



## Intercessions for 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2021

God of all creation, in whose eternal love we are held, be in our hearts as we share this time of prayer together.

You called us with the shepherds to celebrate your gift of Jesus at Christmas and we saw him as a child born in Bethlehem. We respond again with celebration as your Word is proclaimed in heaven and earth bringing peace and love.

Jesus, our brother, you are here with us in all we do, in our families and in the shared life of your church. Come to us in our homes in Hertford and beyond, bringing the delight and surprise we felt as we celebrated your birth.

We pray for your support on the journey of our lives, asking that strength from the Holy Spirit will flow through our plans and hopes providing confidence in the face of difficulties. Show us the way when we are in doubt.

Holy Spirit, fill us to overflowing with the love of God the Father who gave us Jesus to share our humanity. Guide each as we share with the wider community that faith which knits us together with everlasting love.

Father in Heaven, we see your creation being undermined by poverty and disease, by greed and infighting. We pray for leaders to work for peace, for a fairer sharing of resources and for justice in all places both afar and near at hand.

We pray in God's love for each other and bring to mind in your presence those we now name: Mark Bartlett, Julie, Ann Wilson, Baby Hazel, Andy, Joseph and Frances Dale.

We remember Dave Lee, Ken Brunskill, Sandy Mackenzie, Steven Hughes and Wendy; and those who mourn them. We entrust them to your everlasting arms

Lord of the Church **hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you joy for ever. Amen**