

Intercessions on Sunday 19 July 2026

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"Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

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.

We think of and pray for the people in many parts of the world where there are natural disasters including earthquakes in Venezuela and wild fires, in Canada, Europe and the UK.

In particular, we pray for peace amongst all nations, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Iran, Israel, Gaza, Lebanon and Palestine, where pressures remain immense and a positive outcome continues to seem so remote and difficult.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

We pray for our incoming Prime Minister. Give him wisdom, strength and a clear mind as he seeks to set a new and more positive approach to the many challenges this country face.

Give wisdom to all in authority, especially the leaders of the nations throughout the world. 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, hear our prayer

We give thanks for and pray for the work of Christian Aid, Tearfund and Medecins sans Frontiers, especially with the continuing Ebola crisis in Kenya and Congo. We pray that their work can lead toward a world where families can escape the traps of illness and poverty.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Bless and guide Charles our King, Queen Camilla and all the Royal Family in the many ways they support and encourage our communities.

Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer

Strengthen our Bishops and all your church, including Alan, Bill, and those involved in ministry, music, young people and Kath and Nick who run the Zoom Services. 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

We give thanks for the faithful and continuing hard work of our church wardens, treasurers, administrators and all who keep our churches running smoothly.

We give thanks for those running Deeper, our new youth project and all who give of their time, energy, dedication, creativity, love and wisdom. We pray that you will continue to encourage, energise and inspire them. May they be strengthened through our prayer and support.

Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer

We pray for our Town, for those people who work in offices and businesses including on Sundays. We pray for our Mayor, Alex Daar and all the town councillors who serve our community.

Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer

We pray for all the sick, together with those who love and care for them. Comfort and heal all those waiting for operations and those who suffer including Georgina, Trevor, Sienna, Geoff, John-Pierre, Chris, Carol, Roger, Beryl, James, Phoebe, Matthew, Pauline, Dino, Jill, Jean and Paula

A Prayer for Those Being Cared For

Gracious God, we entrust those who are vulnerable, ill, or relying on the care of others into your loving hands. Bring comfort in times of pain and fill their days with peace, dignity, and joy. Bless them with patience and surround them with those who treat them with compassion and respect. Amen.

Give them courage and hope in their troubles 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 Daphne Rooke and Thelma Lovegrove

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, including;

Tim Goodman, Barbara Wilbourn-Smith, Dorothy Hill, Septimus Hill, Jack Robertson, Heather O'Smotherly, Kay Buck, Matthew Humphreys, Margaret Church and Rebecca George

Lord in your mercy, hear our Prayer

May we try to be good gardeners, use our potential and offer words of encouragement to one another especially welcoming any newcomers to our church today.

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

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