in crisis, where many feel that they walk alone not realising that you are watching over them Lord.

We ask you Lord please give your special blessing to those people in parts of your world where strife poisons life and to those who have been forced to leave their homes and their country. To all nations where strife or hunger is a daily occurrence, please give them your love and the hope that the future is brighter.

Lord in your mercy  
Hear our prayers

#### **The Community**

Lord we have only to look over a hedge to know that the country in general and our Community of Eccleshall are suffering from the usual winter weather. Our farmers are facing an uncertain future with waterlogged fields and unstable prices.

We ask you Lord to bless and care for all those suffering not just the humans but the animals who have no voice but who also need your love at this time.

Bless us O lord our families, friends and colleagues  
in the decisions both small and large which we must  
make in our daily lives.

Lord in your mercy  
Hear our prayers

### **The Suffering**

We ask that you surround with love all those in our  
community who suffer and those who love and care  
for them, whether they be at home or in hospital.

May the presence of your holy word give comfort  
and renewed hope and bring strength to those who  
suffer.

Lord in your mercy  
Hear our prayers

### **The Communion of Saints**

We ask that you hold in your Kingdom those who  
have been delivered from this transitory life and to  
all those both known to us and  
unknown who are afflicted.

Lord we ask that you help the bereaved to  
understand that the ones they love have gone to a  
better place sharing with our lord a peace and  
comfort in his heavenly kingdom.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayers

Merciful father accept these prayers for the sake of  
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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