

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**
This month: see noticesheet for venues
- Fortnightly prayer meeting
alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel
This month: Wednesdays 9th & 6th February
- Monthly service of prayer for healing
first Friday, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel
This month: Friday 1st February & 1st March
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!
2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, 2pm-3.30pm at 10 Badger Rd
This month: Mondays 11th & 25th February
Fortnightly on Mondays, 7.30pm-9pm at The Rectory, 85 Beech Lane
This month: Mondays 11th & 25th February
1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month, 8.00pm-9.30pm at various venues
This month: Thursday 7th & 21st February – contact David B (431606) for venue

If you would like something included in the next prayer letter

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LET US PRAY

St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

February 2019

“In everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be known to God” (Philippians 4:6)

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.

*Gracious and Holy Father, please give me:
Intellect to understand you; reason to discern you;
Diligence to seek you; a spirit to know you;
A heart to meditate on you;
Ears to hear you, eyes to see you
A tongue to proclaim you;
A way of life pleasing to you
Patience to wait for you
And perseverance to look for you
(The prayer of St Benedict)*

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 our MP, David Rutley, all politicians and members of Her Majesty's Government and civil servants, seeking God's strength and wisdom for the responsibilities they bear. Pray that they will work together for the common good at this time of division, and put the voices of the poor and marginalised at the heart of the nation's concerns.

*God of eternal love and power,
Protect our High Court of Parliament and all its members
From partiality and prejudice;
That they may walk in the path of kindness, justice and mercy.
Give them wisdom, insight and a concern for the common good
The weight of their calling is too much to bear in their own strength,
Therefore we pray earnestly, Father
send them help from your Holy Place and be their tower of strength.
(a prayer of the Archbishop of York)*

Our world:

Nigeria: Many people have been forced from their homes as a result of conflict between herders and farmers. Pray that the elections planned for February and March will be fair and peaceful. For the work of TearFund, that their partners will be able to reach those who need help, and for peace to bring violence to an end. .

Brazil: For the families of those affected by the recent dam collapse, for those bringing aid and supporting those whose loved ones are missing.

Yemen: the situation has been declared to be the world's worst humanitarian crisis. Pray: for peace to come to Yemen; for people suffering from severe food shortages, that it will be possible to get emergency supplies to those in most need; for an end to the cholera outbreaks deepening the crisis.

Our Church:

This month sees the General Synod: pray for our church leaders as they debate big issues. Also ask God to give strength to all who minister in our church, may they act wisely and follow God's will to use their gifts as He intends.

Our Town:

Thank God for good collaboration with Cheshire East Rough Sleepers Initiative so that all rough sleepers had warm accommodation during the recent coldest weather, and pray that these small steps will lead to better outcomes for those concerned. Pray for the WHAM Nightshelter weekend at St Michael's 8th – 11th Feb; that everyone who needs shelter will find it, and for the volunteers who offer a welcome.

For Fair Trade fortnight (25th Feb-10th March) activities and preparations for them.

For our Church Life:

Praise God for the enthusiasm, honesty and enquiring minds of young people; give thanks for those who lead our Youth Group. Pray for the young people preparing to lead our morning worship on 24th February that through their preparation we may all grow in knowledge and understanding.

Our Church School: Bollinbrook CE(A) Primary:

“a tree firmly planted by streams of water which yields its fruit” Ps 1 v3

Praise God for the joy and fun expressed by the Bollinbrook choir as they joined in our Treacle Service in January, and for all the musical activity.

Pray for staff and Governors involved in interviewing and recruiting this month; may they know His presence and seek His will.

Our Church Family:

For those in hospital, or receiving treatment at home: Phyllis Chapman, Margaret Eastwood, Rosemary Tomkinson, Phil Banks, Steve Wells.

For those who are now unable to attend St Michael's and who receive Communion visits at home

May God uphold and enfold those who have been bereaved: for the families and friends of Roy Shuttleworth, Andrew Ward and Freda Davenport whose funerals were held in January, and those whose funerals will be held in February including Carol Riley (5th Feb); Julie Jones (6th Feb) and Joan Swindells (18th Feb).

For those mourning the death of Steve Callis (minister, Upton Priory)

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.