

Intercessions for 31 March 2024

Easter Day

Christ is alive, the conqueror of all his foes, and ours.

Christ is alive, and in his hands are the keys of death and the unseen world.

Christ is alive, and in him we are born again to a living hope and an eternal inheritance.

We praise you, O Christ, for your resurrection victory.

We acknowledge you as our living Saviour and Lord.

We rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Alleluia!

Lord our God, as we celebrate with joy the resurrection of Jesus our Saviour, help us to make the Easter faith a deeper reality in our lives; that we may know something more of the peace he bequeathed to his disciples, and lay hold of the victory he won for us over sin and death.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Awaken, O God, your Church throughout the world to see in all the tensions and unrests of these times the cross of Christ as the way of peace; and let the living Spirit of the Lord so move among Christian people everywhere that there may be a revival of that faith by which of old the lost were saved, the captives were set free, men's hearts were changed, and righteousness became victorious over sin.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Shepherd of souls, as we seek a new minister to lead us in this parish, we pray that you will inspire the right person to respond to our need:

- someone who loves you and loves to share their faith in you with us and with the wider community;
- someone able to encourage us to flourish spiritually;
- someone with enthusiasm and flair for welcoming and communicating with children and families.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Father of all, as families gather together this Eastertide, accept our thanks for the joys of family life. We ask you to comfort all for whom those joys are no longer or have never been present, and to help us to care for the lonely and needy. Help us to see all our fellow human beings as part of our extended family. We ask you to bless and comfort all in any kind of need, especially families blasted by war and its consequences: famine, disease, bereavement, separation. Closer to home, we ask your blessing on those known to us personally who are in any kind of need at this time.....

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Lamb that was slain, worthy to receive power and wisdom and might, honour and glory and blessing, now and for evermore.

Amen