

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

THE CHURCH

For the growth and purity of the Kingdom, let us pray to the Lord.

Guide your Church to cherish and cultivate the precious seed of the Kingdom, that all your people may be gathered into one in holiness. Teach us to recognise the old and the new treasures that have been revealed and entrusted to us, to maintain past integrity and explore new opportunities. We pray for Bishop Christopher Chessun, as he now draws his role as our Diocesan bishop to a close.

Lord in your mercy...

THE WORLD

May all that tends to goodness and love in the world be recognised and developed. Give to the rulers of the nations and to all in authority the understanding that there is a greater kingdom than their own, and a richer treasure than their wealth, so that life for all shall be more abundant. We pray for our own government at this time as there has been change in the offices of state.

Lord in your mercy...

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

We continue to pray for all those who live Bletchingley Close and Elliot Road; for the homes of those who attend St Stephen's but live outside of the parish. Help us to value more fully the gifts that we have received and to help our families, our friends and neighbours, towards the Kingdom. Make us wise in our households, to be faithful to the past and open to the future.

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, CLAUDETTE KAYUN, DAPHNE IRVING, HELEN LEADER, MALCOLM WALKES, JACKIE THOMPSON, HILDREM FERNANDES, REBECCA AKPOSHERI, LILY DEY, YVONNE MCKENZIE, SUSAN WADE, FRANKLYN HIGGINS, ALAN ROSS, JENIFER MORRIS, MARGARET MURRAY, VERONICA CADOGAN, WILL CURRY, MICHAEL GORDON, ERROL LODGE, LORRAINE FRENCH, KEN DOE, ERIN CRICLOW, MAURICE COOPER, ROSE MCDONALD, DEAN WILLIAMS, LENROY WALLACE, LASSIE JACOBS, SIMON TREWIN, LINDA NORRIS, CHARLIE PEDDER, ERIC RICHMOND, GEORGE JAMES, RICHARD BROWN, ELAINE BIDDISS, CHRIS MARCELLE, KEZIAH BROOKS, DONOVAN COOPER, KERRY BURTON 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 **Kenneth Dawkins, Beverley Woodhouse, Nicole Beling and Dorrett Brown**. 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.