

Sunday 16 November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

Prayers written by Wendy Borgartz

Let us pray for the church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

Lord God we are in awe of you and your amazing love for your world and for us all. We thank you that you sent your only Son, Jesus to be our Saviour and out of your unfailing love and grace to die for us all. We know that we are saved, and that it is through your actions not anything we have done to deserve that. We know that we are never alone, that you are always there alongside us, helping and encouraging us, loving us.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

Lord, we pray for your church throughout the world. We pray for those places where churches have been destroyed by war, where the faith is driven underground. We pray for our worshipping community here in Tiptree and the surrounding villages, especially as we go through this time of vacancy. We ask your support for Liz, Christine, and the ministry team, all our PCCs and give thanks for all those working to cover the vacancy. We lift up to you the process for finding a new team Rector, that you will inspire the person you want to minister to us to come forward.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

Father, just as Jesus knew the love of a family, we pray for our families and all those we love. Keep them safe and aware of the fullness of your love. We pray for those families where there is discord and anger, that they may find ways to live together in peace and harmony. We also pray for peace for those areas of the world where there is fighting and injustice, naming today Ukraine, Gaza, Israel and Sudan. Jesus is the Prince of Peace and we pray that our world leaders may find ways to bring about a just peace, that they may follow your guidance and inspiration.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

Lord, we remember before you all lonely and uncared for people, may they know your love and your presence. We ask your blessing on all who are ill, all who fear the future, all who are in care and all who cannot cope on their own. We ask your healing on those who are unwell, thinking especially this morning of June Dennis, Jericho Hasieber and Jo.

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Father, we give thanks to all who have witnessed to your love even to death, praying for all who have died for their faith in you. We ask your blessing upon our loved ones departed from us. We pray for your comfort for all those who mourn, bringing before you today the family and friends of David Theobald, Audrey Hayward and Martin Turner. We also pray for those who are remembering the loss of a loved one in previous years at this time, naming today Phyllis Tabner, Elaine Corbett, Minnie Bond, Tony Webb and Christopher Brace. May we share with them in the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for your ministry, for the record we have of you in the Gospels, and for your unfailing love, even to death, for us all.

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