

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

THE CHURCH

Let us pray to God whose saints have shown his glory in the Church and in the world.

Guide your Church to follow the example of Blessed Luke and of all your saints through the ages, and to witness with joyful praise and reverent worship. May her ministers and all her people know that they too are called to holiness. We give thanks for blessed Luke and for all who have left us a pattern of holy living. Give us grace to honour their memory not only with our lips, but in lives that make us worthy to come with them to eternal life in the heavenly glory.

Lord in your mercy...

THE WORLD

Sanctify all human striving towards a better world, that all may work together for good. Give wisdom to all in authority, to learn from those who in the past have governed with justice and mercy, and to avoid the ways of those who have committed injustice. Have compassion on those who suffer for the truth in our own times. May they find strength in the example of Saint Luke.

Lord in your mercy...

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

We continue to pray for all those who live Brook Road, Chessell Close and Dunbar Avenue; for the homes of those who attend St Stephen's but live outside of the parish. In all our families, with our friends and at our work, help us to share the grace which we see in the life of Saint Luke. Bless our community here at St Stephen's with the love that seeks peace and the welfare of all. We ask for your blessing upon the Croydon BME Forum at this time.

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 CRICHLLOW, MAURICE COOPER, ROSE MCDONALD, LENROY WALLACE, ANDREW MARER, VAL HIGGS, DOLORES BISNOUTH, BILLY COCKELL, CHARLIE PEDDER, ERIC RICHMOND, GEORGE JAMES, RICHARD BROWN, ABDOL JAULIM, PETER WHITE, ELAINE BISS, CHRIS MARCELLE, KEZIAH BROOKS, DONOVAN COOPER, PALOMA LACY, EMMANUEL ADESIOYE, POPE LEO 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 **Jean Hodgkiss, Barbara Kerin, Marian Goode, Shenik Francis, Leonard Eze, Dennis Jawahir and Nicole Beling**. 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.