

Sunday 11 January – Baptism of Christ

Prayers

The theme of café church is jigsaws, these prayers ask you to hold a piece of a jigsaw in your hand and use it to pray as follows.

Hold the jigsaw piece in your hand and pray for yourself

Ask God to help you. Thank Him for the good things in your life. Ask him to help you see the big picture of the plan He has for your life.

Look at the parts of your piece that reach outwards.

Pray for people who reach out and help and show love to others. Thank God for the people who help and show love to you.

Look at the parts of your piece that have spaces waiting to be filled.

Pray for people who have lost something or someone or who feel that they have something missing in their lives. Ask God to help them to know that they are loved by Him.

Try to fit your piece into the piece of the person next to you (it probably won't fit!)

Pray for people who find it hard to fit in, people who have moved to a new place, people who feel they have no friends, people who are being bullied. Pray that they will find peace, friends and happiness.

Hold your piece and think of someone from your community, your friends or family that you would like to pray for.

Thank God for that person and ask God to bless and help them.

From our community at St. Lukes we pray for healing and comfort for Jericho Hasieber, Jo, Sarah, and Sue Copsey.

We pray also for comfort and support from God for all those mourning the loss of a loved one at this time, including from our community the family and friends of Roger Traveller, Nina Watts, Monica Tanti, June Dennis, Joyce Rea and Ben. From our memorial book we remember and give thanks for the lives of Barry Carl McCain, John Pardey, Mischa Bond, Margery Nossiter, David Piggott, Colin Fox, Debra Curtis and Antony Burbidge.

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