

**Prayer Letter**

**20th November 2022**

***The last Sunday before* Advent**

* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all who are affected by the breakdown of family relationships, domestic abuse and divorce.*
* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all who are struggling with infirmity or pain in body, mind or spirit,* ***for Sarah, Leah, Debbie, Stephen, Richard, Norman and Jean, Anne and Ian and all who we know by name who are struggling at this time.***
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* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all those who are suffering pain, loneliness and anguish in bereavement.* ***We especially at this time thank you for the life of our friend and brother in Christ, Jack Hull*** *and for his faithful service at St Thomas’ and his kindness and compassion for others throughout his long life.*
* ***"The Lord bless you and keep you.***

***The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.***

***The Lord turn His face to you and give you His peace."***

**Numbers 6: 24-26**

**Christ the King Sunday**



 ***“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”***

***Matthew 3:2***

***Lord hear us as we pray,***

for all Church leaders across our nation, and in our community. In our parish, for our Vicar Dave and for the work of Alison through Ashar and all attending Starting Point on Monday afternoons.

for Steve and Lisa and all they do, both in our Church and elsewhere.

for Matt and Rosie and everyone involved in helping in Matt's ministry.

forThomasas he continues his placement with the Blackpool Ministry Experience at St Thomas’

for our Worship group in all they do both in their preparation and practice and in leading us in worship and praise through their music and singing.

for those who give their time in service to make our church a welcoming and peaceful place for worship.

for those who might be at our Church for the first time, that they may know God’s loving presence and accept Him into their lives, knowing His love and forgiveness and that we may also be focussed on His unending love for us, in in all situations we face during our earthy lives.

***Lord hear us as we pray,***

**for the people of Ukraine and** **Russia** – for a just and peaceful settlement to end the war and soon prevent further suffering and loss of life. Especially at this time for the people subjected to the daily terror of indiscriminate missile strikes on civilian targets across western Ukraine, with the loss of life in this war of occupation now extending to two farm workers in eastern Poland.

**for lasting solutions to be found** to the many situations around our world where there are conflicts and risks of conflicts.

**for the government of the United States and those elected to serve in the US Senate and House of Representatives** at this crucial time for our world and the key role of the United States across so many global issues we all face.

**for the people of Somalia** and other nations across the Horn of Africa suffering from the effects of drought and famine – Especially the most vulnerable, the sick and the very young.

**for all those affected by natural disasters and accidents around our world**.

**for all those working and volunteering to reduce the impact of global warming.**

**for all the nations of the world work collectively** to reduce inputs of carbon into the atmosphere and work quickly to a net zero carbon future.

**for those affected by violence, injustice and oppression** for all persecuted for their faith. From the World Watch List 2022 issued by Open Doors, we pray for the 10 countries where persecution is worst – Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Eritrea, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran, India. Remembering that nearly 6,000 Christians were murdered for their faith last year.

**For the millions of Christians around our world** who face arrest, imprisonment torture and even death, simply for proclaiming You as their Lord and Saviour.

**Amen**

***Lord hear us as we pray,***

**for all those is positions of power** and leadership across our nation in national government, in parliament, in local councils, in devolved governments and as reginal mayors.

**for our Emergency Services**, Armed Forces, Frontline NHS, Social Workers Care Workers, Teachers, and all who volunteer to help others in danger or in need of support and compassion. Also, for those who produce or deliver the goods and services we all rely on.

**for the many situations which our nation faces**, especially at this time for the uncertainty and anxiety for so many as our nation struggles with the impact of high inflation and economic recession.