Prayers for 12 July By Julia

Dear Lord

We are eternally grateful that today we are able to return to our beloved All Saints for worship and continue private prayer in this special place under your care. Although our worship has been augmented by Zoom over the past months there is nothing like coming together face to face with our Christian brothers and sisters to worship in your name. We also pray that the “shielded” may soon be able to return and be amongst us once more. We hope that soon we will be able to rejoice in your name with singing and music. We remember that others in the community of Ashdon are being re-united in their own churches and faith, particularly members of Ashdon Baptist Church.

**Lord Hear Our Prayer**

We pray for Stephen who this week has been installed as the Arch Bishop of York. May he receive your guidance on his new journey in faith. We pray too for members of the clergy who are moving on and those seeking to fulfil vacant roles within the Diocese of Chelmsford and may they be guided by your care and love.

**Lord Hear Our Prayer**

We pray for our community in Ashdon, the recently bereaved and those whose families have experienced hardship through the Covid-19 crisis. We pray that they may receive your love, support and guidance.

We pray for the children of Ashdon Primary School, particularly year 6 whose final year has been interrupted at the village school and that these children will find happiness under your care at Saffron County High School and Linton Village College. Likewise the teenagers who are moving to university or sixth form college whose rite of passage from school to college has been changed. May these young people find happiness, love and fulfilment, whether it is in education or moving out into the workplace at this challenging time.

Help the scientists, doctors, nurses and healthcare workers who have and continue to work so hard in trying to find a cure for Covid-19 and those nursing people back to health. Give them strength to continue, your love and support.

We pray for those working in the food industry, farmers growing their crops or caring for their animals. The food process workers, supermarket & shop staff and the delivery drivers bringing food to our door.

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

**Amen.**