

Sunday 21 June – Third Sunday after Trinity

Prayers written by Pat Southwood

Almighty god our heavenly father you promised through your son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

We come to you in faith today asking that you help us to reach out to those in need; remembering that you teach us that faith without works of charity and compassion is not a fulfilled and living faith.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

We come to you in faith today bringing to you the troubled world we live in.

Shine your light of hope and courage into the dark places where oppression and intolerance flourish.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

We come to you in faith today prayerfully asking that all nations work together to develop a plan for international cooperation which is accepting of difference, does not exploit either people or resources and celebrates peaceful collaboration and mutual respect.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

We come to you in faith today asking your comfort and support for all those young people for whom the end of the academic year is not a time of celebration, but a time for facing the reality of the search for work or training. Give them courage and resilience as they grapple with the reality of the employment market and help them to remain positive despite the difficulties they experience.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

We come to you in faith today remembering that you are near us and sustain us in whatever adversity we face.

Let your healing love surround all those who are sick at this time remembering Jericho Hasieber, Sarah, David Richards, Andy and Jean.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

We come to you in faith today asking that you be near to all who mourn and that you hear us when we remember all who have died in the peace of Christ naming today Diane Joyce.

We remember the love and support of all those who are no longer with us and we give thanks for those whose lives are recorded in our memorial book this week Christopher Roger Morman, William and Alice Horsey, Mollie Stammers, Terry Frost.

May your light shine upon them forever and our lives be richer because of their memory.

Lord hear us. Lord graciously hear us.

Faith is our cornerstone the foundation of our commitment to you Lord.

Without faith we are nothing, with faith comes understanding, compassion for others,

minds open to the cares and concerns of the world around us and courage to do and say what is right.

Give us that faith that we may do your will.

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