

## Prayers

In confident hope we pray for those who feel most keenly the pain of loss. For Chris, for Andrew, David, Eleanor, Olivia and their families. For Roger's wider family and his many friends and colleagues, may they feel the comfort of God's presence through those who care and grieve with them.

We give thanks for Roger's long life, one lived in the love and service of his family, nation and Church. May his legacy inspire us, our memories be dear to us and the hope of the resurrection be strong in us.

We pray for this community of St Philip's. For those who have ministered alongside Roger as Councillors and Wardens, for fellow worshippers. We give thanks for his faithfulness and vocation of care.

We pray for those who served alongside Roger. We give thanks for those who continue to serve today, for those in Police Forces of this nation, State and Federal. For their discipline and patience.

We give you thanks for the freedoms and order, for the rule of law that we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them. We recall those whose lives have been lost in the course of duty and commit ourselves to the safety and care of our communities.

We remember all those who have gone before us and for those who have given us the labour of their hands and hearts, who have helped us and made us.

O God, with whom there is no death, we give you thanks for the life of Roger and pray that in the fullness of time you will gather us all into your kingdom of peace.

Let us pray together in the words Jesus taught us...