

## **Sunday 17 May –Sunday after Ascension Day**

### **Prayers written by Wendy Borgartz**

Lord Jesus, you promised to always hear our prayers when we pray in faith to you.

Risen and ascended Lord, we thank you for your unfailing love for us all. We praise your great name and ask you give us the words to express our love for you and your love for all humanity to those we meet. We pray for all Christian people throughout the world that they may faithfully witness to you. We pray especially for those who must worship you in secret for fear of reprisals, that they may feel uplifted and seen by You, even though they have to hide.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for our Diocese and our Deanery. We pray for all those ministering to us, for all those at our APCM after this service, for our Churchwardens, Deanery synod representatives and PCC members that they may make wise and good decisions for our Parish over the year to come.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we pray for peace in our war-torn and divided world. Give wisdom to world leaders that they may pursue the way of peace and the common good, lifting up to you especially this morning the whole Middle East area, Ukraine, Sudan and Nigeria. We pray for those caught up in the middle of conflict, those who have lost family and friends, their livelihoods, their homes.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

In our own country, we pray for our government, that they may work together rather than in division for the good of all people in our country. We pray for all new and continuing local councillors on our City and County Councils, that they may also work together in harmony for the common good, with particular emphasis on the poor and marginalised and unheard in the way Lord Jesus worked.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Lord, we are in the exam season in our schools. We pray for all young people who have exams at this time, that they may be able to give of their best. We ask also that, when the results come out, they may find ways to achieve their goals and dreams for the future, even if the path is not as straight as they may have hoped.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Father, there are so many people who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. We think of all those waiting for appointments, waiting for test results, waiting to receive the care they need and ask for your comfort and patience for them as they wait. We pray for healing for all who are in need, thinking especially this morning of Jericho Hasieber, Sarah, David Richards, Andy and Jean and those known to us individually.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Father of the fatherless, defender of widows, we lift up to you all who are mourning the loss of a loved one currently, whether recently or at this time in previous years. From our memorial book we remember and give thanks for the life of Sarah Jane Ewins.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

Sing to God, sing praises to his name; exalt him who rides on the clouds. The Lord is his name; rejoice before him. We pray that we may carry that joy with us through the week ahead, being a blessing to all those we encounter.

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