

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'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
Also, **monthly on 1st Tuesday & 3rd Sunday evenings**
This month: Sun 18th February – see noticesheet for venues
- Fortnightly prayer meeting
alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel
This month: Wednesdays 7th & 21st February
- Monthly service of prayer for healing
first Friday, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel
This month: Friday 2nd February and 2nd March
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!
2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, 2pm-3.30pm at 10 Badger Rd
This month: Mondays 5th & 19th February
Fortnightly on Mondays, 7.30pm-9pm at The Rectory, 85 Beech Lane
This month: Mondays 12th & 26th February
1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month, 8.00pm-9.30pm at various venues
This month: Thursday 1st & 15th Feb – contact David B (431 606) for venue



LET US PRAY

St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

February 2018

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.”
(Romans 12:12, TLB)

“If we want to see things changed, it starts with prayer. It starts with a new spirit of prayer, using all the traditions, ancient and modern. When it comes, it will be linked to what has gone before, but it will look different – because it is a new renewal for new times. God’s created community is perfectly designed for its time and place. It almost always comes from below. It comes from Christians seeking Christ.”

Archbishop Justin Welby

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

*O gracious and holy Father,
Give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you,
Patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you,
A heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

For Lent

Pray for Karen and Martin delivering our Lent course. Pray for those attending with open hearts to listen to your call. Pray also for ourselves that we are encouraged throughout Lent to give more time to our relationships: with God; with our family; with our friends; with our neighbours; with people we have lost contact with and with ourselves. Give time to what is really important in our life.

Fairtrade Fortnight (starts 26th February)

As we boil our kettle and prepare our brew...

Make us mindful of those whose livelihoods depend on us:

The farmers, planters and pickers, the packers, dealers and merchants, the blenders transporters, shop assistants and supermarket owners.

Let it be for us a matter of simple justice and fair trade.

As we purchase our next packet of tea...

Make us mindful of the benefits of fair trade: the farmers and producers whose lives and communities have been transformed through fair wages, good working conditions and the extra security that comes with fair trade certification. And the organisations that work tirelessly to achieve trade justice.

Amen.

Our Church School

Pray for our Foundation Governors as they prepare to shortlist and interview applicants for the Headteacher's post. We pray for wisdom and discernment in this complex process and for an outcome which will bring positive growth and fulfilment for our school community and the individual.

Our Choir and Band

Give thanks for Karen who nurtures and teaches our choir each week providing them with a strong sense of belonging to our church and a joy of singing. Pray that what the whole choir sing with their lips, they may believe in their hearts, and what they believe in their hearts, they may show forth in their lives. Pray also for our organists, Karen and Richard and give thanks for the joy of music and how that enhances our worship. Pray also for our musicians who play in the band and give thanks for their skill with their instrument.

For our Children and Young People

Pray for our new Youth Group leaders Catherine, Jonny, James, Ruth and Sue. Pray that you would give each one the wisdom, strength and grace that they need to share the love of Jesus in their actions, attitudes and speech. Pray that our young people can ask questions, seek answers and share doubts and concerns and by doing this

open their eyes, ears and hearts to follow you. Pray that they know they are loved not for what they do, what grades they achieve at school, what friends they have, but just simply by being themselves.

Pray also for our younger children in our church family: those who attend Toddler Group, our 9.30 Storytelling Service and 11am service and our choristers. We pray especially for Lynn and Roger Brandwood and George whose new little sister, Zoe is poorly in Manchester Children's Hospital. Give thanks for the safe arrival of Sakura-Yumi on 22 January, sister to Satsuki-Mae and daughter of Gemma & Rob.

Our Church Family

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46.

Pray for the families and friends of Barbara Atkins, Vic Forrister, Molly Perrin, Margaret Oldfield and Hilda Duffield whose funerals our ministers took recently. Pray the words of comfort and hope spoken may bring peace to the families.

Pray for Daphne Gear, Sue and Sally coming to terms with the loss of their much loved husband and father, Michael. Pray for Elvina and the family of Gordon Hall who died last month.

We continue to pray for Christine Wightman, Jenny, Simon and their families at this very sad time, following the death of David. May God comfort them and help them in the coming weeks and months. Thank you God for David and his ministry to us here at St Michael's and in the wider community and pray for those taking forward David's town centre mission and ministry.

Pray for the parents & Godparents of Maisie, recently baptised at St Michael's and for Kaibee and Kingston who are being baptised this month. Also, pray for those who attended the Baptism Enquirers' recently – Katie & Chris, Jess & Jonathan, Abi & David and Kerry & Lee, that as they seek Christening for their children they would experience more of God in their lives and relationships.

Our Team Ministry

Pray God's blessing on Andy & Louise Williams as they move into the Vicarage later this month. Pray for the preparations for Andy's Licensing Service on Monday 19th March at 7.30pm.

Pray for our pastoral teams ministering to people's needs in their homes by taking out communion, providing transport to and from church or just visiting with a friendly smile and conversation for someone who is lonely. We give thanks for your care and love.