

# **Intercessions on Sunday 20 September 2026**

## **by Charles Ledsam**

### **16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

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.

*Lord in your mercy*

We pray for peace in those many parts of the world where there is war, disagreement or disaster, man-made or natural. Especially we pray for those affected by the continuing wars in Russia and the Ukraine, Iran and the Middle East.

*Lord in your mercy*

We pray for all affected by the recent earthquakes and give thanks especially for all the work that the charities do in these times of disaster.

*Lord in your mercy*

Bless and guide our King Charles and Queen Camilla and other members of the royal family and we thank you for the loyal service they carry out across our community.

We pray for all in authority, especially the leaders of the nations throughout the world, that they may work together for the good of all.

Give wisdom to our recently appointed Prime Minister, Andy Burnham and the Government, who have so many issues to handle. Help us all to be positive and supportive of one another in these difficult times, where there is so much unsettlement and anxiety.

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*

Strengthen and support Bishop Jane, Bishop of Hertford. and all who serve here including Alan, Bill, Scott, Melanie, Maria, Geoff, Forbes, and Adrian and we give thanks for all that they do in terms of ministry.

We also pray for and give thanks for those who provide our Zoom services week by week, especially Kath and Nick.

We pray for our Churchwardens, Lesley and Julie, and our pastoral care team, who serve our two churches; 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*

We pray for those who are to be baptised and confirmed later in the Service, David, Danielle and Millie Dyer and the confirmation of Wendy Kuhn and Henry Orton.

*Lord in your mercy*

We pray for Musicians everywhere, for the gifts they bring and for the opportunity to develop talent and inspire others. We pray for our own choir here at St Andrew's and the Hertford Community Children's choir, under the leadership of Sam and Rachel Chaplin.

*Lord in your mercy*

We pray for our town and all that it offers to residents and visitors through its businesses and shops, clubs and voluntary groups and all the good things it offers to residents.

*Lord in your mercy*

We pray for students preparing for University and beginning apprenticeships. We also pray for the many young people who are unemployed.

*Lord in your mercy*

We pray for those who are unwell, including;-

Dolly, Trevor, Jill, Roger, Chris, Carol, Geoff & Maria, Jean-Pierre, Sienna, Dino, Matthew, Phoebe, James and Georgina and those who care for them.

Pauline thanks everyone for their prayers over the last three years. She is now getting some home leave with a view to discharge from the mental health unit where she has been for the past five months. She gives thanks to Almighty God for the measure of recovery she has been granted thus far.

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

We pray for those who have died, including;-  
Donald McKinley, Frances Waight and Beryl Wrangles.

Hear us as we remember those whose anniversaries fall at this time;  
Anne Woodland, Ian Aitken, Ken Norris, Dorothy Simpson, Joy John, John Parker

*Lord in your mercy*

The Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee  
Three things we pray;  
To see thee more clearly  
To love thee more daily  
To follow thee more nearly;  
Day by day. Amen

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