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LET US PRAY

St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

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

- From now until the end of August St Michael's will be open **each Wednesday from 6pm until 8pm** for a time of concerted prayer as a church community. There will be resources available to guide personal prayer, and from 7.30 someone will lead a time of praying together (silently or out loud) to round off the evening. Pop in for 10 minutes or stay for the duration, but let's take this opportunity to bring our personal and our church community's situations before God.
- **Start the week** at St Michael's: church open from 7am to 10am with prayer on the hour and half hour.
- Contemplative prayer
 - Friday mornings at 9.10am, in the Savage Chapel**
Also, **monthly on 1st Tuesday & 3rd (normally) Sunday evenings**
This month: Tues 6th & Sat 17th August see noticesheet for venues
- Fortnightly prayer meeting
 - alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel**
This month: Wednesdays 14th & 28th August
- Monthly service of prayer for healing
 - first Friday, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel**
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!
 - 2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, 2pm-3.30pm at 10 Badger Rd**
Fortnightly on Mondays, 7.30pm-9pm at The Rectory, 85 Beech Lane
This month: Mondays 5th & 19th August
1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month, 8.00pm-9.30pm at various venues
contact David B (431606) or see noticesheet for venue

“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.” Ephesians 6:18

Prayer is one of God's most amazing gifts to us – the invitation to converse with God; to bring our situations before Him and allow Him to infuse them with His love.

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.

This day, Father, may our eyes be opened to see the beauty in all that is ordinary, yet special, around us.

May the glory of all that you have made remind us of your presence and may it lead us closer to you.

Amen

Holidays:

Let us thank God that he gives us opportunities to rest, and to explore new places. Open our eyes to see the wonder of His creation, and His glory; reflect on the amazing truth that the creator of such wonder knows and loves each one of us as His child. Praise Him.

If you are in the countryside, visit a rural church and quietly give thanks for the generations of faithful people that have kept the faith there over many centuries.

Our Nation:

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone –for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2: 1-2

Pray for all who now take on responsibility of governance & parliamentary democracy. Ask God to give them wisdom, insight & concern for the common good.

Our World:

Lord, you teach us to love our neighbours as ourselves, to put others first. We ask that our Government ensures that the UK does its part in helping the most vulnerable and in being good stewards of God's creation. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ebola has spread to Goma, a major city of 2 million people close to the Rwandan border. Please pray for an end to the spread of this virus. Pray also for peace in the eastern part of the country, where violence has been on the rise.

Pray for people in the UK who are vulnerable to the effects of extremes of heat and rain, and that those affected in July will be supported by neighbours and authorities.

Our Church School: Bollinbrook CE(A) Primary:

Bollinbrook: *"a tree firmly planted by streams of water which yields its fruit" Ps 1 v3*

Praise God for all that has been achieved by the hard-working staff team this year, and the wonderful opportunities offered to the children. Ask God to bless the holiday time, that staff and students may enjoy a good rest and refreshment, and that families may enjoy time together. Pray that all children will be kept safe.

Pray for the year 6 pupils as they prepare to move to a new school in September, and for pre-school children preparing to start Big School for the first time.

Pray for teenagers awaiting exam results: May God grant them calmness and peace, in the knowledge that they are always valued and loved by God.

For our Church:

Thank God for all members of St Michael's who give willingly of their time and skills in service. Pray that the Holy Spirit will fill their work and that the love of Jesus will shine through; that we will all be more ready to listen to each other than to speak. Pray for work that Tricia is doing to clarify responsibilities.

For plans being developed for a Vision Day to include everyone in establishing a clear mission and ministry vision for St Michael's. For the social event on 18th August for those with young families, that new friendships may be formed and bonds strengthened.

Thank God for the Ministry of Rob Wardle here in Macclesfield; pray for Rob as he prepares to move to Holyhead as a Parish Priest, that God will truly bless him and enable him to flourish in this new Ministry.

And for the wider **Church of England:** Pray for wise discernment in the selection of the new Archbishop of York, and for calling of a new Bishop of Chester.

Our Church Family:

Thank God for the long life and service of George Sewell, and ask God to support Denise, Neil and Penny as they mourn him.

Pray for the families and friends of Howard Royle and Clive Wellings, and ask God to grant wisdom and strength to Lynne as she supports their families and conducts these funerals. Also for the families of those whose funerals were conducted by our ministers in July: Mary Warrington, Alan Eurfyl Lewis, Baby Noah-Wyn Taylor and Andrew Christopher Berry.

Pray for Janet & Pat, sisters of Christine Clarke, and the staff at Woodlands Nursing home, who lovingly cared for her. Christine moved to Macclesfield from a home in Marple and was visited by our Home Communion team.

For Savannah Jeff, baptised in our church last month, and for those to be baptised in August: Andrew Kleek and Reuben Newton (4th) and Evelyn-Marie Bailey (18th).

Creator God, we thank you for the gift of the life of these children, May your blessing of peace and joy be with them and protect them all of their days. We make this prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus.