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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 5th & Sun 17th June – see noticesheet for venues
- Fortnightly prayer meeting
alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel
This month: Wednesdays 6th & 20th June
- Monthly service of prayer for healing
first Friday, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel
This month: Fridays 1st June & 6th July
- 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 June

Fortnightly on Mondays, 7.30pm-9pm at The Rectory, 85 Beech Lane
This month: Mondays 4th & 18th June

1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month, 8.00pm-9.30pm at various venues
This month: Thursday 7th & 21st June – contact David B (431606) for venue



LET US PRAY

St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

June 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.

*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 World: For the work of Tearfund, celebrating its 50th anniversary

A prayer by Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury

Gracious and generous God, you became poor so that we might be enriched by your love, and you gave the world's wealth and resources as a common inheritance of all human beings.

We pray you would strengthen your church to be a beacon of hospitality for the poor.

We pray that, seeing the light of Christ's love, the nations and peoples of the world may fight not to kill, but to outdo one another in care for the poor, and in actions of gracious generosity.

Through him who for our sakes did not grasp the wealth of heaven, but instead gave all to live for us as a slave, and die for us in pain, Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

The World Cup: Reflect on the wonder of people from many nations coming together in friendship, united despite differences. Pray for players, fans and officials, that the World Cup may be a safe and enjoyable celebration.

Our Town:

Ask God to give wisdom and guidance to those deciding the future of mental health services in the Macclesfield area. Pray that the right decision is reached and that all will work together to find the best possible outcome for those suffering from mental health problems.

Give thanks for the Cre8 project on the Moss Estate. Pray for the changing Cre8 leadership, for the job of Director and for Rob's role with Cre8 in the future. We pray for the right person to come and join the team, for the Trustees, workers, volunteers and all the young people involved in Cre8.

Our Town Centre Community: Barnaby Festival

Give thanks for the many volunteers who will make this town celebration happen. Praise God for the skills of artists and performers. Pray for good cheer, safety and a community spirit throughout.

Pray for the events in St Michael's and those who attend them. Pray that events will be trouble-free, and for stewards that they may show a real welcome to all who come into the Church building.

Pray for our plans to run a "Just Wondering?" course after Barnaby; for the right people to come forward to assist, for those with questions - that they may attend, and church members that they may find the right opportunities to encourage enquirers to take part.

Thank God that we are able to join other churches to hold an Open Air service in the Marketplace on 17th June, pray for James Gibson as he leads and all those who will assist. For good weather!!

Our Church School: Bollinbrook CE(A) Primary

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

For the staff and governors as they work on the School Development Plan, for the Full Governing Board meeting on 12th June and for new parent governor Andrew Jones as he joins the team.

Our Diocese:

For our curate, Karen Brady, and others who will be ordained priest at Chester on 2nd June: Josh Askwith, Vicky Barrett, 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. Pray for the ministry given into their charge and the communities in which they minister.

For the Big Church Day Out: give praise for the opportunity to celebrate God in new ways with contemporary music with new people. Pray for those who attended that they may spread the joy of this event.

Our Church Family

We pray for the marriage preparation course at St Peter's on 17th June; for those leading it, and the couples taking part.

Pray for the parents & godparents of Gracie Leigh and Georgia May Obbard who will be baptised at St Michael's on 10th June.

Pray for the families & friends of those whose funerals were taken by our ministers last month: Doris Ridgeway, Sylvia Lawton, Christine Clandillon, Barbara Best. May the words of comfort and hope spoken bring peace to the families.

Pray for Amy Toole, whose husband Roy died recently and whose funeral will be on 20th June, and for the family and friends of Jane Keylock, whose funeral is at Pott Shrigley on 6th June.

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.