

## **Intercessions, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter, 18<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Lord Jesus, you stood among your disciples and said 'Peace be with you'. Grant peace to your church, your pilgrim people, amidst all our rowdiness as we try to journey together.

You commissioned your church to proclaim the gospel to all nations. As we fulfil that calling locally we pray for St John's and St Mary's, and for our own parish, within the evolving new structures. We ask your blessing on the members of our strategy working group. And as we prepare for our Annual Meeting next week we pray that each of us will be led to understand and offer our own contribution to the life and mission of your church.

We give you thanks that we can once again worship together in the church and on the green, and we lift up to you Nwando Ollana who is being baptised today: pour out your Spirit abundantly on all who receive new life in you.

Risen Christ:

**We long to see your love.**

Lord Jesus, you stood among your disciples and said 'Peace be with you'. We pray for peace in your world, between nations, within our own quadripartite nation. May the strident voices that beset us on all sides be calmed into a careful listening to one another, and a respect for different views and cultural expressions.

And as we pray for peace, we hold before you all affected by violence whether in their homes or on the streets, remembering particularly the tensions in Northern Ireland and the United States.

Risen Christ:

**We long to see your love.**

Lord Jesus, you stood among your disciples and said 'Peace be with you'. Breathe peace into our homes, our places of work and recreation, our communities and city. Strengthen those who have seemingly endless caring responsibilities. Bless the staff and residents of our local care homes as they continue to struggle with stressful situations.

As our schools return, give confidence and enthusiasm to all students and staff.

Risen Christ:

**We long to see your love.**

Lord Jesus, you stood among your disciples and said 'Peace be with you'. Show the peace of your presence and healing to all who are sick, whether because of general ill health, the effects of the coronavirus and long covid, deprivation, addiction, homelessness, or asylum related problems.

We continue to hold in our prayers David, Lee, Liz, Margaret & Susan, Mary and Patty, together with Annick, Betty, Debra, Marguerite, Norman, Pete, Sarah and Stuart.

Risen Christ:

**We long to see your love.**

Lord Jesus, you stood among your disciples and said 'Peace be with you'. Grant your peace at the last to all who have died. We pray for those who have lost loved ones as a result of the pandemic together with those who have died recently in this community and beyond: Beryl Gready, Eleanor Neely, Lilian, Nathaniel, Pam Hall, Pete Hand and the Prince Philip, and all whom we love but see no longer.

Give comfort and hope to their grieving families and friends.

God of new life:

**May we live and hope  
as your faithful people. Amen**