

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

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### Reading the Bible or leading the prayers in worship

*If you would like to consider being one of the people who read the Bible or lead our prayers within worship at St Michael's please talk to Karen or Martin.*

*Don't worry, we'd train you and let you have a go 'in private' first, but it would be wonderful to expand the team of people who are involved in this.*

### 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 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday evenings**  
*See noticesheet for venues*
- Fortnightly prayer meeting  
**alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel**  
*This month: Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> August*
- Monthly service of prayer for healing  
**first Friday, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel**  
*This month: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August*
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month, 2pm-3.30pm at 10 Badger Rd**  
*This month: Mondays 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August*  
**Fortnightly on Mondays, 7.30pm-9pm at The Rectory, 85 Beech Lane**  
*This month: Mondays 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> August*  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month, 8.00pm-9.30pm at various venues**  
*This month: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August – contact David B (431 606) for venue*



## LET US PRAY

### St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

August 2018

**“Everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house upon the rock”**  
(Matthew 7:24. Peak Pilgrimage Bible verse, St Peter's, Alstonefield)

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.

*Almighty God, you sent into the world your Son, the Prince of Peace, to save us from the power of sin and evil. May we know his presence even in the midst of suffering; may violence cease, and may his justice and peace prevail. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen*

**4 August 2018:** One hundred years on from a national day of prayer called by George V, this will be the first day of 100 days of prayer across the country, running until Armistice Day in November. Every day there will be prayers and actions for peace. You can sign up at [www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/256563/Remembrance.aspx](http://www.hopetogether.org.uk/Groups/256563/Remembrance.aspx) to take part and spend just a few minutes of your day, adding your prayers to those of tens of thousands more.

**Prayer for Holidays – whether they be at home or away:**

Lord, help us to relax and find peace during our holidays; keep us safe wherever we go. May we quickly unwind from all the strains, pressures and tensions of our lives.

May we be refreshed as we enjoy new experiences, visit new places, make new friends or catch up with old ones. May we not forget you during our holiday and may you be ever present in all we see and do.

Where we worship in unfamiliar surroundings, in a different style, may we be able to express our adoration and praise and may we hear you speak to us in a fresh way.

We pray for the groups breaking up for the summer – may they return in September with batteries recharged!

At the end of our holiday, may we be refreshed and renewed; whole people again to serve you, our church family and our community.

**Prayer for the Confidence to say ‘Come and See’:**

Lord and Heavenly Father, be unto us this day our strength and our peace. Mark out for us the path in life we should walk, inspire in us the wisdom to recognise those whom you call, implant in us the grace to walk with them and instil in us the confidence to say ‘come and see’.

Give us the wisdom, the words and the opportunity to invite them to a church event or to a church service. Give them the curiosity to ‘come and see’ - so that they too may encounter your love and your peace.

**Greenbelt 2018:**

We pray for the Greenbelt festival which takes place on the 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> August. May it uplift the spirits of all who take part and spread joy and companionship. We especially pray for the efforts to make this a greener Greenbelt and as sustainable a festival as possible.

**Treacle Sundays:**

We pray for the outreach of Treacle Sundays, for our informal services and for all those who come into St Michaels to admire the building, the stained glass,

the history and heritage. May they catch a glimpse of the peace and love of God and be drawn to come again. May they find a welcome and a smile.

**Our Schools and Young people:**

We pray for our school teachers and all school staff as they take a breather between school years. Especially, we think of the staff and governors of Bollinbrook school and the preparations for the new school year.

We think also of our children and young people finishing at primary school and contemplating secondary school, or finishing at secondary and thinking about exam results, university or whatever life holds for them next. Especially, we think of our young people just graduated from university and setting out on the world of work, or another gap year, or a masters or whatever they choose to do next.

**Our Church Family**

We pray for the families coming to the Baptism Enquirers sessions in August – for the parents and godparents that they may experience God in their lives and in their relationships especially with the children.

Pray for Dawn Devine and for David Mayers, both recovering from surgery.

We pray for the couples being married in St Michael’s this coming month - Abigail Jacklin and Steven Whitehouse on the 11<sup>th</sup>, and Holly Goldrick and Mark Scollins on the 18<sup>th</sup>. May they have a happy, memorable day, and we give thanks that they wish God to be part of their married life.

We remember Muriel Wootton with love and with thanks for her life and her great contribution to the life of our church. We pray for Michael, their family and friends. May they find support and solace in the knowledge of the love of God and the fellowship of His people.

We pray for the families of Dorothy Newsome, Hazel Moulden and Jane Dutton whose funerals were recently taken by our team clergy. We pray for your loving comfort and hope to help bring peace to these families.