

**Intercessions on Sunday 7 February 2021 by Charles Ledsam  
Second Sunday before Lent (Creation Sunday)**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, you promised through your son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen our Bishops and all your church, including Alan, Bill, Wendy, Melanie, Geoff and Forbes, and all who serve here at St Andrew's and St Mary's.

We give thanks for the amazing work of our church wardens, Sue and Jane, Robin, David and Chris;

We pray that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love and reveal your glory to the world.

*Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer*

Looking at the wider world, we pray for all those affected by political turmoil in Myanmar, for those suffering from starvation and ill health in Yemen and many other parts of the world. May they not be forgotten when we are so pre-occupied by our concerns in our own country.

*Lord in your mercy*

Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen; give wisdom to all in authority, especially the leaders of the nations throughout the world.

At a time of a world pandemic, economic challenges, financial hardship and growing unemployment, direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace, that we may honour one another and seek the common good.

*Lord in your mercy*

We pray for our Town, especially for its councillors in this time of lockdown, for our surgeries, GP's and medical staff as they plan and deliver the vaccination programme.

We give thanks for those who have been safely vaccinated and thank and pray for the doctors and nurses in our many hospitals, the armed forces, St John Ambulance and many volunteers working so hard. Give them strength, energy and encouragement.

*Lord in your mercy,*

We pray for our schools, the students, teachers and support staff, especially giving thanks for the work carried out both at St Andrew's and Hertingfordbury Cowper Schools.

*Lord in your mercy*

We give thanks for our Churches, for the ways they have adapted during the pandemic and the opportunities for outreach, for our zoom services as a place of welcome and healing. We pray especially for those families and friends, zooming into our services from further afield, including Horsham, Chiswick and Nottingham.

*Lord in your mercy*

We pray for the forthcoming church mission mornings, when the whole topic of our mission giving will be discussed. This may too be an opportunity to "dream dreams" as Rosemary mentioned in meditation last Wednesday.

*Lord in your mercy*

We pray for those suffering from stress, depression and anxiety and all the sick, together with those who love and care for them. Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit especially

Bernard, Bill, Barbara, Colin, Paul, Susan, Tim, Susan, Mark, Imogen, Julie, Phil, Ian, Dorothy and Douglas

Give them courage and hope in their trouble and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer*

Hear us as we remember those who have died including

Michael Martin, Shirley Feast, Moyra Hope, Jean Stannard and Joan Walton  
(formerly of Sele Farm Church)

Give those who have been left behind strength and courage to cope in their  
time of grief.

We remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time....

Doreen Robinson, Ethel Haggard, Dorothy Bagguley and Graham Frederick  
Roche

*Lord in your mercy*

We pray for all those who feel that they are living at work, not just working  
from home at this time, for the stresses and strains on parents and young  
people

May we create "Neighbourhoods of Hope" and ensure that we keep a  
watchful eye on one another, especially in this time of bad weather.  
May we offer words of encouragement and hope to those whom we meet  
and to whom we speak.

We rejoice in the fellowship of St Andrew and all your saints and commend  
ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.

Give us the ability to know our story, enable us to tell our story and to live  
our story.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son, our saviour  
Jesus Christ. Amen