

**Prayer Letter**

**13th November 2022**

**Remembrance Sunday**

* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all who are affected by the breakdown of family relationships, domestic abuse and divorce.*
* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all who are struggling with infirmity or pain in body, mind or spirit,* ***for Sarah, Leah, Debbie, Stephen, Norman and Jean, Anne and Ian and all who we know by name who are struggling at this time.***
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* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all those who are suffering pain, loneliness and anguish in bereavement.* ***We especially at this time thank you for the life of our friend and brother in Christ, Jack Hull*** *and for his faithful service at St Thomas’ and his kindness and compassion for others throughout his long life.*
* ***"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

**A prayer of commemoration for the fallen**

*On this day we especially ask that you would hold forever
all who have suffered during war, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home,
and those who returned wounded, and disillusioned;
those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss.*

 *Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion,
those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades,
and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world.*

 *And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord;
grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ’s kingdom.*

 *This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.****Amen.***

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***Lord hear us as we pray,***

for all Church leaders across our nation, and in our community. In our parish, for our Vicar Dave and for the work of Alison through Ashar and all attending Starting Point on Monday afternoons.

for Steve and Lisa. We thank you for their mission work in India and their recent safe return.

for Matt and Rosie and everyone involved in helping in Matt's ministry.

forThomasas he continues his placement with the Blackpool Ministry Experience at St Thomas’

for our Worship group in all they do both in their preparation and practice and in leading us in worship and praise through their music and singing.

for those who give their time in service to make our church a welcoming and peaceful place for worship.

for those who might be at our Church for the first time, that they may know God’s loving presence and accept Him into their lives, knowing His love and forgiveness and that we may also be focussed on His unending love for us, in in all situations we face during our earthy lives.

***Lord hear us as we pray,***

**for the people of Ukraine and** **Russia** – that the recent liberation of Kherson by Ukrainian forces will be the beginning of the end for the Russian invasion of Ukraine and bring about a peaceful settlement to end the war and soon prevent further suffering and loss of life.

**for lasting solutions to be found** to the many situations around our world where there are conflicts and risks of conflicts, especially the war in Yemen where so many lives have been lost in recent years.

**for the people of Somalia** and other nations across the Horn of Africa suffering from the effects of drought and famine – Especially the most vulnerable, the sick and the very young.

**for all those affected by natural disasters and accidents around our world**. Especially at this time for the friends and loved ones of those who lost their lives in the Seoul crowd surge and the Morbi bridge collapse in India.

**for all those working and volunteering to reduce the impact of global warming with sustainable solutions to protect and preserve life on this precious planet which you provided for us to be stewards over.** That all the nations of the world work collectively to reduce inputs of CO2 into the atmosphere, and move quickly to find sustainable solutions for a net zero carbon future to benefit us and all future generations.

**for those affected by violence, injustice and oppression** for all persecuted for their faith. From the World Watch List 2022 issued by Open Doors, we pray for the 10 countries where persecution is worst – Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Eritrea, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, India. Remembering that nearly 6,000 Christians were murdered for their faith last year.

**For the millions of Christians around our world** who face arrest, imprisonment torture and even death, simply for proclaiming You as their Lord and Saviour. **Amen**

***Lord hear us as we pray,***

**for all those is positions of power** and leadership. We ask You, O God, to raise up men and women of faith and integrity to justly represent the people of our nation in national government, in parliament, in local councils, in devolved governments and as reginal mayors.

**for our Emergency Services**, Armed Forces, Frontline NHS, Social Workers Care Workers, Teachers, and all who volunteer to help others in danger or in need of support and compassion.

**for the situations which our nation faces**, the uncertainty and anxiety which the tumultuous events of recent months have brought to so many of us.