

INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY 13th September 2026 Trinity 15

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

Almighty and all-knowing God, your world and all its people are in your hand. You alone see the big picture. You alone know your plans, plans to prosper and not to harm us. And yet it is hard not to feel anxious and uncertain when we look around us and see so much need for prayer. Yours is a path of generosity, grace and peace, but your children are led astray with greed, intolerance and violence. We ask your blessing on the peace-makers - those seeking to mediate between warring nations and factions and individuals. Encourage and strengthen them, giving them the right words to say. May your Holy Spirit infuse the hearts of those who wield power and influence, that they may prioritise justice, safety and wellbeing for all. May we use our votes prayerfully and our voices wisely, unafraid to speak truth to power

Lord in your mercyhear our prayer.

God, who led your people to safety in treacherous times, we pray for those who are in danger at this time; those who make the news such as the victims of the floods in Nepal and China, the volcano in Indonesia or the collapsed building in Delhi, and those whose situation goes unnoticed by others. We pray for those who put their lives at risk to seek sanctuary in another country due to danger at home, not knowing what kind of welcome they will receive. Bless all who work to support those in danger and in need, and may our hearts be filled with compassion and understanding.

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

Creator and carer of all, you see the needs of each individual and long to lead them from all that holds them back from living life in all its fullness. We pray for those whose mental health is affected by their situation, those who are limited by anxiety or lack of understanding of how to navigate the circumstances they find themselves in. We bring before you all whose quality of life is marred by poverty, unemployment, homelessness, and lack of opportunity. We pray for those who are sick or who feel held back by weakness or impairment, and for those who mourn. May your love and comfort envelop them, your strength infuse them, your spirit encourage them. Strengthen and equip those who work amongst them and move us with compassion to help where we can, whether it be practically, emotionally or financially.

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 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia.

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 Bost Hill and West Hill.

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.

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.