

Intercessions Sunday 18th April 2021

May God be glorified now,
As we commit ourselves to the work of prayer,
Interceding for those in all kinds of need.

*As we approach our annual church meeting, as
we review the past and plan for the future,*

In our worship, and our openness to the Spirit of
life,
In the Church's longing and outreach,
In the ministers, in the people,
In all seekers and honest doubters,

In all this, we pray,
May God be glorified.

*As we stand alongside those who are struggling
to survive – with uncertainty of work, pressures
of debt, lacking a voice in society, at home and
abroad:*

In the provision of food banks and aid schemes
in the reconciliation of communities,
in the struggle to uphold justice,
in the support given to the hungry and the
homeless,

In all this, we pray,
May God be glorified.

*As the families we live with can get out more,
and we can meet with more distant family:*

In the loving and costly commitment
of mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters,
daughters and sons, lifelong partners,
in the determination to forgive and accept
forgiveness,
in all the lives shared and cherished,

In all this, we pray,
May God be glorified.

*As we exercise our daily calling, whether
employment, education, voluntary work or a life
of prayer:*

In diligence and wishing to give of our best,
in working together in teams, in care for
colleagues,
in serving others and maintaining high ethical
standards,

In all this, we pray,
May God be glorified.

*As we are aware of those around us who are
troubled in mind, body or spirit:*

In the work of nursing, comforting and healing,
in the daily patient struggle with pain, weakness
and confusion,
and in the practical, good-humoured caring,

In all this, we pray,
May God be glorified.

As we hear of those for whom life may be short,

In the twilight years and the facing of death,
in lives well lived and now breaking into
eternity,

In all this, we pray,
May God be glorified.

*As we remember those who have gone to a
better place,*

In the freedom offered through forgiveness,
in the joy of resurrection life,
in the hope of eternity,

In all this, we pray,
May God be glorified.

*As we celebrate the Risen Lord alongside
Christians everywhere, we pray especially for
members of our local covenanting churches,
saying together:*

**Lord, we thank you for calling us into the
company of those who trust in Christ
and seek to obey his will.**

**You have made us strangers no longer,
but pilgrims together on the way to your
kingdom.**

**Guide us closer to you and to one another,
in the unity of the spirit and bond of peace
and strengthen us together in mission and
service to your world.**

**We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**