

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

### THE CHURCH

Let us pray to Go who gives freely and beyond measure.

Give to the Church the spirit of prophecy, to proclaim the light that has come to lighten all nations. On this Sunday when we encourage and pray for lay vocations, we pray that you will stir the hearts of those discerning a call to a lay vocation. We give you thanks for Aileen Ross and for her pastoral ministry here at St Stephen's. As Mary and Joseph made their offering according to the law, so may all Christian people offer their prayer and praise for the gift of the Son according to his new law of love.

**Lord in your mercy...**

### THE WORLD

Let all people know that the day of salvation has come and the love of God reaches out to the ends of the earth. May those who administer justice understand that all law and power come from God, to be offered back to him with humility. Give grace to all who teach, that they may be guided in wisdom and insight. During these uncertain times, may your light shine in our hearts, O lord.

**Lord in your mercy...**

### THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

We pray for those who live in Langdale Road and Woodcote Avenue. As Jesus found the shelter of an earthly home in Nazareth, may his presence bless our homes and all the families in our community. Bless those who rejoice in a new birth. Be with our older people and grant them still the bright vision of divine love. Keep our streets and public places safe in our local area.

**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: MICHAEL GORDON, SONIA COOPER, MAX and ELFINA FERNANDES, MARGARET MURRAY, HELEN LEADER, SONIA ROSS, CONSTANCE BARTHOLOMEW, DAPHNE ERVIN, MALCOLM WALKS, STEPHEN NELSON, SARAH HICKMAN, LILLY DEY, AILEEN ESTWICK, ROBERT AND RICHARD BROWN, REV ANDY DOVEY, MILDRED SKINNER, EDWARD GRANT, BRENDA CREESE, MURIEL STOCKER, PAULINE SALMON and BARBARA MYERS. 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 **Pauline Briscoe, Rowena Watson and Lorna Johnson**. 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.**