

Intercessions for 3 May 2020 Easter 4 (week 5 of corona virus lockdown)

Lord Jesus you are the good shepherd , open our minds to recognise your voice and our ears to listen and follow where you lead us.

May the Christian church throughout the world be a channel O Lord to bring your comfort and strength to those suffering in areas with war, famine, drought and poverty and to those suffering directly from Covid 19.....to their families .....and the medical staff and carers treating and supporting them wherever they are: at home, in care homes or in hospital.

*Lord in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for St Mary's Baldock and St Margaret of Antioch Bygrave and our whole church community especially those feeling isolated by not being able to physically worship together- those who are housebound, those in care homes, those in hospital and those with no internet and access to our Zoom services.

*Lord in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer**

Help us trust you Lord, as sheep trust a shepherd, that you know the best way for us to follow, even if the path is steep or narrow and we question whether it will lead to the best outcome for us and the world around us.

Enter the hearts and minds of all those in authority – especially all world leaders in this global pandemic - giving them the humility to work with anyone who has professional advice or frontline experience, and to work together with other leaders and experts knowing that this is a global emergency which cannot be contained by working as a single isolated country

*Lord in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer**

We pray for the Queen as head of the Church of England. We thank you for her integrity and leadership in her long reign and for all the royal family who seek to inspire and encourage those less privileged than themselves.

*Lord in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer**

Creator God , we pray that after lockdown, your people throughout the whole world will want to live more sustainably and step back from the brink of destroying our world through greed and materialism. May we ourselves strive to reset our thinking, finding much more time to put others first above ourselves- locally, nationally and globally as we recognise we and all creation are interconnected.Lord God help us build your kingdom here on earth.

*Lord in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer**

Loving, living God, bring your steadfast love and reassurance to all who are anxious or frightened by any situation at the moment. May they trust you, give their worries to you and feel your empowering and calming presence with them to bring them through whatever challenges they face. We bring before you in particular those on our pew sheet..... and any known personally to us

*Lord in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer**

We hold before you all who have died from any cause either recently or longer ago. May those who mourn let the love of those they see no longer live on through them as you, Lord, unite us all in your love.We remember those who have died (pew sheet)..... and those whose anniversaries occur this week(pew sheet).....

*Lord in your mercy*

**Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father  
**Accept these prayers**  
**For the sake of your Son,**  
**Our Saviour, Jesus Christ**  
**Amen**