**Dear Lord 28 February 2021 Prayers by: Julia**

We give thanks for the life of Captain Sir Tom Moore who was laid to rest yesterday. We thank you for his family allowing us to share their goodbye and pray that we will share Sir Tom’s spirit and optimism that “Tomorrow will be a good day”.

**Lord Hear our prayer**

We pray for carers/nurses, medics and the emergency services who have worked tirelessly and to the brink of exhaustion throughout thepast year. We also pray for those working in the vaccine centres and for those who created this gift of hope.

We remember those that are continuing to isolate. We realise

that it may be sometime before communities can be as one and that families can join together and not be apart.

**Lord Hear our prayer**

With my daughter’s birthday approaching we pray for all those involved in care in the neonatal units and each day I am reminded how lucky and privileged I was to become the parent of a tiny premature infant some 29 years ago. We pray for all sick and premature babies and also remember those known to you that didn’t make it home, but that all received and continue to receive your love.

**Lord Hear our prayer**

We pray for the children and young people returning to school from 8 March. We hope that they will be safe and that socialisation and interaction with their friends can be restored

We remember that families have been impacted economically and that they will continue to need support. We also pray for the volunteers supporting this pandemic both in the UK and worldwide.

**Lord Hear our prayer**

We pray for Jeremy Trew, who this week will be installed as Team Rector and Area Dean in St Mary’s Parish Church, Saffron Walden. We also pray for his wife, Alison and their daughters who have joined their Father on this journey. May they be guided with your love and wisdom and soon call Saffron Walden home.

**Lord Hear our prayer**

We are glad that spring is now truly with us and that we are beginning to see the abundance of nature, snowdrops on the verges lighting our way home in the darkness and the daffodils too beginning to bloom. May this continue. We pray too for the farmers in Ashdon and elsewhere preparing the land May their toil and nurture be rewarded.

Help us all to move forward with hope and joy in our hearts and remember Tomorrow will be a good day.

**Merciful Father accept these our prayers in your name.**

**Amen**