



LET US PRAY

St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

June 2017

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

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.

*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*

Our nation:

For the General Election on 8th June. That it may be conducted with dignity and thought, both by voters and candidates. For the new government, that they may prepare to govern wisely and for the well-being of everyone.

For those affected by the Manchester Arena bombing.

*God of compassion,
you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress;
accept our prayers for those who are affected by the bombing in Manchester;
we pray especially for those suddenly facing a future without a child, parent or loved one; young ones who are in deep distress, those who are injured, or traumatised or awaiting news
Strengthen them in their hour of need, grant them perseverance and courage to face the future, and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives;
this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Our Town Centre Community:

Thank God for the work of our local Police Officers and PCSOs, for their support and encouragement. Pray that they will have the strength and wisdom to do their work well.

For those at risk on our streets, who sleep in alleyways and doorways, especially those who mourn our friend Andy Rogerson, who died recently.

For the June 25th Treacle Market and Treacle Service, and especially the HOPE in NEC initiative to raise awareness of social outreach. Pray that the weather will be kind and that people will come to find out how they could join in these initiatives.

Our world: Syria

Pray for those who are still in Syria and are suffering from the impact of war, whether that is losing their homes, businesses or friends and family.

Pray for peace and especially ask God that the international community may work together to help achieve this.

Pray for Tearfund's partners that they would be able to continue their activities in safety. Pray for other humanitarian organisations working in the country.

Our Team Ministry:

Give thanks for the ministry in Macclesfield of Dave and Ruth Mock, and pray that their move to Barnton may go smoothly. Pray for them as they get to know their new parishes.

Pray for the team preparing to advertise for a new team Vicar, for discernment as they prepare a role description and plan to advertise.

For Karen Brady as she enters the final few weeks of preparation (including moving to Macclesfield) prior to her ordination as deacon on 2nd July.

For the Diocese:

For those to be ordained priest by Bishop Peter on June 17th: *Alec Corio, Allen Waller, Emma Speake, Eunice Blackmore, Gail Miller, Heather Carty, Jeremy Bentliff, John Stopford, Judith Evans, Karl Williams, Michelle Goodrich, Patricia Robinson (formerly a member of St Michael's), Philip Harris, David O'Brien, Richard West, Tracy Ward.*

Pray for the ministry given into their charge and for the communities in which they minister.

For those to be ordained deacon on 2nd July: *Josh Askwith, Vicky Barrett, Karen Brady, Peter Chamberlin, Jayne Coxall, Suzanne Eddleston, Sandi Fisher, Allan Goode, Mark Green, Rachael Griffiths, Alec Ham, Val Hindmarsh, Ruth Mock, Jessica Piper, Kim Quak-Winslow, Fiona Robinson, Lyn Weston, Christina Westwell, Gill Younger.*

Our Church Family:

Please pray for:

Steven & Jessica Wrigley, who were married at St Michael's on 27th May, and for Dave Armstrong & Sue Henderson whose wedding is on 10th June;

Penelope Birch & Ellianna Postlewhite (cousins), baptised at St Michael's on 21st May, and pray for their parents & Godparents to find ways to speak of faith to the children;

the family and friends of Phyllis Melvin, Peter Wild, Kath Langan, Elsie Chadwick, David Stokes, Barbara Shakley, whose funerals were held recently and conducted by our Clergy and Readers. Also for the family & friends of Elsie Jepson (funeral 9th June)

For Tony Cookson, Emma Kingdom, Alift Harewood-Jones, recovering from surgery.
For Steve Wells and Anne.

If you would like something included in the next prayer letter

please contact a member of the clergy:

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Do you lead intercessions in St Michael's?

There will be a workshop for those who do this already, and anyone who might like to consider this ministry. We will discuss what these prayers are for; what to include; things to think about when drafting them; where to go for help and advice; timing and the use of silence; microphone use; etc.

This will be held in St Michael's on 8th June at 7.30pm- it may be the first of several. If you are unable to attend on that day but would like to talk about this, please contact Martin or David as above.