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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: Tuesday 2nd October & Sunday 21st October
- Fortnightly prayer meeting
alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel
This month: Wednesdays 3rd & 17th October
- Monthly service of prayer for healing
first Friday, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel
This month: Friday 5th October & 2nd November
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!
2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, 2pm-3.30pm at 10 Badger Rd
This month: Monday 8th & 22nd October
Fortnightly on Mondays, 7.30pm-9pm at The Rectory, 85 Beech Lane
This month: Monday 8th & 22nd October
1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month, 8.00pm-9.30pm at various venues
This month: Thursday 4th & 18th October – contact David B (431606) for venue



LET US PRAY

St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

October 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

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 prayers.

Lord Jesus

Take my mind and think through me,

Take my hands and bless through me,

Take my mouth and speak through me;

Above all, Lord Jesus,

Take my spirit and pray in me;

So that it is you who move and have your being in me.

Book of hours (16th century)

For our Nation:

Justin Welby said: "Two thousand five hundred years ago, the Prophet Amos, speaking into a society divided between rich and poor, which had forgotten the values which alone could establish stability in a hostile world, cried out "but let justice roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream". (Amos 5:24)"

Grant us, Lord God, a vision of our land as your love would make it:

- *a land where the weak are protected, and none go hungry or poor;*
- *a land where the benefits of civilised life are shared, and everyone can enjoy them;*
- *a land where different races and cultures live in tolerance and mutual respect;*
- *a land where peace is built with justice, and justice is guided by love.*

And give us the inspiration and courage to build it, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Pray that we would have the honesty to examine ourselves and our action or inaction and to listen to how we are called to play our own part in this vision.

Our Town:

Praise God for the work of ROAR (Reach Out And Recover), recently awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services, helping and supporting people from this town to recover from addiction.

Pray for those who find themselves sleeping rough in our town, that they may find the support they need to have a more stable future. These difficulties often start with broken family relationships; ask God to be present and bring healing in relationships.

Ask for wisdom and guidance for the members of Macclesfield churches planning for the WHAM winter nightshelter, for team members taking up new roles, that enough volunteers will come forward, and more people will be willing to train as Shift Leaders.

Our Church School: Bollinbrook CE(A) Primary:

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

Praise God for the great start to the new school year, for the energy and enthusiasm of the staff team and their dedication in their teaching and nurturing of the pupils. We pray for all teachers who have moved to a new year group, asking God to give them patience and understanding, and strength to deal with the additional work that has involved. May the Holy Spirit inspire the special service in St Michael's for reception and year 6 children on 5th October; also be present at the Harvest Service on 22nd October.

Our Church Family: we pray for Madeleine Johnson, and Richard as he supports her. For Steve Wells and Anne. For Peter and Linda Johnston, For Julie Jones and Bill, her husband. For Bessie Porter now in Belong recuperating after time in hospital. For Phil Banks.

May God bring healing, comfort and peace to their bodies.

We pray for all the people we visit at home or in residential care for communion: Ivor Nichols, Christine Clarke, Joan Kesteven, Olive Golding, Bridget Brooks, Phyllis Chapman, Sylvia Moss, Fenella Bull, Margaret Eastwood, Bessie Porter and Amy Toole. May they know they are loved by you and not forgotten by the members of this church. We give thanks to the team who take communion to them: Sallie Bancroft, Peter Johnston, Michael Wootton, Rachel Mayers, Martin and Karen and our congregation members and pastoral coordinators who also visit them.

Baptisms - Give thanks for and welcome into our church family Zoe Brandwood baptised on 14th October. We pray for her parents Roger and Lynn and brother, George and Zoe's godparents. And Zayn Bryant also baptised on 14th October and his mum, Emma and Zayn's godparents. And Kian McGarry baptised on 7th October and his mum Porsche McGarry and Kian's godparents.

And to Emma and Andy Kleek preparing for their little boy to be baptised soon who attended the recent enquirers' evenings.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of the life of these children. May your blessing of peace and joy be with them and protect them all of their days.

Weddings – We pray for Katie and Michael Lohan who married here last month and for Sean and Rachael marrying here next month.

May God be with them and guide them in their married lives together and final weeks of preparation.

Funerals – Pray for the family and friends of Norman Adams, Annie Maguire and Mike Orme whose funerals have taken place recently. Pray for the family and friends of Bradley Carson whose funeral takes place on 4th October.

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. Amen.

Bereavement - We pray also for all those coming to our two remembering services on Sunday 7th October (4pm) and Tuesday 9th October (Baby Loss Service 7.30pm) to remember loved ones young and old.

May God uphold and enfold those who bear the pain of loss and bereavement at this time.