

INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY 1st November 2026 All Saints Day

We offer our prayers to God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Glorious God,

Your love is all around us though we may not see it.

We give thanks for friends, family and neighbours who travel with us on our journey of faith:
for the people who offer us encouragement;

for everyone who helps us to laugh at ourselves, to say sorry and to grow;

and for everyday saints who inspire us to live more fully for you.

We pray that we would be a community full of thankfulness for the signs of your work among us

and, in an increasingly troubled world, that we would hold on to hope together.

Although times seem dark keep our eyes looking forward and our hearts believing that a better way of living in the world is possible

Lord in your mercyhear our prayer.

Glorious God,

Your kingdom is among us but darkness often surrounds us and life is sometimes tough going.

In a season of discontent, as revolution and protest sweep from Paris to Madrid to Milan, we pray that our government and the leaders of other nations will pay attention to life's daily struggles.

In particular we think of the huge pressures of the cost of living, stagnant wages, unachievable housing and failing schools and we ask for real world change and immediate relief that makes a difference.

We pray for countries facing elections and those with new leadership:

For Serbia, Brazil and Israel in the work that begins post election

and for the United States preparing for upcoming mid-term elections.

Lord in your mercyhear our prayer.

Glorious God,

You are our refuge and our strength.

We pray for peace in our homes and peace in our hearts.

We ask for a just and lasting peace between Russia and Ukraine

and ask that warring factions in Sudan will find a way to end the violence and bloodshed.

We ask for courage for all who are facing illness or any kind of distress or suffering.

In the quiet, we name their need and the needs of all who care for them. (Pause)

Surround them with your love and be their light in dark times.

Lord in your mercyhear our prayer.

Glorious God,

You lead us all - young and not so young - upwards and onwards.

We pray for leaders who work with children and young people,

that they would build nurturing relationships that support children and young people in the challenges of daily life,

and offer courage to face the challenges of climate change.

We pray especially for all young people not in education, employment or training,

that they would find new purpose and be offered real support from adults as they plan for their futures

Lord in your mercyhear our prayer.

Bless your holy Church throughout the world and all the clergy especially Ruth, and Will our bishops. We pray about the plans for the future of this parish and Findon, Clapham and Patching and for the person we hope will become our new vicar.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

We ask for your blessing on everyone in our church family here at All Saints and St Peter's. Bless all the retired clergy as they assist here in the interregnum and everyone in our parish community, especially Chris and Debs our churchwardens and the PCC. As we look to the future, help us to follow your will for our parish. In our local cycle of prayer, we remember all who live in Downside Avenue and Downside Close.
Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

We pray for those in our community who are suffering or have lost hope – those who are ill, lonely, bereaved, or sad. Bring them your comfort, joy, and peace. Bless the NHS, Turning Tides, Guild Care, St Barnabas House, and Chestnut Tree House and all who work there or need their help.

We remember all on our prayer board especially:
and in a moment of quiet we think of someone close to us:
Hear us when we remember those who have died recently.
And all whose year's mind is this week. Grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

We bring ourselves and our two churches to you Lord and ask you to go before us this week. Guide us as we encounter unexpected situations and use the help you offer us for your glory. Send us out from here to serve you with joy, wisdom and faithfulness as we proclaim that you are the Christ, the Son of the Living God. May we stand strong in our faith, challenge injustice, and share Christ in our community. Help us, God, to go with you, knowing you're leading us:

out of bad choices and into good choices, out of fighting and into peace, out of hate and into love.

Help us to know you with us, walking alongside us in all of life.

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