

Intercessions for 20 July 2025

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Eternal God and Father, Lord of our lives, forgive all that hinders our communion with you and with one another; that our worship may be in the fellowship of the Spirit, and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Almighty God, you have made us members of Christ and of his Church in this parish. May we as a congregation reach upwards to your throne in worship and adoration; inwards to one another in understanding and fellowship; and outwards to the world in witness and in social compassion.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving Father, be merciful to a world when many are too concerned with the business of life to care for the things of the spirit. May your Holy Spirit enter into the hearts of those in power, that they may be inspired to seek peace and justice for all, rather than pursue selfish and narrow interests at the expense of the general good. Have pity on those whose lives are devastated by war and its consequences. We pray especially for all victims of conflict in Israel, Palestine and Syria, in Ukraine and Russia.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Creator God, we rejoice in the beauty of the Surrey Hills and the natural world around us. Help us to be more effective stewards of your creation, and to take the steps that are needed to protect the natural environment from the impact of our consumption of the world's resources. Comfort those who are affected by any kind of natural disaster, and especially those who lose their homes as a result of climate change.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Triune God, we rejoice in the joys of friendship and fellowship. Bless us with the grace of hospitality, that we may always be open to those who call upon us for help, whether in our own community or in the wider world. We pray for all refugees, that they may find places where they are welcome, can settle and become valued members of the community in their turn. Have mercy, O Lord, on all who are deprived and rejected, whether through poverty, through disability, or simply through being seen as different, as "other". Help us to be welcoming of all.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Loving Father, in a moment of silence we hold up to you all those known to us who are suffering at this time. ... We ask you to comfort them and bless all who are caring for them. We continue to pray for those in our community who have recently lost loved ones, especially the family of Jan Parsons, as they prepare to bid her a final farewell.

We also ask your blessing, Lord, on Esther and Adam, who are to be married in this church on Saturday. May their wedding bring joy to them, their families and friends, and may they live together in love and peace for all the days of their lives.

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.