

Dear Lord

We thank you for the gift of nature in our wonderful world. Ashdon is truly part of your wonderful world with trees abundant and peaceful byways. Perhaps little bit too much sunshine this year and not enough rain, the farmers will say but alas we humans are never satisfied. Let secret gardens and woodlands remain undiscovered and shared with the few!

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

Love, marriage and baptism have featured much in our recent services and last month we welcomed Lily Burrow and Hudson Thake into the All Saints family. May the family of All Saints grow in this wonderful oasis of love with our church as one foundation of witness and love.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

Bless the Diocese of Saffron Walden and the Team Ministry and Jeremy shortly returning from sabbatical and being both witness and partaker of pilgrimage. Guide Romey in her work, here at All Saints and Hadstock.

We pray ABC today and Bren completing her final service as minister for ABC. We wish Bren, Stuart and family all best wishes in their new direction and know that Sawston is only a stone through away.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for the children of our village shortly starting school holidays, moving schools or leaving school with the hope of going to university or into work of their choice. We pray for them and are mindful that exam results will probably weighing on their minds at this time, when young people should be having fun and carefree days.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for those that are unwell, whether this be physical or mental frailty. We also remember those recently bereaved and friends who's anniversary falls at this time,

We remember too the people of Venezuela coming to terms with the aftermath of their earthquake, loss of family, friends, homes, school and income.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for Ann Widdecombe and her cruel passing this week. She was a truly remarkable woman with strong views and had more to give. May she spread joy in heaven and now rest with you.

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our Prayer**

We pray for all sports men and women who have over the past few weeks given their all for their sport. Looking back recently at the 1964 world cup we recognise that sport is no longer a male preserve and that women make an excellent contribution. We hope that all competitors will show dignity and respect to their fellow competitors.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen