

## People and events commemorated on specific dates in August (from the Church of England Lectionary)

*It is worth looking up details of some of these people if you are not already familiar with their life/work.*

Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	The Transfiguration of our Lord
Sat 8 <sup>th</sup>	Dominic, Founder of the Order of Preachers, 1221
Mon 10 <sup>th</sup>	Laurence, Deacon at Rome, Martyr, 258
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	Clare of Assisi, Founder of the Minoreesses (Poor Clares), 1253 John Henry Newman, Priest, Tractarian, 1890
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down and Connor, Teacher of the Faith, 1667 Florence Nightingale, Nurse, Social Reformer, 1910 Octavia Hill, Social Reformer, 1912
Sat 15 <sup>th</sup>	The Blessed Virgin Mary
Thu 20 <sup>th</sup>	Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, Teacher of the Faith, 1153 William and Catherine Booth, Founders of the Salvation Army, 1912 and 1890
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Bartholomew the Apostle
Thu 27 <sup>th</sup>	Monica, mother of Augustine of Hippo, 387
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher of the Faith, 430
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	The Beheading of John the Baptist
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651



## Opportunities for Prayer at St Michael's

The following meetings have re-commenced following lock-down:

- **Start the Week** (Mondays 7.30-10.30am)
- **Contemplative Prayer** (Fridays 9.10-9.40am, Savage Chapel)
- **Private Prayer** St Michael's Church is open Monday-Saturday 11.00am-1.00pm for private prayer

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## St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

August 2020

# LET US PRAY



Place me like a seal over your heart,  
like a seal on your arm;  
for love is as strong as death,  
its jealousy unyielding as the grave.  
It burns like blazing fire,  
like a mighty flame.  
Many waters cannot quench love;  
rivers cannot sweep it away.  
If one were to give  
all the wealth of one's house for love,  
it would be utterly scorned.

*(Song of Songs 8:6-7)*

*This leaflet has been produced to assist us with our daily prayers; we hope you find it useful. Feel free to use as many, or as few, of the suggestions as you feel is right for you, and of course, add your own prayers.*

## Our Church Family

### **Baptisms**

Please pray for Allana and Daniel Holmes who were due to have Daisie baptised on 2<sup>nd</sup> August but have had to cancel this. They have re-booked for next year.

### **Our young people receiving exam results this month**

We pray for:

Molly Whittingham getting A level results and making decisions about university and leaving home;

Duncan Munro awaiting important exam results in August from college;

Connor Shaw, Eleanor Riesen, Holly Stanway, Jake Heathcote and Ben Curwen all getting their GCSE results and transitioning to the next stage of their education/training;

Aaron Wilkinson, Eleanor Mason, Isaac Collins and Sharon Kumar all moving into high school next month.



### **Our Church School, Bollinbrook Primary**

We pray for rest and relaxation for the staff at Bollinbrook, and rest and resilience for parents whose lives will become either easier or more complex once the schools shut for summer.



### **Our Scout and Guide Leaders**

Our parish scout and guide leaders have been working hard to keep their community going via Facebook Groups and Zoom, etc. and have done a fantastic job of putting on lots of fun activities to keep the groups connected, under the leadership of Mike Brown (Group Scout Leader). We pray for rest and relaxation for the leaders and for all members of the groups as the summer break commences.



### **Those in particular need**

We pray for Mark Langham whose sister is very ill; for Phil Banks and Margaret Eastwood, in care homes, frail and unwell.

### **Martin and Catherine**

We pray for refreshment and rest for Martin, our Rector, and Catherine, his wife, as they take a break from church duties for two weeks in August.

We thank God for all they are doing to uphold our church family life, for Martin's technical expertise which has enabled worship to continue creatively and inclusively throughout this difficult time, and for their consistent care for and commitment to the church family.

### **A prayer for family life**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For the healing of memory**

Loving God,  
you are merciful and forgiving.  
Grant that those who are suffering the hurts of the past  
may experience your generous love.  
Heal their memories, comfort them,  
and transform them now,  
renewed and hopeful;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **For those who mourn**

O God, who brought us to birth,  
and in whose arms we die,  
in our grief and shock  
contain and comfort us;  
embrace us with your love,  
give us hope in our confusion  
and grace to let go into new life;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen.



**Be assured that God delights in and lovingly cares for each one of us**

### **Psalm 17:8**

Keep me as the apple of your eye;  
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.