

Let us pray for the Church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

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

Strengthen our Bishop Gulie and your Church in the service of Christ: that those who confess your name may be united in your truth,, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Pray for our clergy and our retired clergy who so willingly provide for us in our church life. Pray for Alex and John, and their families as they move on to other parishes. We shall miss them within our team structure but I am sure they will bring a lot of experience to their new congregations. We pray for the laity taking on responsibilities, people like Judith at Saffron Walden.

Pray for our own, Barbara and Mat and the members of your PCC. Can you offer your talents to this important concern. **Lord in your Mercy Hear our Prayer**

Dear God, send your guidance & support to our community. In our world there is so much suffering , not only in the Ukraine, Sudan and other places , but in Russia too, and the many areas where the young are facing so many difficulties. Pray for Israel as unrest is gathering pace. Pray for everyone dealing with refugee matters. It can only get worse, as the changing situations change the dynamics of the world as we have known them. The peoples of the world are our brothers and sisters and we must find ways to help them. Can we this week think of human trafficking and modern day slavery. It goes on all over the world, we need to understand it and act. **Lord in your Mercy Hear our Prayer**

The children are now on holiday and we pray that they be kept safe and have a happy time. We pray that their teachers will find time to take advantage of a break, relax and build up their strength. We pray for all those in our village able to take a holiday and return in good spirits and refreshed. We pray for our sister parish of Hadstock and the officers of the church, this congregation and this community. **Lord in your Mercy Hear our Prayer**

Comfort and heal those who suffer in body mind, or spirit – give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We pray for John Padfield and all the family in morning at this time. We pray for Jo laid to rest last week. She had so many talents and gave herself to our community in so many ways. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

In the church calendar this week we celebrate James, the Apostle, on Tuesday Anne & Joachim, parents of Mary on Wednesday and on Saturday Mary, mother of Lazaurus , the companions of our Lord.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the blessed virgin, your saints we commend ourselves and all Christian people to your unfailing love.

**Merciful Father accept the prayers for the sake of your son and our Saviour Lord Jesus Christ. Amen**