

INTERCESSIONS FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING
SUNDAY 14th JANUARY 2018
2nd Sunday of Epiphany

In this season of Epiphany, pray for all hearing the Gospel for the first time, for all new Christians and for Christians whose faith is sorely tested by events or circumstances.

Pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and for The Anglican Church of Australia; Philip Leslie Freier, Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia, his priests and people.

In our own Diocese we pray for Alan, Bishop of St Albans and for his Suffragan Bishops Michael and Richard and for the parish of Flitton (Amphill and Shefford) and the community it serves. Pray for St Albans Cursillo as it continues to encourage and enliven people in their Christian life.

Pray for the Team –the congregations at St Peter’s, Arkley, St Stephen’s, Bells Hill, St Mark’s and for St John the Baptist.

Pray also for all who minister in our four churches, for our priest’s Fr Chris, Fr Tristan, Rev Nick Wheeler, Fr Eugene and Linda and Laurie.

Give thanks for all we are called to do ecumenically and pray for the work of Churches Together for Chipping Barnet and pray for Hope Centre in Mays Lane, Rosemary and the staff and volunteers there.

Continue to pray for peace in our troubled world for all places, where there is armed conflict or civil unrest.

Pray for all who work for justice and peace throughout the world.

Pray for all Christian persecuted for their faith across the world.

At this time of winter weather pray for the housebound, frail and lonely in our community that neighbours will look out for each other.

Pray also for the Winter Shelter at St Marks and for all who will give their time and all who will use it.

Pray that all in our community who are suffering in mind, body or spirit, will know the healing power of our Lord. Prayers are asked for Margaret Barratt, Gerald Hosker, Claire O’Brennan, Maureen Daly, Cara Mayes, Trevor Bainbridge and Lynette De Neayer. We remember too all who care for the sick either at home or in hospitals, care homes and hospices.

In the sure and certain hope of the Resurrection to eternal life, commend to God’s merciful compassion all who have recently died – Tony De Neayer, Megan Bainbridge. Pray for all bereaved families and all who continue to mourn the loss of loved ones. Remember all whose anniversaries fall at this time. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.