

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION - EASTER SUNDAY 12 APRIL 2020

'In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ let us pray to the Father'.

On this the Holiest day of the Christian calendar, we thank you Lord that Jesus lived on earth as an ordinary person and yet by his death and Resurrection, is alive and reigns with the Father.

Christ is Risen He is Risen indeed

Today we are experiencing a time of change, when people are fearful of the future across our nation, commonwealth and the world. We are reminded in scripture that Jesus said 'I am with you always' and that he walks with us every step of our lives. Therefore let us trust in the Lord that he will support us in these difficult days.

Christ is Risen He is Risen indeed

We pray for the needs of the world, praying for all nations as they struggle to contain the virus and all that are affected. We pray for who have died in recent days with Corovirus especially the medical staff and those assisting with the present emergency.

We thank you Heavenly Father for all who have journeyed through life and are now in your Eternal Glory, remembering all those known and dear to us. Also recalling this morning those names in our Benefice and people who have recently died in our parishes Alice Margaret Warner (Bradley) John Foxcroft (Hognaston) and Tonia Charlton (Hulland) none died of CV19.

Christ is Risen He is Risen indeed

In our prayers we remember those in our Benefice who are ill and members of our families and friends, neighbours and those who are known personally, including Gerry (Geraldine) Whitbread who comes to Hulland House Communion is currently in hospital following a fall and David Holman who is returning home from Hospital tomorrow. With the skill of Doctors and Nurses may your healing hand rest upon them all, we pray for all Doctors and Medical Staff, give them strength to sustain them in all their labours and endeavours during these difficult times.

Christ is Risen He is Risen indeed

This morning we hold in our prayers the Prime Minister and members of the Government and all in Parliament as they make difficult decisions to protect the lives of the Nation. We pray for our local leaders remembering all the volunteers who are helping in the communities.

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We hold Phil and Linda in our prayers as they continue to Minister in new ways to the Benefice and community. Bless Elizabeth our Queen giving thanks for her long reign and the inspiring and encouraging words last Sunday to the Nation.

We in this privileged part of your kingdom, give thanks that we are still able to appreciate your wonderful world despite our present situation.

Christ is Risen He is Risen indeed

**God of all ages, you have travelled with your people through the years.
You have shared moments of joy and times of despair, be with us now
as we, like those faithful believers who have gone before us and those
who come after us, join to praise your name on this Easter Day.**

Merciful Father:

***accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.***