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

- Contemplative prayer  
Friday mornings at 9.10am, in the Savage Chapel
- Savage Chapel open for private prayer  
Monday to Saturday 11.00am to 1.00pm

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### Prayer for Cop26

Prayer for creation and for a healthy and just future for our world has never been more vital.

In the past month we have seen frightening examples of extreme climatic events, with record temperatures in the Western USA and Canada, deadly floods in Germany and Belgium, and drought in Ethiopia exacerbating the crisis created by the continuing civil war.

Scientists agree that we must limit global warming to 1.5° above pre-industrial levels if we are to avoid the worst effects of climate change, but without clear leadership and brave decisions from all political leaders to cut back NOW on carbon emissions it may be too late already. We cannot wait for 2050 to be carbon-neutral. The gap between the UK government's words and actions is eroding trust.

### So please pray for;

- Strong and clear leadership from our government, and particularly Boris Johnson, in the few months left before Cop26
- New climate targets from emerging economies like China, India and Brazil
- Ourselves as we decide what our response, as a church and as individuals, should be to the worsening crisis,
- Our neighbours in the developing south, already suffering from catastrophic climate change and ecological collapse.



## LET US PRAY

### St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

August 2021

### Prayer of St Augustine

Look upon our country O Lord, and let the darkness vanish before the beams of your brightness.

Fill us with your love and open up to us as a country the treasures of your wisdom.

All our desires are known to you, therefore perfect what you have begun and what your Spirit has awakened us to ask in prayer.

Let us seek your face. Turn your face to us and show us your glory. Then shall our longing be satisfied, and our peace be perfect. Amen.

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.

### **For Summertime**

Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer.

Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during the summer holidays. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. You give us the life that we have made and know our need to rest. Come to us with your peace, at home or away, as we set out each day. Come to our mind, take the stress and strain of our daily habit. Come to our sleep and restore us from our weariness. Come to our eyes as you show us new sights and points of view, or those we have loved and turn to again. Come to our tongue as we savour new tastes. Come to our feet as we walk where many have travelled. Come to the freedom we feel when we are away which might be longing to whisper something important. Come to our vision and show us what we need this August day. Amen.

We pray for young people awaiting their GCSE or A level exam results this month. We pray they can lay before you all the hopes and fears they have about the outcome. May you place a peace within them as they now rest and await the results and hold them deeply in your love. We pray for young people everywhere making decisions about their next steps. May they trust in you, Lord.

Heavenly creator you made us all in your image. You made us all with love. You made us each to be ourself, nobody else. Help us all to remember that you love us, no matter what. Help young people to remember that in your eyes, they are worth more than grades on a piece of paper. Help them to remember these words. Amen.

**Isaiah 41:10 So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

### **For Our Town:**

We continue to pray for our local hospital and the health care workers employed there: for strength and resilience as they endeavour to continue to meet the demands being placed on them by the pandemic. We pray for bereaved families affected by Covid. As our town fully reopens under the new 'freedom' arrangements, we pray that we can all respect each other's decisions about how we feel venturing out in this new normal. We pray that businesses in our town will flourish and prosper.

### **For Our World:**

We pray for our European neighbours in Germany, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland and Luxembourg facing floods caused undoubtedly by the current climate emergency. We pray for those who have lost their lives and for those who are still missing or are injured and for those who have suffered damage or lost their property due to the forces of nature. We give thanks to the rescue workers and pray for strength and

solidarity amongst the communities affected by this severe flooding. *See prayer on back page re: COP 26.*

### **Our Church School: Bollinbrook CE(A) Primary:**

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

We pray for rest and relaxation for the staff of our church school after what has been an incredibly challenging year with the pandemic. We pray for laughter, light, love, sunshine, rest and renewal. We pray for the pupils, parents and staff. With foreign travel and even staycations not possible for many, may we all help make our homes a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety and enjoy fully the blessings of summertime.

### **For our Church:**

We pray for our church as we prepare to launch our new church family worship on Sunday mornings next month. We pray for the group seeking to deliver this new service and we pray for ourselves as we adjust to the changes knowing that change is hard but wanting our church community to grow and be one family coming together to worship God and share our hopes and trust in you Lord. Help us to embrace change because we know that you will lead us and be with us. You see the changes we are going through because you are with us and will show us the way.

**Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.**

### **For Our Church Family:**

We pray for all who mourn at this time whether it be for someone they have lost recently or at this time in previous years, praying especially for the family and friends of Barbara Atkinson, Norah Elders and Philip Bradley.

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. Amen.

We pray for Daisie Holmes, Hudson Alcock and Rose-Marie Wang-Hague all getting baptized this month. We pray for their parents and godparents as they make their baptism promises for these children. We continue to pray for Ben and Emily who marry at St Mike's on 5<sup>th</sup> September in their final preparations for their big day. And for Ashley Wild and Lynda Eveson who marry soon at St Peter's.

Lord comfort the lonely, console the grieving, support the weak, give grace to the afflicted, and reassure those who have allowed fear to invade their peace, with the certainty that you are their ever present help in time of trouble.