

Sunday 20 September – Sixteenth 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.

Heavenly Father we pray for your church that it will always be a powerful advocate for forgiveness and freedom.

We ask that you bring together people of all faiths or none drawing on the best of all traditions so that we are guided away from words and acts of division and discrimination.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Heavenly Father we pray for all who have the power to influence in this world asking that you guide them and us through the noise of discord and disagreement, the smell of greed and the lust for power to a world where all are valued and live together in peace and contentment.

Quieten our souls and soothe our minds, help us to follow our path calmly accepting each days challenges confident in your love.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Heavenly Father we pray for all involved in the education and care of children and young people. Give them patience and understanding.

Guard all young people from the perils of modern life; help them to learn to be watchful of those more vulnerable than themselves and to be strong in the face of temptation.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Heavenly Father give courage to those who are anxious or fearful, to those injured and traumatised by war and acts of terrorism and to those forced to flee their homeland because of famine, disease or war.

We ask you to touch with your generous love all those in special need. And we ask your blessing on those who tend the sick.

Comfort and support all those going through difficult times remembering by name

Jericho Hasieber, Sarah, Jean, Graham Chislett, Faheem and Owen.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Heavenly Father we remember with love and gratitude those who have left their loving mark on our lives but who are no longer with us in this life.

Comfort all those who mourn the loss of a loved one especially the family and friends of Andy, Sarah Pannett and Ruth le Poidevin.

We remember and give thanks for the lives of those whose names are recorded in the memorial book. Violet Pearson, Patricia Wollington, Carol Nutt, Christine Betteridge, Tony Whymark

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for all the good things which surround us, things which bring us joy and comfort and prayerfully we ask that you walk beside us as we make our journey through life so that with the strength that you alone can give we can make a difference.

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