

## **Prayers for 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 from Jan Teale**

Things in the bible often remind us of what we see in nature. The snow we've had recently and the dazzling light it brings is so like the brightness of the transfiguration referred to in our readings this week. We can all share in the light of Christ wherever we are and in whatever circumstances. You may not like winter and the snow but at least it does, in my view, make us think of the light of Christ.

I pray that the light of Christ will touch all of us in lots of different ways. I hope that this special light will touch Revd Toby and Revd Karen as they are licensed as our priests and our Oversight Ministers.

I am very aware of the number of people who do need this special light of Christ on them as we do seem to have such a large number of poorly people in our church family. Both the person – him or herself – and that person's family are suffering and need our prayers for healing. It is not only from COVID 19 that we are suffering but from many different problems brought about by age, by very serious illnesses and by accidents, often made worse by the lockdown.

So let us think of our church family – all who are ill, all who are struggling to cope and all who need help – especially when they won't ask for it. Please open our eyes so that we can be aware of their needs. Let us pray:

Lord, help us all to walk in your light – that light of Christ. May it scatter the darkness from our world, especially the darkness caused by illness. May your healing be known to all. We pray that all those who walk in darkness and in the shadow of death may see your light. We pray for all who are losing hope and have ceased to trust you.

We thank you that in you, life is eternal. And we remember those who have gone before us and who now live in the fullness of your light in your kingdom, especially those whose anniversaries occur this week: Arthur Athey, Stanley Kay, Harry Millson, Emily Hallbrook, and Graham William Cook. We pray that one day we may all walk together in that light. Amen