

AS ONE AT 10

Prayers for Easter Sunday

Pete

Lord God, we thank you for Easter, for this most special day.

Jesus what can we say?

You died on the cross and rose to life again for us, that we might be free from sin's power in our lives and that we can live victoriously, fuelled by your Holy Spirit.

Despite everything going on around us, may we find the space in our hearts and minds to take this glorious truth in.

That you love us so much that you held nothing back.

May we hold nothing back from you.

Amen

Claudia

Lord, we pray for the state of the NHS and health systems across the world at this time.

For the 100s of 1000s of doctors, nurses and staff fighting to save patients and bring the Coronavirus pandemic under control.

Give them all the strength they need to cope with the growing workload and sense of crisis in hospitals and within the wider community.

May they receive the resources, equipment and personal protection they need to work efficiently and safely and without fear of imminent infection.

Please keep them safe and give them the hope that one day soon, they will succeed in helping to bring an end to the epidemic.

We also pray for those chronically ill before the Covid outbreak and those suffering new illness.

May they not feel forgotten, or indeed slip through the net of the healthcare system. We pray for your miraculous provision for them.

In your name, Amen

Max

We pray for your church throughout the world celebrating Easter today.

We join with the many millions of Christians, praying in their homes, unable to meet in churches during this time of lockdown.

May we somehow feel united as your body, even though we feel forced apart.

May your church make a real difference in the world, through acts of kindness and by us loving our neighbours as you taught us.

We commit to you our church family at St Swithins. Help us to remember and pray for one another. Help us to support one another where we can, so that everyone feels valued and connected.

Be with Tim, Fran, Janet, James, Yein and rest of the staff team as they lead us through this difficult time.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Louis

We pray for the government and for its leadership during this time of crisis.

We pray that they will be wise in making decisions on how best to stop the spread of coronavirus, protect the economy and when to ease the restrictions.

We continue to pray for Boris Johnson's recovery, as we pray for the recovery of each person taken ill with COVID-19.

Let us take a moment to think of and pray for those we know who are unwell, feeling anxious or lonely at this time.

In Jesus' name, Amen

Heidi

We pray for the neighbourhoods, where we live.

We pray that no-one will feel lonely

and that everyone will receive the care and love they need.

Help us to think of ways to be friendly and to help our neighbours. Amen