Prayers 31 05 2020 By Julia

Dear Lord

Thank you for the gift of a wonderful spring that we have just shared; for the gift of new life and crops starting to grow in abundance in our garden. Here in Ashdon and elsewhere our garden has been our safe haven over the past few months and has lightened our days when the news has been grim. May our days continue with this hope and light shining on us.

**Lord hear our prayer**

We ask that you bless all families at this time, particularly when plans are changed for significant family anniversaries, marriage and even our partings cannot be celebrated in the usual way. We ask that you bless the Bartram family, Kath, Andrew and Clive in the sad loss of John, a kind and smiling gentleman and may your love shine on them**.**

**Lord hear our prayer**

This week some children may start returning to school bringing both hope and apprehension too many. Please support children, families and teachers at this time. We would ask for your continued support of the NHS workers and carers in all settings and all currently working so hard to provide food and services. Also for your support for those whose jobs are under threat and those returning to work, where adjustments to the working environment have been made.

We recognise Lord that you gave us hope with your birth and today we mark the joy of Pentecost when nations were no longer divided by language through the gift of your holy spirit.

**Merciful Lord please accept these our prayers.**

**Amen**