

INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY 23rd August 2026 Trinity 12

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

Lord you are the power that made the world and the force which drives all things. We know that you walked this earth before us, and we reach out to you amidst the demands of our lives. Every day we are bombarded by disturbing news and images on our televisions, radios, phones, iPad and computers. Help us to remember that beyond it all you are there, calm and still, whispering love and gentleness to us. Hear us today as we pray for the needs of the world, our community and ourselves.

Lord in your mercyhear our prayer.

Lord, the earth is yours and everyone who lives on it. We pray for places where there are wars, terrorists, tensions and conflict. May those who lead nations always seek the way of peace. We remember the bereaved, the wounded, the sick, the hungry, the homeless and all refugees. We pray for the victims of the earthquakes in Indonesia and Columbia, the floods in Japan and the wildfires here and in Europe and everyone struggling to cope with the challenges of the hot weather and water shortages. Bless our emergency services: fire, police, ambulance and coastguard and give them extra strength at this time. We ask for wisdom to help limit the effects of climate change; may we all strive to protect your wonderful creation.

Lord in your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Bless King Charles and the Royal Family. We pray for our Prime Minister, Andy Burnham and all who work in our national and local government, the civil service and the health service. We remember too the staff of our prisons, courts and probation services and those who are serving prison sentences and victims who fear someone's early release.

Lord in your mercy.....hear 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. In our Chichester Diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember the Church of the Province of West Africa and the Diocesan Secretary's Office.

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 Kearsley Drive and Aldwick Crescent.

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, and in a moment of quiet we think of someone close to us:

Hear us when we remember those who have died recently especially Jean Hull.

And Ian Hamill, Sylvia Parker, Michael Reynolds and Ivy Warner 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.

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