

INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY 8th June 2025 – Pentecost

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

At this time of Pentecost, we pray for the church and its many branches; may it always faithfully proclaim that Jesus Christ is risen and help people to recognise Him. Fill your Church with faith, hope and love so that unity in the Spirit may come before rivalry and prejudice.

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

Lord the earth is yours and everyone who lives on it. We pray for places where there is war, terrorism and strife; where human life is cheap, where brutality, slavery and oppression are commonplace. We remember the heroes who took their boats to use in the Dunkirk evacuation 85 years ago, and the thousands of allied soldiers they rescued. We give thanks for the sacrifice that so many made in defence of our freedom. We pray that the leaders of nations may always seek peace remembering especially Israel and Gaza and Ukraine and Russia.

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

We pray for the King and the Royal Family and all members of our national and local governments. We ask for renewed hope for anyone feeling discouraged; those facing redundancy or uncertainty in employment and those who have experienced the trauma of crime or fraud, may they find the necessary support and care they need.

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

Bless your holy church throughout the world; strengthen the bishops and clergy who work in this diocese. In our cycle of prayer, we remember the Anglican Church of Melanesia and the Chichester Diocesan Spiritual Directors. We ask for your continued blessing on our parish especially for Father Andrew and Alison and all the retired clergy who assist here. We remember everyone involved in the life and witness of our two churches and the missions and charities we support and pray today for the residents of Cherry Tree Close and Palmers Way.

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

Lord God, we thank you for the gift of communication. You have called people from so many different countries, who speak other languages and have diverse gifts. We thank you that there is unity in diversity. Bless our relationships with one another; may we always be caring, supportive and constructive in what we say and do and use our gifts and talents for your service.

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

We pray for people who are suffering and those are fearful of the future. Give to those who are sad or despairing today your comfort and support. Be with those whose lives are affected by cancer, dementia or mental health issues and any who are sick at home or in our hospitals and nursing homes and all who care for them.

We remember everyone on our prayer board especially those we have been asked to pray for today:

In a moment of quiet we think of someone close to us.

Hear us when we remember those who have died recently and people who mourn for them especially Lesley Acres

And Bill Brough, Rosalie Mahoney, David Redhead and Rita Ruhl whose year's mind occur at this time. Grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Lord God, we ask that we may deepen our relationship with you in Jesus Christ, so that we are on fire with the Holy Spirit, not just today as we celebrate Pentecost, but for the whole of our lives.

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