

Sunday 2 August – Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Prayers written by Pat Southwood

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

Lord we bring to you today everything that has happened this week, the ordinary everyday things, the things which have given us joy and the things which have made us sad.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In this time of interregnum, we thank you for the hard work of our ministry team and all who contribute to the healthy life of our church community.

Let truth and integrity shine through the work of all Christian people so that the lives of the churches of the world and this community will be seen to be a true reflection of our Lord's teaching'

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Help us to value the natural world and its ecosystems which support all life and are a celebration of your love for us.

We bring to you today all those whose homes and livelihoods have been destroyed by wildfires. Be with them all, bring them comfort and hope as they try to make sense of what has happened to their communities.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give us hope in these troubled times asking that world leaders learn from these long and bitter differences that peace can only be built on tolerance and understanding.

In our own lives help us also to be slow to judge, careful in our judgements and quick to offer assistance.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We thank you for all the good things which surround us: food and shelter, our homes and our families and friends. Help us to remember that we hold all the good things of life on trust from you

Help us to be satisfied with what we have and to resist our desire to accumulate wealth and possessions.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We bring to you this week those who are sick and those who care for them. Naming Jericho Hasieber, Sarah, Graham Chislett, Andy and Jean, Jimmy. Surround them with your love, ease their pain and give them hope.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We remember this morning all those who are dear to us who have departed this life. Comfort the bereaved, support them in their sorrow and help them to find peace and tranquillity.

We thank you those who have lived and died in faith supporting and sustaining all who they came in contact with. Help us to live like them in faith and hope. Remembering today:- Kane Seaman, Basil French and Roy Townsend.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

As we start a new week help us:-

- to search out the good things that people do and praise them
- to hold back from idle gossip and criticism
- to look with compassion on those who stray from your way
- to strive for peace and understanding
- to always remember to put you at the centre of our lives.

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