

We pray for the Christian church throughout the world and thank God for his goodness.

We pray for ourselves here in Ashdon, our sister parish in Hadstock and the Baptist community in this part of Essex. We are truly blest to live in a beautiful area and have a lot to be thankful for, but we do need to treasure it and treat with respect. We have damaged the wonderful world that we have inherited, and continue to do so by war and strife, selfishness and greed, and a general wilfulness of ignorance.

Our once great county is in a mess and we need to get back to a nation of honesty and integrity and care for all our citizens. **Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.**

We continue to pray for the life of All Saints in the continuing business of the CoE. We remain strong but must look to the future. Our two church wardens Barbara and Mat are strong leaders and your PCC shows great care on your behalf. We thank Rob, Judy and Robin for their service as they now retire from the PCC and pray that replacements will be found. With technology as it is, we live in a changing world, particularly at village level, and it creates a barrier that we must bear in mind. Pray for the team today, tasked with the service for us today for which we thank them. We pray for all of us to use our talents in God's service. **Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.**

Today we pray for Caroline and Alan as they move to West Sussex. We pray for those of whom we know to be unwell – Lionel in and out of hospital.

Pray for those who have died, our kith and kin and our many friends. Pray for Ivan Bartlett and the family who mourns. Ivan was a lovely man, so flawed through no fault of his own but his funeral was a great tribute. In the church calendar this week we pray for John Donne, Priest and Poet.

**Merciful Father, accept these our prayers in the name of your son Jesus Christ.
Amen**