

TOGETHER WE PRAY – MAY 7 2017

Bidding: You, Lord, keep our going out and our coming in

Response: **Now and for ever**

Loving God, Good Shepherd, we thank you for your provision – the plenty of autumn fruits and vegetables and farms; for your protection through our laws, police, firemen and medical teams; for your guidance in sunlight and shadows. We thank you for Jesus, Shepherd – like Father, like Son. Help us to listen to his call, to discern his voice, to follow his way of life in all its abundance.

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We thank you that we can gather to listen to your word, to pray and meet at the table of bread and wine. Show us ways to share our blessings, to be generous where there is need, to rejoice in friendships deepened by worship.

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Help us to live in such a way as to recognise how precious is everyone of your flock. Show us how to demonstrate your compassion and offer hope to those who are unwell..... to listen to those who are struggling to make right decisions..... to give time and comfort to those who are coping with loss.....

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We pray for leaders in our diocese – that they may shepherd us with courage and caring, with patience and willingness to serve. May our doors be welcoming, inviting all who come in to a haven of peace.

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