

INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY 28th April 2024

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

Heavenly Father you gave your Son Jesus Christ to suffering and death on the cross before raising him to life again on the first Easter Sunday. We know that like the first disciples, we don't always recognise you working in our lives. Help us to abide in Jesus so that we put him at the centre of our lives. May we meet him in the people around us and in the challenges we face in the week ahead. May we always be ready to offer hospitality and help when needed.

Lord in your mercyhear our prayer.

Risen Lord Jesus, breathe your spirit of peace into lands torn apart by war and terrorism, into nations divided by conflicting beliefs and cultures, into communities divided by the gap between rich and poor and into the natural world suffering from over-exploitation and destruction. Help us to play our part in keeping your creation safe for future generations. We ask where nations or communities are in conflict that they may seek and find ways to peace and reconciliation.

Lord in your mercyhear our prayer.

Bless King Charles, The Princess of Wales, and the Royal Family. We pray for all who work in our national and local government, the civil service, the health service and for the elections taking place on May 2nd. We remember the sectors where there are strikes and industrial action and pray that these disputes can be swiftly settled.

Lord in your mercyhear our prayer.

Bless your holy Church throughout the world and all the clergy especially Martin, Ruth, and Will our bishops. In our Chichester Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for The Church of Bangladesh the Apostolic Life Team led by Rebecca Swyer.

We pray for our church family here at All Saints and St Peter's. Bless Father Andrew and Alison, Father George, Bob, Jennie and Geraldine our Readers, the PCC, Lynda in the office, and everyone in our parish community. Guide the decisions we make, especially at our Annual Parish Meeting today as we look to the future. Bless our relationships with one another; may we always be caring, supportive and constructive in what we say and do and share the duties and rotas willingly. In our local cycle of prayer, we remember all who live in Roundway and Chute Way and our young people facing exams in the coming weeks.

Lord in your mercyhear our prayer.

We pray for those in our communities 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, The Marylebone Centre, 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 Fr John Kimberley
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And Roy Vincent, Peter Plumb, Betty Oxley, Maisie Treacher and Joan Hennessy whose year's mind is this week. Grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, as we go from here, walk with us and help us to abide with you, the true vine. Inspire us to share the wonder of the Easter story and to live it out so that we produce fruit that will last.

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