

If you would like something included in the next prayer letter,
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LET US PRAY

St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

June 2021

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

- Start the Week
Monday mornings from 7.30am in St Michael's
Times of prayer said every half hour until 10am
- Fortnightly prayer meeting
alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel
This month: Wednesdays 3rd, 16th & 30th June
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!
Weekly on Mondays, 7.30pm-9pm
currently online via Zoom
Weekly on Thursdays, 7.30pm-9pm
currently online via Zoom
- Contemplative prayer
Friday mornings at 9.10am, in the Savage Chapel
- Night Prayer (Compline)
Friday evenings at 8.30pm *Online, via Zoom*

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions.”

(Ephesians 6:18, NIV)

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.

*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*

There are some major things happening in the Church and society in June:

- restart of regular midweek services on Thursday mornings (from 3rd)
- Euro 2021 football tournament (from 11th)
- induction of our former curate, Karen Brady, in her parish in Runcorn (13th)
- activities and events as part of a Barnaby Festival (from 18th)
- the final step of the Government's roadmap from the pandemic (21st?)
- the National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast (25th)
- the enthronement of Bishop Mark in Chester Cathedral (26th)
- Wimbledon tennis championship (from 28th)
- pupils and students taking exams, finishing college & university, etc.

And then there are the things happening in our individual lives too.

**So "Let us pray for the Church and for the world,
and let us thank God for His goodness."
Let us pray!**

Let us pray for the Church:

Keep a careful watch over yourselves and over the church. The Holy Spirit has made you its leaders. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

This month pray especially for Bishop Mark, Bishop of Chester, as he prepares for his enthronement in the Cathedral. Pray also for Julie Conalty & Sam Corley, recently announced to be the next Bishops of Birkenhead and Stockport respectively; pray that as they prepare to relocate to the diocese, God would make smooth their transition and bless them and their ministry in this area.

Pray for our Archdeacon, Ian Bishop, as he prepares to present his review into the future mission and ministry of churches in urban Macclesfield (1st July); pray that we would "seek first the Kingdom of God, and desire God's righteousness".

Pray for our licensed ministers: Martin, Catherine, Lynne and Mike; for others who enable our corporate worship to happen, including Karen, musicians & choristers. Pray for the group being convened to plan how our Sunday worship develops as we emerge from the pandemic.

As a number of people travel from Macclesfield to Runcorn to help celebrate the ministry of Karen, pray for God to bless and equip Karen for her ministry there.

As the Church Council considers another aspect of our strategic plan this month, please pray for St Michael's community, its outreach and its contribution to the town – thanking God for what has been and praying for what is to be.

Our Church Family – Life Events:

Pray for the many families enquiring for their child to be baptised, and for the formation of a team of people to support them in taking a step of commitment. *Jesus, You blessed children then. Do so again! May they walk with You all their life.*

Pray for couples preparing for their weddings this summer for whom we have recently or will call their Banns (Emily & Julian, Helen & Paul, Sharon & Andy, Laure & Matthew). Also for Emily & Ben, getting married at St Michael's in Sept. *God, bless their marriages with Your presence and fill their homes with Your love.*

Pray for the families & friends of Brian Wilson, Christopher Brooks, Nora Elders, and Philip Bradley, whom we support in their bereavement. We thank God for the opportunities we have to minister His love and peace at such times of grief & loss. *Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, bless those who mourn the loss of loved ones.*

Our children, young people and Bollinbrook C/E School :

Lift up your hands to the LORD for the lives of your children. Lamentations 2:19

Pray for all staff & pupils (including the young people associated with our church family) as the final period of this academic year starts. Some will have exams and tests; some will be facing leaving the familiarity of one place to start elsewhere in September.

Particularly pray for Lynne Le Marinel (headteacher), the staff and Governors of our church school. Pray too for courage, wisdom & inspiration to develop Bollinbrook as a place of lived-out Christian faith.

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

Our nation's Life:

The National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast reminds us that there are Christians in parliament. Pray for them as they serve our nation, especially amidst this time of uncertainty and anxiety as society emerges from the pandemic.

As we seek to host a gathering for the NPPB, we will invite contributions from local organisations acting on behalf of faith in Macclesfield. Pray for the Hope Centre (especially as it seeks to reopen this month) and for the various food projects in town (especially Silklife Foodbank and Cre8 Project Grow)

Pray for those who work in positions of authority and responsibility, whether in business, education, healthcare, industry, politics and social services; and for those who work with and care for others, whether for individuals in their homes or in caring and supportive roles within the voluntary or statutory sector.