

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

THE CHURCH

Let us pray to God who sent his Son to be the Saviour of the world.

Grant that the Church, mindful of the privilege of her foundation and the duty of her commission, shall ever confess the faith of Christ as Son of God. Strengthen her members firmly in that faith, to keep it whole from generation to generation. We give you thanks for the diversity of gifts we have in our church community, and we pray that they may be out to your service. We pray for all places of theological education, whether parish, school or college.

Lord in your mercy...

THE WORLD

Have mercy on those who are living in uncertainty, who wander the world without drawing close to you. Give to those in authority the wisdom to know that their power comes from you alone. May they fulfil their duty on the firm foundation of justice and truth. We pray that the gifts of all people may be cherished and affirmed, and that those who feel they have no gifts may see themselves as a gift 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 all our lives with others, in our families and in our places of work, help us to show ourselves as members of the Kingdom. Give us grace to acknowledge the Messiah in all we do, and to lead others to trust in him.

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 **Claudeth Kayum, Lassie Jacobs, 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.