

Heavenly Father – Like many churches throughout the world, after a year, we are still without a Rector.

We give thanks to you for the gift of Kia, Martha, Francis, Hugh, Debbie & Virginia, & everyone who works so hard to support all our parishioners.

It is entirely due to all of them that St. Mary's is still flourishing, after the departure of David & Judith, now happily in Norfolk.

We are called to commit to a particular local church, where we can use our spiritual gifts to love & serve each other, & then build up our church in love. Jesus encourages us to experience & to engage & to spread the Scriptures, following the example of his Disciples.

Lord, in your mercy - hear our prayer.

We pray for the world & for all world leaders –

May peace treaties be honoured & obeyed by all sides.

We pray for our King & Queen & thank you for the miracles of medicine, which have cured those suffering from cancer.

We pray that the sick may be nursed, the homeless housed, the lonely loved, & the children comforted.

God of all creation, you have made us for one another, and for you; when we war with one another - forgive us, when our love for one another is broken - heal us, and when we feel alone in your world - be our constant companion.

Lord, in your mercy - hear our prayer.

Our world is full of people of many colours & creeds, all of whose bodies have many parts.

We have been baptised, in the name of the holy Trinity, Father, Son & Holy Spirit. Some become leaders, some teachers & some healers, like Jesus Christ.

We pray that we may all use the gifts, given to us so generously, as God intended.

May we bring the glorious news of God's love to all people –

The poor, the oppressed, the lonely, the aged & the little children.

Lord, in your mercy - hear our prayer.

Gracious Lord, as we pray for your church throughout the world, and for those who have loved us, taught us, believed in us and prayed for us.

Help us too, to grow in encouraging others,

that we may nurture your life in others, as it has been nurtured in us.

When we are distressed, in danger or overwhelmed by life,

be with us, to bring reassurance, hope and the faith to trust in your power to save.

Bring us to a calmer place, where we can rest, and gain strength,

to continue our journey with you.

Lord, in your mercy - hear our prayer.

May the lips that have sung your praise, always speak the truth,
May the ears that have heard your words, listen only to what is good
& may our lives be always pleasing unto you.
We place in your loving arms, our present & our future,
remembering all those whom we have lost, but who dwell in your kingdom.
Grant us, with them, a share in your unending kingdom.
Be with us, as we go out in your name.

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