

Almighty God our heavenly Father who promised through your son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Our prayers today are for our church here in Ashdon and as we remember in love our own mothers we hold before you our mother church which we cherish as many of our ancestors have over the centuries. We ask of you Lord to help us take on board the changes that circumstances of the modern era are causing us to make strengthen our faith as we move forward with the words of Dag Hammarskjold, one time Secretary of the United Nations "For what is past thank you, for the future Yes" Let this be our prayer as we go forward in faith

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

On this day Lord we thank you for the love and guidance of our own mothers and those throughout the world who are blessed with that unique care and understanding

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Today we welcome Charlie into the faith of Christ through the baptism of water we ask you to bless him and his two brothers and to strengthen in the faith his parents and Godparents as they make their vows.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

We earnestly hold before you Lord in our prayers the people of the Ukraine Especially the family of our own Simon Hobday whose lives are in constant danger from the conflict. May your Holy Spirit protect them and may the power of that spirit overcome the hostilities and direct all men towards a lasting peace

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in mind body and spirit, look down Lord on the underprivileged, the elderly and all those who will suffer under the increasing cost of living and the under distribution of wealth. We pray for those we know who are sickr, remembering Judy and Jo, and any others known to us.

God of compassion be close to those that are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness be their consolation. In their anxiety be their hope and in their darkness be their light. Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ especially Rev John Sibson of the S/W team who over the years occasionally led our worship according to your promises grant us with him a share in your eternal kingdom. Through him who suffered alone on the cross but reigns with you in glory Jesus Christ our Lord **Amen**