Old Hills Malvern with Christ Church Malvern
Intercessions for Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity Year A – 20th September 2026

(Please use these prayers as a BASIS for your praying or intercessions in the coming fortnight. Feel free to embellish or rewrite these to suit your style and the news that can often change the frame of reference for our prayers)

Everlasting God, you do everything possible for our spiritual growth and well-being, but yet we so often choose the path of hostility and rejection.
Let us pray trustfully to the God who has loved us into being and cherished us all our lives.
Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Almighty God, we pray for your Church; for Bishops, Priests, and Deacons; for Readers and Lay Ministers; for Churchwardens and PCC's; that they will know how to strike the right balance between their work and family lives. We pray that You will give them courage when they need to resist being controlled by others, and will teach them to take control with understanding, always reflecting the love of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Creator God, refugees continue to flee from crisis throughout the world, and over half of them are children. Lord God, we pray for all those who have willingly invested their time and energy in serving the most vulnerable in the world, that they will find opportunities to rest, and will be strengthened for their work. We also remember aid workers throughout the rest of the world working in places and situations that are no longer newsworthy; give them the encouragement to continue their invaluable contribution of love and care for those people rebuilding their lives after man-made or natural disasters.
Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Father God, we pray for all our cereal farmers, dairy farmers and others working in agri-industry that exist in and around our parishes. As we journey through Creationtide towards our Harvest festival services in October, help them in their labours especially in these times of climate change and enable them all to get a fair price for the tremendously hard work they undertake. We pray also for the world's supermarket chains asking that they put the welfare of the farming community before massive profit achieved through exploitation. **Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for abundant life for anyone we know who has recently been given bad news about their health or the health of a loved-one. Lord, help us know what to say and when to speak. May we always be ready to give practical help whenever we can and to ensure that those on their own are able to manage and cope with the day-to-day life.
Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Merciful God, when death separates from us those we love and we find it hard to live without them, take from us all bitterness and resentment and help us to remember that death has no power at all over the peace you give and the love we shared with the departed goes beyond the grave.
Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Holy God, as we prepare for the week to come, help us to know Christ and the power of his resurrection day by day and in the sharing of his sufferings to become more like him in his death.
Merciful Father: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ