

Eccleshall Parish

Intercessions

28th January 2024

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

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

Praise be to you sovereign God whose name is proclaimed all around the world. As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence set our hearts on fire with love for you, now and for ever. Anoint our lips with the seal of your Spirit that your people might continuously sing your praise and witness to your gospel in all the earth. As the earth revolves around the sun you are praised in different continents from sun rise to sun set and your people never rest from praising you.

Lord hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us

We pray for peace in your land and that the sound of violence and that the experience of ruin and devastation will no longer be felt from the River Jordan to the Mediterranean. It is our prayer that nations will come to see your light and governments understand your dawning brightness and follow your path. We make this prayer not just for your land but for every continent in this universe where, without exception, people hear and live in fear of war and terror, violence on their streets and destruction of their homes, loss and separation of family, starvation and lack of water. Where there is not war there is inequality and poverty and prejudice. Let us all care for our neighbour and everyone worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness and let the whole earth tremble before him.

Lord hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us

Give grace and strength to those who go out in your name to bring peace and love to the whole world; to give people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of all their sins. Guide and strengthen Phillip, Stephen and Geoff as they teach us your ways and lead us in worship. Bless our Church Wardens Kate and Jonathan, Tony and John as they devote so much time and love to your service in Holy Trinity and St Chads. Help us to display love to our neighbour, through the words we say, the actions we take, and the gifts we make. May everyone be free to worship you without fear. Shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and guide our feet into the way of peace.

Inspire the leaders of the Church of England and other Church leaders as they fulfil the obligation to spread the good news of salvation to every land and seek to bring reconciliation in this world of turmoil.

Lord hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us

We pray for all those we know who are unwell and in need of healing physically, mentally, and spiritually, and for all those who mourn the loss of family and loved ones. Be with Judy and other members of this Church who are in hospital. Restore those such as Jonathan and Sian who have been in hospital. Comfort Peggy and Malcolm who are in nursing homes and rest homes and others who have had respite care. Be with those who are unable to attend worship because of illness and heal those such as Trevor and John who are unwell. In a moment of silence let us bring them and others known to us individually to mind.

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers in the name of your Son, our
Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

Amen
