

The words in the prayers shared by St. Peter's, Belmont are often poignant and deeply moving; thank you to Reverend Chris for sharing and posting them ❤️. Amen 🙏

When our caring love grows thin, when our nerves are stretched and taut and the strain of our concern fills our every waking thought - God of understanding heart, give us strength to play our part.

When we watch in helpless love when all hope of health is past and distress cries out in pain that this suffering will not last - God of healing hold us near, bring your calm and drive out fear.

When our tears speak out our love, when by smiles we mask our grief, in those dark and lonely hours when the silence mocks belief - God of comfort, to our night bring the dawning of your light.

When the one we loved has gone, when death brings tormented peace, as emotions swirl around, sorrow mingled with release - God of patience bear our pain: turn us back to life again.

Amen.

We would love to hear from you with favourite prayers and reflections that are important to you. Please send them to dawn@walmsleyparish.org

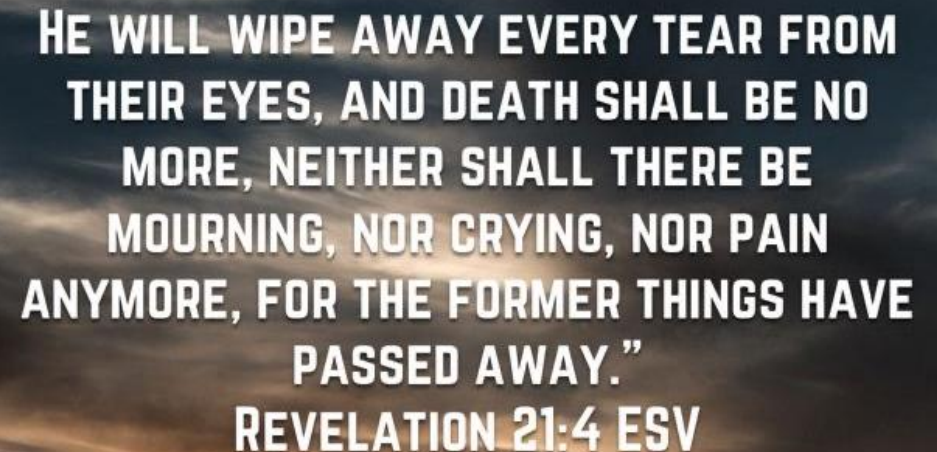
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Prayers for w/c 26 July Trinity 7

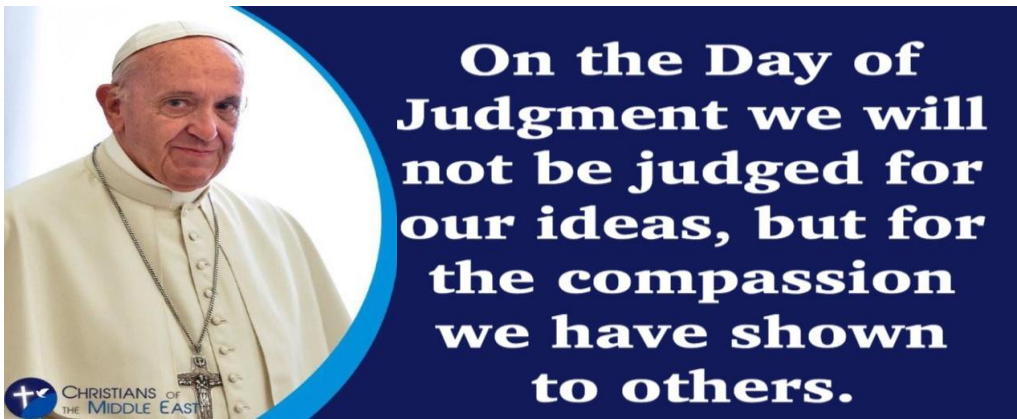
Christ Church & St Andrew's
Walmsley Bromley Cross

We offer our love and prayers to the Hayden family, and we remember with thanks the life of Mike Hayden, who died earlier this week and who is now with the saints in glory and in peace.

This week our Team Rector, Canon Peter Reiss, shared his reflections of the last 12 months, and also focussed on LAMENT. Here is a verse from Psalm 56 v.8 (NLT)
***You keep track of all my sorrows.
You have collected all my tears in your bottle.
You have recorded each one in your book.
He concludes with a powerful verse from Revelation:***



**HE WILL WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES, AND DEATH SHALL BE NO MORE, NEITHER SHALL THERE BE MOURNING, NOR CRYING, NOR PAIN ANYMORE, FOR THE FORMER THINGS HAVE PASSED AWAY."
REVELATION 21:4 ESV**



Here is the conclusion of the 'Prayers of Commitment' given by our former Team Vicar, now Archdeacon of Manchester, Karen Lund, at the recent 'virtual' clergy conference:

We renew our commitment to return to you, when we sense and feel ourselves wandering away, when we lose ourselves and are desperate to find a way back to you.

Renew our hearts and give us the freedom to sit in silence and to rest with the One who has called us and will sustain us every time without limitation.

In the days when we are less than kind to ourselves and afraid of our vulnerabilities, remind us that there is strength in our fragility and that in our weakness you, Almighty God, are strong.

We are weak and strong

We are tired and energised

We are vulnerable and resilient

We are afraid and courageous

We are lost and found

You are always with me, and everything I have is yours

Our Holy God has brought hope to a divided, hurting, frightened world in raising Christ from the dead.

Now may God strengthen us to walk again in his ways and to witness to love. Amen

We thank the **Children Changing Places Team** for sharing their lovely child-friendly prayers each week:

Dear God, Thank You that You see us wherever we go and that You know everything we do. We pray for all families during the summer holidays that You will help them to have fun whether travelling or at home. Please strengthen them as they rest in You. Amen



**You see me when I travel
and when I rest at home.
You know everything I do.**

I share with you a prayer from Bill Braviner (North East Priest), who posts thoughtful and inspirational prayers daily.

May we be ready, Lord, to put all we are and all we have at your disposal, that we may help to carry the news of your kingdom and the blessings of your love, to all.

May we offer ourselves and our worship, to you: not only when life is going as we want, but always. Amen.