

Have you considered joining with a small number of others (perhaps a prayer partner or forming a prayer triplet) to meet regularly to pray together?

Opportunities at St Michael's to join with others in prayer

- Contemplative prayer
Friday mornings at 9.10am, in the Savage Chapel
Also, **monthly on 1st Tuesday & 3rd Sunday evenings**
see noticesheet for venues
- Fortnightly prayer meeting
alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel
This month: Wednesday 10th and 24th April
- Monthly service of prayer for healing
first Friday, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel
Next services: 5th April & 3rd May
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!
2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, 2pm-3.30pm at 10 Badger Rd
This month: Monday 8th April
Fortnightly on Mondays, 7.30pm-9pm at The Rectory, 85 Beech Lane
This month: Monday 22nd April
1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month, 8.00pm-9.30pm at various venues
This month: Thursday 4th & 18th April – contact David B (431606) for venue

If you would like something included in the next prayer letter please contact a member of the clergy:

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LET US PRAY

St Michael & All Angels', Macclesfield

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Then Jesus brought them to a garden grove, Gethsemane, and told them to sit down and wait while he went on ahead to pray. ³⁷ He took Peter with him and Zebedee's two sons James and John, and began to be filled with anguish and despair. Then he told them, "My soul is crushed with horror and sadness to the point of death . . . stay here . . . stay awake with me." He went forward a little, and fell face downward on the ground, and prayed.

(Matt 26:36-39a The Living Bible)

In prayer we seek to discern God's will for us individually and collectively and to align ourselves with His purpose for us in all aspects of our lives. To that end we bring our concerns, petitions and aspirations before Him in prayer and thank Him for all the blessings we enjoy, as well as asking His forgiveness for the times we have failed Him in things we have done, or not done.

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.

For the season of Easter:

Heavenly Father, we come to you in these seasons of Lent and Easter conscious that there is so much in our lives that is uncertain, so much we cannot predict, so much we neither know nor understand. As we journey to, through and beyond the Easter story – remind us that in all the changes and chances of this world that you are an unchanging rock and an everlasting hope. Help us to learn and to trust that your love continues through all things, your power is supreme over all things and that your presence is with us in all things. Amen.

Our Nation:

*God of hope,
In these times of change,
Unite our nation
And guide our leaders with your wisdom.
Give us courage to overcome our fears
And help us to build a future
In which all may prosper and share
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Our Church in the Community:

Supporting and loving each other

*Through our listening may burdens be shared.
Through our speaking may comfort be given.
Through our actions may support be offered.
Through our care may hope be restored.
Through our love may faith be nurtured.
Through God's touch in us and through us, may worth be affirmed.
Through all we do and all we are, may Christ's compassion be expressed, his goodness experienced and his kingdom brought closer. Amen.*

Care for creation and our environment

*God our Father and Creator, we thank you for
the wonder of creation which inspires us,
the fruit of the earth which feeds us,
the beauty of nature which grounds us
and the joy of life which gives us hope.
Heal the places on earth where your creation has been marred plant in us the desire
and passion to care for our earth and for our environment. Amen.*

Our Church Family:

Pray for those who have or will be sharing special times in our church:

- Emily Florence Grimes from the 9.30 service being baptised on 7th April
Bless the parents as they celebrate the christening of their child. Watch over them so that they may be examples of your love, peace and joy to their child. Bless the godparents, as they commit to support their newly baptized god-child. Guide them as they offer help and support to that child, now and throughout their amazing journey of life. Bless the grandparents, as they see their family growing. Encourage them to pass on their wisdom with gentleness and truth, offering love and joy to the parents and their grandchild. Bless the family and friends, as their lives change and move on. Inspire them to be a listening presence, a calming influence and a source of joy, as they share new experiences together. Loving God, watch over and protect them all. Amen.
- The families of Lionel Jennings, Joan Lee, John Worsley, Elizabeth Fox, Glenys Thomas, Toni Whittaker, whose funerals have recently or soon will be here.
Be gentle with the one who walks with grief. If it is you, be gentle with yourself. Swiftly forgive, walk slowly, pause often. Take time, be gentle, as you walk with grief.

Our week day roles

God is interested in every part of life: 'whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus' (Col. 3:17a). Lord help us to encourage each other to live out the good news of Jesus, and follow Him with confidence, in all areas of our lives, Monday to Saturday as well as Sunday. Intentionally praying for one another's weekday life is a powerful and uplifting means to do this. Pray for all whose Christian faith is both a witness and guiding influence at work or at home throughout the week, as they make financial decisions, appraise a member of staff, use their creativity, look after a child or grandchild, volunteer, wrestle with an ethical issue, support a troubled workmate ... or just labour hard to the end of the working day. And if you are praying for someone you know – tell them!

Our Church Life:

We pray for our Sunday Review Group who are exploring Sunday morning worship: for Martin and Catherine Stephens, Karen Brady, Lynne Spedding, Lynne le Marinell, Lynn Brandwood, Mike Strutt, Karen Gedd, & Tony Skirvin.
Thank You, Lord, for the gifts and talents of these people. Strengthen their faith and joy in this church's worship and help them to think boldly in exploring all possibilities. Give them wisdom and direction in every aspect of this review. Focus their hearts on the mission you have for us to share the gospel and make disciples of Christ in our town. Amen.