

Lord, you have been with us each step of the way on our Lenten journey. We have seen your quiet strength, grace and love when you suffered betrayal by those closest to you, humiliation by the mob and unbearable pain on the cross. This morning we remember those in our world who are suffering physical pain or emotional distress, our thoughts are with the oppressed, the abused and those struggling to survive in war zones. We remember those who are living with sorrow due to the loss of a loved one or the loss of hopes and dreams, and the many who are marginalised and are battling to make ends meet. All this suffering is a challenge to our Faith but without Faith there is no hope. Help us to drawn on your quiet strength in our time of need, to grow in grace and share the love of Jesus Christ to bring joy to others.

Lord, in your Mercy, Hear our prayer

Lord, today we celebrate the glorious resurrection. From the depths of despair you brought a new hope, a covenant of new life and a profound joy. At first Mary Magdalene, deep in sorrow, had no capacity to recognise the awesome reality of your resurrection. Like Mary, teacher help us to learn at your feet and embrace the promise of a new life so that we may fully experience your life-sustaining joy. Help us to embody the gospel message of justice, compassion and hope.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Father, in the following days we saw your witness to the disciples to bring the good news of everlasting life. Based on your teachings the disciples were sent far and wide to engage with people and spread the gospel. Lord, help us to grow in Christ and to engage with our community, to reach out as beacons of hope and make a difference. We pray for our community pub the Sir Walter Raleigh at this time of change with the new tenancy. We pray for the SWR committee and the volunteers . We pray for Salem Chapel and the new charity now responsible for its care.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Lord we pray for the church as the new Archbishop of Canterbury Sarah brings a universal message of welcome. Lord we pray for the Raleigh Mission Community as we seek a new vicar. Provide the church wardens with the guidance to compile the profile and the advert to seek a vicar who will engage with the congregation and the wider All Saints community of volunteers. We pray for our upcoming community Peacemaker Festival and Scarecrow Festival. We pray for our growing relationship with Drake's school and our progress as we explore the ecochurch pathway as a community church.

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Lord We pray for our daily lives and for our friends and family. As Christian's, we are called to care for God's creation and follow Christ at a time of ecological crises. Help us to live more lightly on the earth as part of our daily mission and to understand we are responsible to God for our stewardship of his creation which he has entrusted to our care. May we live with Humility which is based in the confidence in God's love.

Merciful Father accept these prayers for the sake of Our Saviour your son Jesus Christ. Amen.

