

### **If you would like something included in the next prayer letter**

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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 Martin or Karen as above.*

*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  
**Every Friday morning at 9.10am, in the Savage Chapel**  
*also this month at various venues (see notice sheet):*
- Fortnightly prayer meeting  
**Alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel**  
*This month: Wednesdays 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> March*
- Monthly service of prayer for healing  
**First Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel**
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!  
**2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month, 2pm-3.30pm at 10 Badger Rd**  
*This month: Mondays 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> March*  
**Fortnightly on Mondays, 7.30pm-9pm at The Rectory, 85 Beech Lane**  
*This month: Mondays 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> March*  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month, 8.00pm-9.30pm at various venues**  
*This month: Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> March – contact David B (431 606) for venue*

## **St Michael & All Angels in the Marketplace, Macclesfield**

**March 2018**

# LET US PRAY



The dark days of winter are getting fewer and the warmth and promise of new life in Spring is getting closer. Thank God for the changing seasons in our life. The reality of winter, spring, summer and autumn can be seen in God's world and can be experienced in our own spiritual journey, whichever season you are experiencing at present may God bless you with fresh insights and a closer walk with the one who never leaves us.

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. Sometimes prayer can become a list of requests where we do all the talking. During this season of Lent, let's try to make time to listen quietly to the 'still small voice' and to enjoy the presence of God.

**Did you know that** The six Sundays in **Lent** are not counted in the forty days because each one is seen as a "mini-Easter" celebrating Jesus' victory over sin and death? So, whilst we may be identifying with Jesus by observing a discipline and fighting temptation let's also celebrate when we are victorious!

**Pray for Our Town Centre Community:**

*Our **Everybody Welcome** Lent Course Prayer*

*Heavenly Father, you have welcomed us into your kingdom and your heart's desire is to draw every human being to yourself.*

*Grant us clear eyes to see people as you see them, sensitive feet to stand in their shoes, and warm smiles to welcome them in your name.*

*Give us generous hearts, that our church becomes a foretaste of heaven where every soul you send us finds their loving home in the community of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.*

*Amen.*



Praise God for all the workers and community involved in **ROAR**. Pray for each other as we meet the challenges of life. Thank God for the support of new friends who can become family.

Preparations for the **Barnaby Festival** and how St Michael's can support and be an inspiration.

Thank God for all the hundreds of people who come through our church doors on the **Treacle Market** Sundays or throughout this season of Lent. May they encounter the living God during their time with us and be inspired or drawn to come again.

**Meditate on our world and the God who created it**

**Our Team Ministry:**

Give thanks for the appointment of Rev Andy Williams as Team Vicar in the Ministry Team. Pray for the Licensing Service on 19<sup>th</sup> March and that the team may be strengthened and inspired for service.

**A prayer for Mothering Sunday**

*praise and thanksgiving to a motherly God*

Motherly God, thank you for life and living, even when we are weary and worn-out. Thank you for challenge and change, even when we seek safety and security. Thank you for companionship when we are lonely. Thank you for calling when we are settled. Thank you for creativity when we are uninspired. Bring us to newness of life as your people. Bring us to wholeness of life from out of its fragments. Bring us to fullness of life from your communion in and with us. Motherly God, to you we pray. Amen.

**Our Church Family: pray for** Madeleine Johnson, and Richard as he supports her. For Steve Wells and Anne. For Rachel Mayers, Neil Raval, Dawn Devine, Joyce Millard, Phil Banks. For Roger & Lynn Brandwood, their son George & daughter Zoe.

**Baptisms** - Give thanks for and welcome into our church family Eleanor Frost & her parents Angela & Barry

Alfie & Olivia Corrigan & their parents Amanda & Andrew

Thomas Watson & his parents Jess & Jonathan

**Weddings** - Pray for the preparations and joyous wedding of Martin Skirvin and Cherell Mills who will be married at St Barnabas' on 10<sup>th</sup> March. May God be with them and guide them in their married lives together. Pray for the couples marrying here this year attending marriage preparation on 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**Funerals** – Pray for the family and friends of Elizabeth (Rachel's mother) and Maria Taylor. May God uphold and enfold those who bear the pain of bereavement at this time.