INTERCESSIONS FOR SUNDAY 22nd November 2026 - Christ the King

We offer our prayers to God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
God our King, we confess that we do not always behave as citizens of your kingdom: too much of the time we live according to the standards of this world and let their influence govern our lives.
May your kingdom come; may your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Stir us up Lord and hasten the time when every eye will see you; every knee will bow to you and every tongue acknowledge you.
Lord in your mercy …… hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, we are reminded today that when you return, you will separate your people as a shepherd would with sheep and goats. You call us to serve others, not just our friends, but also those who are strangers, helping them with their needs and sharing our blessings. We pray that peacemakers may stand in the great divide between so many of the world's nations and bring together those whose enmity threatens the entire world. We pray for the bereaved, the wounded and all who are refugees, sick, hungry, or homeless and those who live in daily fear of violence, abuse, or crime.
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 especially those struggling with food and fuel costs and those who are experiencing delays to their surgery and medical treatment.
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 pray for The Chancellor of the Diocese and the Registrar and the Registry Clerk.
We ask for your blessing on our church family here at All Saints and St Peter's. Bless all the retired clergy as they assist here in the interregnum, Chris and Debs our churchwardens, the PCC, Lynda in the office, and everyone in our parish community. We give thanks for the fellowship and success of our recent Craft Fair and for our collections for Ukraine. In our local cycle of prayer, we remember everyone who lives in Cote Street and Southwold Close
Lord in your mercy…….. hear our prayer.

We pray for those in our communities who are suffering or have lost hope, help us to bring them your comfort, joy, and peace. Bless our hospital, the Limetree Surgery, Turning Tides, Care for Veterans, 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 Jill Chandler, and John Ryan, Ivy Bailey, John Langridge, Peggy Rose, Fred Brown and Anthony Leadbetter whose year's mind occur at this time. Grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Loving God, you sent your Son to show us how much you love us. Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation. Help us to be 'doing' people and not always 'just thinking about it. Help us to be 'sharing' people who know we are blessed in abundance by you and, through the power of your Holy Spirit, make us eager to pass those blessings on.

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