

Let us pray

Gracious God

It's the start of Guild week.

It's a bit like our Guild birthday.

One year older now

Another year of life experiences to mull over

And to remind ourselves how we have looked after each other

And each year the guild puts aside a week to plan and celebrate

Guild week we call it.

And like our personal birthday it seems to come round more quickly each year.

So today The guild and our friends offer you thanks for your presence with each of us and with our organisation this year.

It's been a difficult year Lord.

We've missed our regular get togethers but we thank you that our convener Ray and her

committee have worked so hard to keep in touch with Guild members regularly.

We have held those who are not feeling so well for a whole variety of reasons out to you in prayer knowing that you are always with us.

Gracious God

Even though life has been different these last months,

We have enjoyed the changing seasons of your world

With its multitude of shapes, colours and smells.

We thank you for our friends and our families

And all those who have helped us out through the months of lockdown

And now as we start to re emerge into life.

Loving God

There are somethings we have done that would have been better left undone

And there are somethings we have said that should have been left unsaid

Forgive us.

Thank you that you are such a gracious God that in your kingdom

We can rest in your forgiveness given to us through the work of your son, Jesus, on a cross and seen in the gaping hole of an open empty tomb.

Help each of us as we move on from this birthday into the unknown year ahead of Guild work to feel your presence with us In all we do.

Keep us safe in all our goings out and comings in,

For your son's sake,

Amen.