

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

THE CHURCH

For the many peoples of the Church and in the world, let us pray to the Lord.

Give grace to the Church to show forth the death of our Lord, to follow where he leads and proclaim his salvation. Give courage and strength to all ministers of the gospel when their burdens are heavy. We continue to pray for our episcopal shepherds – for Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury, and Rosemarie, Bishop of Croydon and Acting Bishop of Southwark.

Lord in your mercy...

THE WORLD

Forgive the greed for material wealth that damages many lives in the world. Have mercy on those who bear the heavy crosses of sickness or poverty, of loneliness or bereavement. We pray for all young people struggling to find employment in our society at this time. We also pray for all those who have received GCSE, A-level, or other results this month – may they know that their worth is not to be found in a grade, but in being made in the image of God.

Lord in your mercy...

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

We continue to pray for all those who live Linden Avenue and Raymead Avenue; for the homes of those who attend St Stephen's but live outside of the parish. In our daily pilgrimage may we bear with gladness both the troubles that come to us and the little things which tempt us to impatience. As we see Christ in all things, may we bring his light to all whose way through this world is joined with ours. We pray for our brothers and sisters who reside at Norbury Hall care home.

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, ALAN ROSS, JENIFER MORRIS, MARGARET MURRAY, VERONICA CADOGAN, WILL CURRY, MICHAEL GORDON, ERROL LODGE, LORRAINE FRENCH, KEN DOE, ERIN CRICHLOW, MAURICE COOPER, ROSE MCDONALD, DEAN WILLIAMS, LENROY WALLACE, SIMON TREWIN, CHARLIE PEDDER, ERIC RICHMOND, GEORGE JAMES, RICHARD BROWN, ABDOOL JAULIM, 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 **Lassie Jacobs, Ermine Linton, Irene Amara, Mary Abrew, Dennis Jawahir, Beverley Woodhouse, 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.