

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

THE CHURCH

We pray for Christopher, Bishop of Southwark, Rosemarie, Bishop of Croydon and Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury. We pray for the diocese of Central Zimbabwe and our twin parishes of St Mark and St Luke. We pray also for the Anglican Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East, in particular the Diocese of Iran. We pray too for the EPISCOPAL Church of the USA and the parish of Grace, Chicago. We pray for all who minister here during our vacancy. We pray for Archdeacon Greg as he continues to support us here at St Stephen and the rest of the deanery.

We pray for our Wardens, our PCC, the Pastoral Team, Friendship & Fellowship group, Sunday School, Youth Alive, and the mission and growth of our church. Let us continue to hold Fr. Daniel in our prayers as we wait and he continues to prepare to join us here tomorrow, **Lord in your mercy...**

THE WORLD

Let us give thanks to God that the Princess and the King who appear to have moved forward from their illness by the Grace of God. We pray for the King and his government. For all in high office. For all engaged in the relief of human suffering. For all political leaders. We remember the victims of violence and war and natural disaster throughout the world. We pray for all peacemakers, refugees and asylum seekers. We pray for the peace of all nations and the good of all peoples. Let us hold Gaza, Israel, Lebanon, Iran and the other 35 armed conflicts in Africa including South Sudan and Sudan, Ethiopia, Mali and Niger who are all currently engaged in conflicts, in our thoughts that the Lord will enter into their hearts for them to see the way forward to peace and reconciliation. **Lord in your mercy...**

THE LOCAL COMMUNITY

We pray for those who live in **Melfort Avenue and Norbury Crescent**. We pray for the staff and residence of Norbury Hall. We pray for staff, children and families of the WINTERBOURNE SCHOOLS. We remember the hungry and the homeless, Croydon Refugee Day Centre, Croydon Nightwatch and the organisers of food banks. **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 pray for Bishop Christopher as he recovers from his injuries, WE continue to remember MICHAEL GORDON, SONIA COOPER, MAX FERNANDES, LORNA JOHNSON, 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 and BRENDA CREESE. 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 **Daejaun Campbell** the young boy killed in Woolwich. Those whose anniversary falls at this time and 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.