

Prayers for 2nd May 2021 from Jan Teale

I have a habit, when I am visiting other churches, of browsing their bookstalls and picking up pamphlets and leaflets. This way I can familiarise myself with what makes other churches 'tick'. Of course I bring these slim volumes back with me to find a home for them in my desk. This week I have been having a clear out of my stuff and came across a lovely little booklet from a Methodist church I once visited in the Midlands. It's called 'Prayer in your pocket' and I'd like to share one of these prayers with you today.

The writer of the prayer is Michaela Youngson and this is what she writes:

Ancient of Ancients, creation dances with the rhythm of your love.

Bringer of Peace, our hearts yearn for your gentle caress.

Counselloer of Wisdom, inspire our minds to discern your presence.

Direct us in the paths of your justice and mercy.

Encourage us to see signs of new life in your world.

Find us when we lose our way and

Guide us back to your open embrace.

Hear this and all our prayers.

Amen

And we remember and pray for the recently departed and pray for all who are ill, whether at home or in hospital, or who may be sad and lonely, especially those who have lost family and friends recently and for whom life will never be the same again. We pray also for those whose anniversaries are commemorated in our memorial book this week: John W Dowse, Brenda Dorothy Young, Keith Powell Robinson, Mary Fox and Nellie Quinn. Amen