

# Prayers for Lent 2021

**“The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.” Nahum 1 : 7**

**Please pray for the communities in our Parish of All Souls:** Shuttington, Alvecote, Newton Regis, Seckington, Warton and Austrey. Read Psalm 46: 1-3 and Ephesians 4 : 32

Pray for all who are seeking to support the isolated and vulnerable in our villages: pray for anyone in need that you are particularly aware of.

Pray for your neighbours, by name if you know them. Wherever you can, make a point of welcoming any who have recently taken up residence in your village.

Remember our church schools in Austrey, Newton Regis and Warton amid all the challenges of the pandemic, praying for the mental, emotional and physical well-being of the head teachers, teaching and auxiliary staff, governors and children. Matthew 19:14 Mark 9:37

## **Pray for the Church of All Souls:**

Ephesians 2: 20-22, Ephesians 4: 1 – 6, 1 Corinthians 12:27-31

As we give heartfelt thanks for the appointment of a new vicar, we pray for Revd Joanne Dyer and her family as she prepares to take up ministry in our parish, that she will be both a blessing and inspiration to our church family.

Pray for the churchwardens and PCC members, for Archdeacon Simon and Area Dean Louise Shaw and all who have been supportive during this time of interregnum. Pray for all in our fellowship involved in leadership and pastoral care, those who look after our buildings and churchyards.

Pray and give thanks for those who have played a part in worship during the past year, providing music, readings, prayers and thoughtful reflections, those who have organised services and hosted them on Zoom. Psalm 95:1–2, Psalm 108:1, Psalm 150:3-5

Pray especially for the work of the church to maintain contact with children, parents and young families while we are not able to meet in person. Matthew 18: 1-5

Pray for all members of our fellowship, especially that we may find ways of reaching out to those without internet access.

Read 1 Corinthians 12: 1 – 11, John 13: 13–17, 34-35, John 15: 16 – 17, 1 John 4: 7 – 11.

**Pray for all who are hurting or in any kind of trouble or anxiety at this time, naming any known personally to us:**

“Come to me all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Matthew 11:28

**Pray for those in our world suffering as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, as well as wars, conflict and natural disasters, especially those forced to flee their native lands:**

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble – therefore we will not fear.” Psalm 46:1.

Read also Psalm 27:1-3, Psalm 121, Isaiah 43:1-2

Give thanks for the speedy roll-out of the coronavirus vaccine programme, praying that it may soon be implemented fairly worldwide

**Pray for ourselves and a new surrendering of self, as we seek God’s guidance for our lives:** Psalm 23, Psalm 25: 4-5, Psalm 51: 7, Matthew 7: 24-27, 9: 35-38, Romans 12: 1-2