**Intercessions for 14 February 2021**

Lord, as we head towards Lent, help us to take the time to reflect on what we have lived through this past year. To give thanks for all that we hold dear, including this church and its people. As spring approaches, help us to find joy in the simple renewal of life around us.

We pray for David, Paulette and Jane, for our church wardens.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In these cold days, we pray for all those who do not have a roof over their head. We pray for all who are lonely and vulnerable. We pray for medical staff, teachers, key workers everywhere who give so much. We pray that that when the worst of the pandemic is behind us and we return to the rhythms and routines of our past lives, we do not forget them. We pray that we all strive to come together for the common good.

We pray for faith to soothe our fears. For the courage to remain steadfast in hope. For generosity of spirit.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for all in our community who suffer in body, mind or spirit. We hold before you those who have recently died or whose anniversary of passing falls at this time, knowing they remain always in our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all in our community who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, we hold before you those who have recently died or whose anniversary of passing falls at this time.

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

Hail Mary, full of Grace

The Lord is with thee

Blessed art thou amongst all women

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus

Holy Mary, Mother of God

Pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death

Amen

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all your saints we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.