

Parish of St Stephen's Norbury & Thornton Heath Intercessions.

THE CHURCH

That all may do to others as they would have done to them, let us pray to the Lord.

Give to the Church grace to speak the word of pardon and to show its power by her example. Let all who confess the faith of Christ acknowledge the mercy they have received and in all things be slow to find fault in others, quick to forgive offences. May your Church's voice be heard in a world which is swift to point the finger. Today we join with the rest of our Diocese of Southwark in praying for discernment for a new Bishop of Southwark; may we find the person being called by you to take up this episcopal office.

Lord in your mercy...

THE WORLD

Have compassion on nations, groups and individuals who suffer under heavy loads of debt. Bring a new spirit of generosity to those who have much, that they may be moved to relieve those who have little. We pray that in all affairs of the world, the virtue of forgiveness may ever be remembered. We continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.

Lord in your mercy...

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

We continue to pray for all those who live Chipstead Avenue and Foxley Road; for the homes of those who attend St Stephen's but live outside of the parish. Guide us to be merciful to those who need our mercy. In all our relationships, may we be the first to forgive and make peace. Bring the spirit of love to solve the disputes and demands which are in this community. Have mercy on all in our local area who are suffering because of debt, and on their families.

Lord in your mercy...

THE SICK AND SUFFERING

We pray for those who are unwell at this time, that they may know God's healing and his peace. We continue to remember: SONIA COOPER, ELFINA FERNANDES, MILDRED SKINNER, BARBARA MYERS, ETA MARCUS, DAPHNE IRVING, HELEN LEADER, MALCOLM WALKES, JACKIE THOMPSON, HILDREM FERNANDES, REBECCA AKPOSHERI, LILY DEY, YVONNE MCKENZIE, SUSAN WADE, FRANKLYN HIGGINS, JENIFER MORRIS, MARGARET MURRAY, VERONICA CADOGAN, WILL CURRY, MICHAEL GORDON, ERROL LODGE, LORRAINE FRENCH, KEN DOE, ERIN CRICHLAW, MAURICE COOPER, ROSE MCDONALD, DEAN WILLIAMS, LENROY WALLACE, ANDREW MARER, VAL HIGGS, DOLORES BISNOUTH, BILLY COCKELL, CHARLIE PEDDER, ERIC RICHMOND, GEORGE JAMES, RICHARD BROWN, ABDOOL JAULIM, BARBARA KERIN, PETER WHITE, ELAINE BIDDISS, CHRIS MARCELLE, KEZIAH BROOKS, DONOVAN COOPER and CALEEB HUGHES. We pray too for the lonely, the anxious and the bereaved.

Lord in your mercy...

THE DEPARTED

We remember before our heavenly Father all the departed: all those who have died recently including **Alan Ross, Ermine Linton, Nigel Worn (priest), Irene Amara, Dennis Jawahir, Nicole Beling and Jason Arday**. Those whose anniversary falls at this time; and for those who have no-one to pray for them. May all who have gone before us be gathered into the full joy and peace of heaven. **Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.**

We join our prayers with those of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Stephen, St Bernard, and all the Saints in glory.

MERCIFUL FATHER ACCEPT THESE PRAYERS, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR SON OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST, AMEN.

