

**Prayer Letter**

**18th December 2022**

* ***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,***
* *In this week of tragedy across our nation, we pray for the loved ones of those who lost their lives in the Jersey disaster, and the family, friends and teachers of the four children who lost their lives in Solihull on a frozen lake, and also the family and friends of the two children and their mother who were murdered in Kettering last Thursday.*
* ***Lord of comfort and peace,***
* *we pray for all who are lonely and for all who are struggling with infirmity or pain in body, mind or spirit,* ***for Sarah, Leah, Debbie, Stephen, Norman and Jean, Anne and Ian and also those who we know personally.***
* ***"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**

**4th Sunday of Advent**

**Love**



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

for all Church leaders across our nation, and in our community. In our parish, for our Vicar Dave, for Alison and Josh.

for Steve and Lisa and for their ministry in our Church and elsewhere, especially for their work with the Life Association in India.

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

forThomasas he continues his placement.

for those who might be at our Church for the first time, that they may know God’s loving presence and peace and accept Jesus into their lives as their Saviour and Redeemer.

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

**for the people of Ukraine** where millions of people face the continuing terror of indiscriminate Russian bombardment from artillery and air strikes every day on their homes on power supplies on water and on other civilian infrastructure, which we in the comparative safety and peace in our nation find so difficult to comprehend. **We pray Lord that in Your mighty power,** you remove all those who perpetrate such evil, and that the doors of freedom justice and peace open wide for the people of Ukraine and Russia, who suffer under the tyranny of the few who cause their pain.

**for those people in the other areas of our troubled world** where conflict, poverty and famine are prevalent, and where so many cry out for justice and peace

**for refugees and asylum seekers,** that they are treated with dignity, compassion and fairness within the law, wherever they seek refuge or asylum.

**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. From the World Watch List 2022 issued by Open Doors, we continue to pray especially for those in the 10 countries where persecution of Christians is at the highest levels – Afghanistan, North Korea, Somalia, Libya, Yemen, Eritrea, Nigeria, Pakistan, Iran and India.

**In every situation where people feel anguish, pain, grief or loss of hope, Lord, we pray** that they will come to know you as the Prince of Peace and the light of the world, who leads people and nations out of darkness to peace, hope and salvation.

***” You are my hiding place;  
you will protect me from trouble  
and surround me with songs of deliverance.”***

***Psalm 32:7***

***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. **We especially pray at this time for our emergency service workers**, remembering the courage of the police officers who risked their lives in the attempt to rescue children under ice on a frozen lake. **We also remember the bravery and selflessness of Jack Johnson, aged 10,** who lost his life trying to save the lives of other children who were drowning in freezing icy water. Jack did not know these children personally, but Lord we focus through our sadness, in the knowledge that you know and love every one of us. You even knew and loved us before we were conceived in our mother’s womb **(Jeremiah 1:5).**

We trust that Jack and the other children are now at peace, safe with You in Your Heavenly Kingdom.

**“Don’t let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.”**

1 Timothy 4: 12