

Intercessions for 18 May 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

Lord, we come to you in the assurance that you are present with us now. We do not have to seek your presence. We are daily living in your presence. Make us aware of it. Make it real for us. And help us in these moments of prayer to know that we are speaking to one who is near and not far off, whose love is all around us and who knows our every need.

Lord God, make your Church in every land a worthy temple for your presence. We give thanks for all who lead our worship in this place, especially Hugh, Martha, Virginia and Kia. We ask you to bless them and inspire them with zeal for the Gospel. At this time we ask your blessing on all concerned with the appointment of a new Associate Minister for this parish and for St John's Wotton: the potential candidates and all who will be involved in the selection process: Kia, Debbie, Rosemary and our Archdeacon Martin.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Risen Lord, lighten the darkness of the world with the light of Christ. Enter the dark places where so many are suffering from the ravages of war, of hunger, of disease, of natural disasters. We particularly pray for your presence in continuing efforts to bring about a cessation of conflict in Gaza and in Ukraine. Give the water of life to all who thirst for hope and direction in their human journey.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Father of all creation, we praise you for the beauty of the world, and beg your forgiveness for our failure to care for it as we should. Help us to be better stewards of your creation.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

As we know ourselves loved in Christ, give us the same love for our families, our friends and neighbours. We give thanks for all in our community who help us to care for our church building, whether giving of their time and talents or through financial support. We ask your blessing on our PCC members and on all our volunteers.

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of mercy, bring healing to those who are sick in body or in mind, and bring comfort to the bereaved, thinking especially of Carmen at this time. In a moment of quiet we offer up to you those in need who are known to us personally...

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

God of peace, whose Son our Lord Jesus was brought back from the dead to become the great Shepherd of the sheep by the blood that sealed an eternal covenant: equip us to do your will in everything that is good, that our lives may always be acceptable to you.

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