

* ***Lord of comfort and peace, we ask that you be with all those who suffer pain and anguish in bereavement; and for all who are have are struggling with infirmity or pain in body, mind or spirit.***

For those in hospital and at home;
surround the frightened with Your tenderness;
give strength to those in pain;
hold the weak in Your arms of love, and give hope and patience
to those who are recovering.

***We bring before you now in Your healing power:***

Sue, Sarah, Sheila, Jack, Leah, Marion, Louise, Debbie, Stephen, Ann, Mary & Keith, Irene, Nic & Joanne, Norman & Jean, Anne & Ian.

Thank you Jesus. **Amen**

***Prayer Letter***

***Third Sunday of Easter***

Blesed are those who have not seen yet have believed

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*Our Prayer Letter includes prayers from the Church of England Common Worship and website.*

**John 21:6**

1st May 2022

***Let hear me as I pray :***

For the work of charities and volunteers across our town and around our world as they provide help and support for those impacted by war, persecution, famine, disease, climate change and natural disasters.

We pray for the safety of UK aid workers and al others who have been captured by Russian forces in Ukraine, and for the families of all those missing or killed as a result of the war.

**Lord,** pour out Your Holy Spirit upon us and may Your light so shine through us, that together we share Your love with everyone and by Your power turn the tide of evil that surrounds us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

***"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**

***Let us pray for the church, the world and ourselves and let us thank God for His goodness:***

**Lord God,** we ask that you protect all who work for peace in our troubled world. We pray for all those whose lives and nations are affected by war and the consequences of war as we continue to pray especially for:

**Yemen**, where war has been ongoing for many years and where powerful modern weapons have led to many casualties and deaths of civilians, including children.

**Afghanistan**, where there is suffering from malnutrition and constant fear from terrorist groups carrying out indiscriminate attacks across that nation.

**Ukraine,**  that there will soon be and end to the indiscriminate horrific war waged by Russia in Ukraine and that the dangerous and escalatory threats made by the Russian President against the UK and all other free nations assisting the people of Ukraine in their darkest hours will cease.

**Russia**, where the people who protest against the war have been silenced and imprisoned and an end to the fervor for war which has been created by their Government's propaganda and lies.

**Poland and Bulgaria** as their nations face a severe shortage of energy resources following Russia's actions in stopping the supply of gas to them.

**For the developing nations of the world, particularly in Africa,** now suffering a shortage of cereal crops and cooking oil due to the Russian blockade of Odessa and their military action against other Ukrainian ports on the black sea.

**For UK and NATO forces** as they strengthen to deter further military aggression by Russia against other European nations, from the Baltic to the

eastern Mediterranean.

***Lord, hear me as I pray :***

For the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and for all other Christian leaders across our nation.

For our Bishops Julian, Philip and Jill; giving thanks especially for Bishop Julian as he approaches his retirement .

For our Vicar Dave, for Alison and Josh.

For our Curate Emma in her continuing ministry with our Church and as she prepares for her new position in the parish of Lytham, to work as a mission enabler this Summer.

For Matt and everyone involved in the work with children and young people.

For all who attend our church that they are safe and renewed in the knowledge and belief in your promise that you are the God of love and forgiveness by your sacrifice for our sins on the Cross of Salvation.

For those who newly elected to serve on the PCC and all who serve in any way with St Thomas' to assist in building Your Kingdom in our Parish , our town and also the wider world.

For the work of Steve and Lisa in their mission with the poor in India and for the Life Association. **Amen**

***Lord, hear me as I pray :***

For the emergency services across our town and around our nation

For the teachers, other staff and pupils in the schools and colleges across our town and around our nation - Especially those young people preparing for exams at this time.

For Devonshire Primary Academy: teachers, other staff, children, parents, grandparents and carers.

For all who live or work in our Parish and for all who visit our town for work or leisure.

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***Lord, hear me as I pray;***

Give wisdom to all in authority especially Elizabeth, our Queen. We thank You Lord God for her long life of service and her faith in Jesus Christ.

For all those is position of power across all Governments in the UK – national, regional and local – Grant them integrity, compassion and wisdom in their policies and actions for our common good and for that of the entire world. **Amen**