

5th December 2021

 ***Prayer Letter***

***Lord, hear me as I pray;***

For HM the Queen, leaders in our Churches and in the Judiciary.

For our political leaders in national, devolved and local Government, the Mayor of our Capital and also the Mayors of our Metropolitan regions.

For those who serve in our armed forces, emergency services, criminal justice system and our social workers.

For our volunteer rescue services the RNLI saving lives at sea and our cave and mountain rescuers, who put themselves at risk to help others in distress.

For all who are in hospital at the present time and also those unable to see loved ones who are in hospital due to visiting restrictions which vary around our country at the moment due to covid 19.

For our scientists and public health experts as they strive to identify and deliver effective control measures against the omicron strain of covid 19.

For each of us to remain mindful of what we must do to protect others from the risk of serious infection from covid 19 variants to protect life and reduce pressure on our NHS.

For those who transport goods to our country by road, sea and air and for all who work in the wholesale and retail sectors of our economy.

For those who work to maintain the supply of essential utilities, such as gas, clean water and electricity.

***Lord, hear me as I pray;***

For our Vicar Dave and our Curate Emma, as the trial period for two Sunday morning services continues.

For our Church Warden, Pauline and all who help in welcoming people to our Church

For Matthew and Rosie in their work with the children, youth and families of our Parish

For our licenced lay ministers and all who are authorised lay ministers in our Parish

For all involved in re-designing our church website, and that it brings more people to know your love for them by reading about the work of our Church in the community and the activities throughout the week to help them.

For all who give their time in whatever way they can, to assist the mission of our church, in service to God and in helping others.

For those who serve others with refreshments after our services.

For all who will be visiting our church over the coming week, that they see and know your love for them in the welcome they receive.

For Bishop Julian on his visit to our Church this Sunday.

***“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us”***

***1 John 5:14***

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***Lord, hear me as I pray;***

For all who live or work in our in our community and also for those who are visiting our town

For elected representatives in Parliament and on Blackpool Borough Council

For all who are struggling with illness and injury, loneliness, hardship, caring responsibilities, anxiety, depression or disability

For the community of Devonshire Primary Academy: teachers, other staff, children, parents, grandparents and carers

For the residents of Dutton Road, Fairhurst Street and Handley Road.

***Lord, hear me as I pray;***

For Christians facing persecution in parts of our world where there is for them the constant risk of imprisonment, torture and death. We pray for a softening of hearts, for all those who rule by fear and oppression

For the equitable supply of vaccines and medicines to places in our world where poverty and lack of access to medical care are significant factors in infant mortality, chronic diseases and low life expectancy

For improved relationships between the nations of our world where conflict and disagreement is a serious threat to human life

For refugees everywhere, especially at this time for those who risk their lives in continuing to attempt to cross the bitterly cold English Channel in unseaworthy craft after the tragic loss of life in the past month.

***Lord, hear me as I pray;***

For our family members, our friends and colleagues in our places of work

ForSheila, Jack, Leah, Louise, Debbie, Nic and Joanne, Bob and Sue, Norman and Jean, Anne and Wendy

We also remember and pray for all those we know personally who are ill or struggling at this time in body, mind or spirit.

For all who are missing a family member who is away from home

For all who have been recently bereaved -That they may be given comfort and strength in their grief and loss.

***“The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.***

***The Lord turn his face to you and give you his peace” Numbers 6:24-26***

***Lord, hear me as I pray;***

For the work of many Christian Charities working to bring hope and improved lives for the poor, the sick, the disabled, the dispossessed and all who are suffering acute malnutrition due to famine and disease.

In continuing to ask for your protection for all who are suffering and fleeing countries around our world and becoming refugees, desperate for safety, security and opportunities for a better life or to be reunited with close family members.

For Tear Fund in their “*Mission to follow Jesus where need is greatest, responding to crisis and partnering with local churches to bring restoration to those living in poverty.”*

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