

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 David, Karen or Martin as above.*

*Don't worry, we'd train you and let you have a go 'in private' first, but it'd be absolutely wonderful to expand our 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**  
*This month: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August – see notice sheet for venue*
- Fortnightly prayer meeting  
**alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel**  
*This month: Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> August*
- Monthly service of prayer for healing  
**first Friday, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel**  
*This month: Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August*
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!  
*Please see weekly service sheet for details*



## LET US PRAY

### St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

August 2017

Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

(Philippians 4:5-7 NIV)

“One of the most sobering things I've ever heard on this (taking time for prayer) is Archbishop Desmond Tutu saying to somebody once, 'I'm too busy to pray for less than two hours a day'. I'm still thinking about that ... But clearly what he meant was that the busier it gets the more essential it is to make the space, because simply going from one thing to the next, if you haven't tried to put down an anchor somewhere then you'll really be exhausted and distracted -- it's bad enough as it is. It's a matter of trying to make time early in the morning to put the whole day in perspective and have enough space then to frame the rest of the day.” *Rowan Williams*

This leaflet has been produced to assist us with our daily prayers; we hope you find it helpful. Use the suggestions as you feel is right for you, and of course, add your own.

*O Lord*

*Open our eyes to your Presence*

*Open our minds to your grace*

*Open our lips to your praises*

*Open our hearts to your love*

*Open our lives to your healing*

*And be found among us.*

*David Adam*

### **A prayer for those affected by the Manchester Arena Bomb:**

*'In the midst of life we are in death.'*

*Lord, in a place of pleasure, terror struck,*

*in a place of life, death came.*

*Hold us in our shock and grief,*

*comfort the distressed,*

*heal the injured,*

*calm the anxious,*

*reunite the separated,*

*console the bereaved,*

*and give rest and everlasting peace*

*to those who have died,*

*for your love never fails*

*and through the darkness*

*your light always shines.*

*Amen.*

Pray for those people still recovering from the acts of terror in Manchester & London.

Pray for the residents of Grenfell Tower. Pray for those who are bereaved, that they will be supported and comforted. Pray for a swift and acceptable housing solution to be found for all made homeless by this disaster.

Thank God for the acts of kindness and compassion shown by the local communities and pray this will go on. Pray also for God's peace to those people who have found life to be more fearful because of these events.

### **Young people awaiting the results of examinations and facing change:**

Pray for all young people in our church awaiting the results of examinations. Pray for those whose results are not as they would wish. Pray for those changing school or

moving on to another stage in life. Pray for those leaving home for the first time. Pray for those going to work for the first time. Pray for those unable to find work.

### **Holidays**

Thank you, Father, for the rhythm of rest and Sabbath at the heart of creation. Bless those who are on holiday now; may they be refreshed and recreated, and come home with new vision, energy and contentment. Amen.

### **Social action in our community**

We pray for all those working in our community to improve the lives of the less fortunate among us: This month we pray for:

**ROAR (Reach Out and Recover)** – for Vicky, Jill & other paid staff and volunteers working among those with dependencies and addiction

**Just Drop In** – for Ann and her team helping young people find a way in life

**Cre8** – For Rob, Katy, Tom, Sarah, Keira, Tim, Ashley and Glenys and all others working with the young people of the Moss Rose Estate

We pray for all the volunteers without whom these works would not be able to function

### **Our Team Ministry: Please pray**

- For our team of licensed ministers
- For all involved in leading our worship
- For the team working towards advertising for a new Team Vicar. Pray for wisdom and discernment, and that God would be preparing the way for the new person.

### **Our Church Family:**

We pray for all those who have been married or baptised in July or who will be baptised in August

- Married in July - Gavin and Liberty Randell
- Baptisms: Reuben Hatherly (July) & Jenson Stanfield, Ziggy Savage, Kyla Ann Bayley, Stanley Howe and Isla Mae Jackson all in August.

We pray for the families of those who have had funeral in the past month

- Doug, Claire and the family of Norma Brant
- Family of Florence Shaw