**Intercessions for 22 November 2020**

Lord, as the days grow darker, help us to carry the warmth and light of your love with us always.

In these uncertain times, we give thanks for all that is familiar. This church, its people and its rituals, the support and friendship we find here and which sustain us.

We pray for David, Paulette and Jane, for our church wardens, for all who serve our community.

As we are tested, we pray for patience and compassion. We give thanks for the work of key workers everywhere, and pray for their safety. We pray for scientists working on the coronavirus vaccine, and for those responsible for the logistics of delivering it.

We pray that political leaders everywhere will come together for the common good, upholding values of democracy, transparency, humility and kindness.

We pray for the strength not to despair in our solitude. We pray for faith to soothe our fears and to fill our loneliness until the time comes that we may meet again in person. We pray for the courage to remain steadfast in hope.

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.

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