# Intercessions – *Sunday 23rd August*

*Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.*

We pray for Alison, Clare, Paul and Howard. Thank you Lord for all the time, energy, creativity and love they give to St Mary’s in Hardwick. We also pray for the Lordsbridge team. Help them to continue to become stronger together across all the individual parishes they serve.

Jesus, Lord of the Church

All: hear our prayer.

We pray for our family and friends.

As the constraints of lockdown ease, remind us to continue to make time to see or contact our family and friends. Guide us to ensure we spend quality time with loved ones by taking the time to actively listen and enjoy laughing together. Help us continue to plan ways to meet by adapting our plans in order to make sure we stay safe.

Lord, we are thankful for our scientists who continue to work hard to find a vaccine for Covid-19. Thank you Lord for all the NHS workers, bus drivers, refuse collectors, postmen and women, shop owners who keep our country going.

Jesus, Lord of the Church

All: hear our prayer.

*Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen, give wisdom to all in authority, and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace, that we may serve each other, and seek the common good.*

We pray Lord that you give wisdom to our Government. Give them the confidence and strength to take the time to think plans through and make the right decisions to ensure that we tackle Covid-19 in the most effective way. Even though we feel that life is getting back to some aspects of normality, guide us Lord to ensure we take responsibility for our own lives and actions to prevent the spread of the virus and loss of life.

Jesus, Lord of the Church

All: hear our prayer.

Lord, thank you for the beautiful landscapes across the United Kindgom, the air we breathe and the sea we can paddle our feet in.

Guide us Lord to take the time to stop and appreciate all the wonderful things you created in our world. Support us in taking the time to say “Hello” or smile to people that we pass in the street.

Give resilience, strength and courage to all the young people who have received news of their exam results or are waiting to hear news. Support and guide them to follow their hopes and dreams and work hard.

Jesus, Lord of the Church

All: hear our prayer.

*Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation.* May we reach out to anyone we know in need of help of whatever sort. From the weekly prayer rota, we pray this week for Graham and Lucy Gardner, Tricia Maguire, Christine Caudwell-Brown, Paul and Sonia Garnell and family.

Everyone who lives on in Manor Crescent and Portway Road.

Nations and regions impacted by floods. Those in hospital with Covid-19, all who work in the NHS, hospices and care homes. For those grieving the loss of loved ones due to Covid-19.

In a moment of quiet we pray for all those known to us who need your help and healing...,

Jesus, Lord of the Church

All: hear our prayer.

Lord, thank you for listening to all our thoughts and hopes. Fill us with a deeper sense of your love and presence. Help us create peace within our world.

**Lord of the Church,**

All: hear our prayer,

and make us one in heart and mind

to serve you with joy for ever.

Amen