

Prayer Sheet

February 14th 2021

First Sunday before Lent



Introduction

As we prepare ourselves for the season of Lent: We think of those things that get in the way of knowing God better and we remember all those things we have already been asked to give up over the last year.

Our Friends and Family

We thank you for all the ways in which we have been supported by those people close to us. We are sorry for the times when we have lost patience with, struggled to forgive or hurt those we love. Let our love for others emulate the love you show us. For healing we pray for: Sheila, Leah, Ginny, Louise, Debbie, Nic and Joanne, Bob and Sue, Norman and Jean, Anne.

Our Church

We thank you for the continued work of all those at St Thomas' to bring us together through technology: David, Emma, Vicky, Pauline, Denise, Barbara, Alison, the Pastoral Team. Thank you for their continued service of Jesus through the people of the church and parish. We pray for discernment and your promise of wisdom as St Thomas' decides how and when it will reopen for public worship.

Our Community

We thank you for your continued protection over the parish of St Thomas'. We pray for those in our community who may have struggled with the cold last week. We pray for teachers, parents and their children during this half-term and we pray especially for all the families and residents living on Moorfield Avenue and Oxford Road.

The World

We pray for America as the Senate decides on the impeachment of Donald Trump and we pray for Biden as he continues the start of his term as president. We continue to thank you for the provision of vaccinations and the efficacy and speed at which they have been developed and distributed. We pray that poorer countries will not be left wanting for vaccinations and that equity will be shown through their distribution.

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Mission and Charity

WaterAid brings life changing water around the world to those in need. We pray for all the volunteers, workers and those who donate that makes providing fresh water possible. We thank you for their work at a time when clean water, decent sanitation and good hygiene are critical.