

If you would like something included in the next prayer letter please contact a member of the clergy:

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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 David, Karen or Martin 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  
**Friday mornings at 9.10am, in the Savage Chapel**  
*This month: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – see notice sheet for venue*
- Fortnightly prayer meeting  
**alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel**  
*This month: Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October*
- Monthly service of prayer for healing  
**first Friday, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel**  
*This month: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October*
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!  
*Please see weekly service sheet for details*



# LET US PRAY

**St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield**

**October 2017**

This leaflet has been produced to assist us with our daily prayers; we hope you find it helpful. Use the suggestions as you feel is right for you, and of course, add your own.

**2 Corinthians 1:11** You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.

*O Lord*

*Open our eyes to your Presence*

*Open our minds to your grace*

*Open our lips to your praises*

*Open our hearts to your love*

*Open our lives to your healing*

*And be found among us.*

*David Adam*

### **A thanksgiving prayer for Autumn.**

Loving God, we praise you for the wonder of our world and the variety of its seasons. We thank you for the wonderful mixture of flowers, plants and trees and especially at this time of year, for the beauty of Autumn colours.

**Amen**

### **A prayer for the World**

We pray for all those in authority, leaders of large and small nations, super-powers and tiny states shaping the lives of millions or relatively few. We pray they may be granted guidance and the gifts they need to govern wisely, that they may work for the good of all their people and strive to promote justice, freedom of speech and opportunity, inner harmony and international peace.

### **A prayer for the Town Centre Ministry**

We pray for all those presently making arrangements to provide church accommodation for people without homes during this coming winter. We pray also that a sufficient number of volunteers will be found.

We give thanks for the Leadership of David Wightman in developing our relationship with the wider Macclesfield community.

### **A prayer for the Remembering Service**

This month we think of those who will attend our Remembering Service on Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> October when they will be remembering loved ones who have gone ahead of us in the journey of faith. We pray especially for those recently bereaved.

### **Prayers for our church family:**

#### **A prayer for those to be baptised.**

We pray for the children who are to be baptised this month and for their parents and godparents who recently attended the baptism preparation sessions. We ask that they may be touched by what they hear and say at their children's baptisms and may respond by wanting to learn more about God.

### **A prayer for those wishing to be confirmed.**

We pray for those who will soon be preparing for their confirmation in November and for anyone else who may be tentatively considering this. We also pray for the Clergy who will be helping them to prepare for it.

### **A prayer for those unable to come to church**

We remember in our prayers those, who for a variety of reasons, are unable to come to worship with us, those confined to their homes, those in hospital, care homes, the hospice, those looking after loved ones and those working on Sundays.

### **A prayer for the young people and their leaders at our church**

We pray for the new social group starting this month for young people and ask that they and their Leaders receive guidance, encouragement and direction in all that they do. We give thanks for the young people at our church and for their Leaders.

### **A prayer for our clergy, lay- readers and Roots leaders**

We pray for all those responsible for offering instruction in our church. We give thanks to God for the calling of our church teachers and for their leadership in bringing God's word to us. We ask that they may be equipped with the wisdom and enthusiasm they need to equip us in our lives.

### **A prayer for ourselves**

We pray that our faith be strengthened and our fellowship deepened. That we learn to grow inwardly and outwardly, reaching out to God, to one another and to all around us. And when we cannot see any answers to our needs, or those of others, when we see only problems that seem beyond us, we learn to leave all things in God's hands.