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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 would be wonderful to expand the 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: Tues 3rd & Sun 15th July – see noticesheet for venues
- Fortnightly prayer meeting
alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel
This month: Wednesdays 4th & 18th July
- Monthly service of prayer for healing
first Friday, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel
This month: Fridays 6th July & 3rd August
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!
2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, 2pm-3.30pm at 10 Badger Rd
This month: Mondays 9th & 23rd July
Fortnightly on Mondays, 7.30pm-9pm at The Rectory, 85 Beech Lane
This month: Monday 2nd July (No group on 16th & 30th July)
1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month, 8.00pm-9.30pm at various venues
This month: Thursday 5th & 19th July – contact David B (431606) for venue



LET US PRAY

St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

July 2018

“This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us” 1 John 5:14

In prayer we seek to discern God's will for us individually and collectively and to align ourselves with his purpose for us in all aspects of our lives. To that end we bring our concerns, petitions and aspirations before him in prayer and thank him for all the blessings we enjoy, as well as asking his forgiveness for the times we have failed him in things we have done, or not done.

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.

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

Prayers for the NHS as we celebrate its 70th anniversary:

Creator God, who knits each person together in their mother's womb. It is you who reveals knowledge to scientists and doctors. We thank you for the heritage of medical breakthrough, expertise and welfare we enjoy in our nation. Freely available to us because of your revelation, and the faithfulness of previous generations. Renew the thanksgiving in our hearts for what we have received because of others' work and sacrifice. We bless our health service to thrive, to prosper, and to heal. We bless all those who work in our health service to care, to excel, and to bring healing. We bless our nation to understand, to thank, and to honour those who seek to bring us health. For everything that is good comes from you. Amen.

Our Town: Seeing with God's eyes - for those attending the 'Just Wondering' sessions (and for ourselves)

Loving God, ever active and ever present in our world, help us and all those attending the 'Just Wondering' sessions to see something of your wonder and glimpse something of your greatness. Enable them us all to see life from your perspective, with all its opportunities, potential, greatness and beauty. Show us all that where we see only worries and uncertainties, your promise continues. Where we see only obstacles, you have planned the way through, where we only see our limitations, you see opportunities. Where we only see despair, you see hope. Where we see division, you work towards reconciliation and where we see sorrow, you are longing to bring joy. Give us all the faith to see life in a new light, a different way and from a wider perspective. Give us all the determination not just to dream, but to pray and work towards your kingdom here on earth. Amen.

Prayer for children to use this summer

*Wherever we go and whatever we do this summer – God be with us.
Whatever we say and whatever we sing this summer – God sing with us.
Whoever we meet and whoever we love this summer – God love with us.
Amen.*

Our Church School: Bollinbrook CE(A) Primary:

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

Loving Father we give you thanks for all the staff at Bollinbrook school, for their dedication in their teaching and nurturing of the pupils. We ask you to bless them as they reveal the wonders of learning to our young people and inspire in them loving

values and faith-filled ways to live their lives. We give thanks for the work of Mike Waters as he finishes his 15 years as Head of Bollinbrook and for all he has done for the school. We pray that he may continue to know your presence and guiding hand as he begins a new chapter in his life in retirement. We pray for Lyndsey Cefferty, the Deputy Head as she leaves and begins her new life and new role in Dubai. We pray for the new Head, Lynne le Marinel and for Acting Deputy, Jenni Chadwick as they both take on new responsibilities; give them both wisdom and insight to discern your will for the school. We pray for all the staff at this unsettling time of changes; give them patience, good communication and generous, loving concern for each other and for all pupils.

*O God, your hands made me and fashioned me, and you know where I am going even when I feel uncertain:
thank you for the talents I have used in my work.
Calm my concerns, show me new opportunities, and give me the freedom to discover myself afresh in serving you.
Show me what you have stored up for me, and give me the courage to put down my work and follow you; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Our Church Family:

We pray for Jess Stephens and Zac Angel who marry on 14th July. We pray for Martin and Catherine and Nicole and Michaela as the family celebrates this wonderful occasion. We pray for Dan and Kelly who marry on 21st July.

*God of love, send your blessing upon Jess & Zac and Dan & Kelly and all who are joined in marriage, that, rejoicing in your will and continuing under your protection, they may both live and grow in your love all their days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

Pray for the parents and godparents of Fraser Henderson and Tilly Clarke who will be baptised at St Michael's on 8th and 15th July. And for Evelyn May Schofield whose service of thanksgiving is on 1st July.

Pray for the families and friends of those whose funerals were taken by our ministers last month: Jane Dutton, Arthur Stott and Roy Toole. May the words of comfort and hope spoken bring peace to the families.

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.