

FOR FAITH AND TRUST IN THE LIVING CHRIST

May the Lord bless and defend us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life; and of his boundless mercy grant unto us and to all the departed, rest and peace.

Amen

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved humanity; grant that by faith in Him who suffered on the cross, we may triumph in the power of His victory, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

*If there is **any** way in which the Church Community can help you at this time or in the future please do not hesitate to contact a member of the clergy or the Parish Office.*

Every year at the end of October/beginning of November there is a special service at St Andrew's when we remember before God by name all those in our parish who recently died. You and your family and friends will receive an invitation to this service sometime during next October and we very much hope that you will be able to attend.

Every year on the Sunday preceding the anniversary of a parishioner's death we will specially remember them at St Andrew's during one of the services that day.

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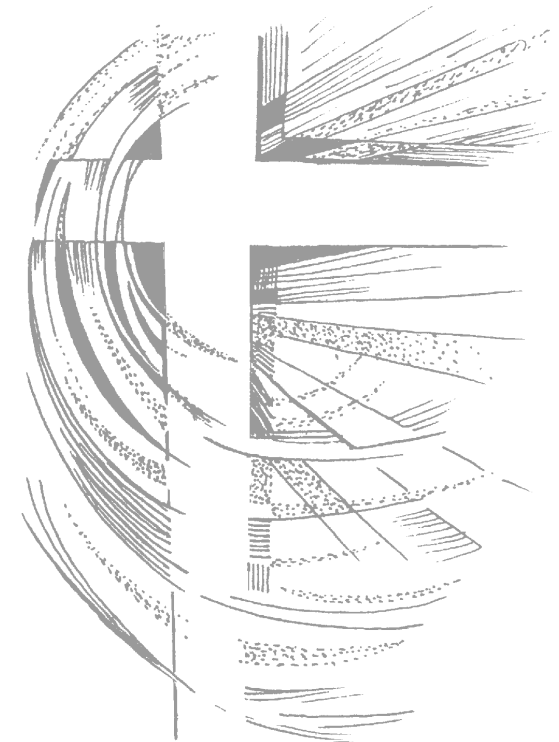
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BEREAVEMENT

Facing bereavement is one of the most difficult things we are called on to do in our whole lives. It comes to all of us at some time and we are quite unprepared for the strength and depth of the shock of personal loss. No one can grieve for you. It is a deeply personal experience and one which we deny ourselves at great peril. What can be of help is the knowledge of the support of family and friends.

This note comes to you from the Clergy and people of St Andrew's Church on the occasion of your recent bereavement. We wish to extend our sympathy to you, your family and friends, and to say that we remember and pray for the departed, as well as for those who mourn, as an important part of our worship, and always on the Sunday after the funeral.

We hope that you will join us when we remember

in our prayers at St. Andrew's on

Sunday, at

When we pray for those who have died we try to express our hope for the departed in the faith of the Risen Christ, our certainty of His presence now with us in distress and our thanksgiving for the lives of those no longer with us. You may find the prayers printed in this leaflet helpful at this time.

FOR THOSE WE LOVE BUT SEE NO LONGER

Merciful Father and Lord of life, we praise you that we are made in your image and reflect your truth and light; we thank you for the life of your child

We rejoice at your gracious promise to all your servants, living and departed; that we shall rise again at the coming of Christ; and we ask that in due time we may share the clearer vision, when we shall see you face to face in the same Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all comfort; deal graciously, we pray, with those who mourn, that casting all their care on you they may know the consolation of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

FOR THOSE IN GREAT DISTRESS

O God, in whose mighty power it lies to bring good out of evil, and raise up life from the dead; grant us a patient faith in time of darkness, and enlighten our understanding with the knowledge of your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen