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### Opportunities at St Michael's to join with others in prayer

- **Start the week** at St Michael's: church open from 7am to 10am with prayer on the hour and half hour.
- Contemplative prayer  
**Friday mornings at 9.10am, in the Savage Chapel**  
Also, **monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday & 3<sup>rd</sup> (normally) Sunday evenings**  
*This month: Tues 1<sup>st</sup> & Sun 20<sup>th</sup> October see noticesheet for venues*
- Fortnightly prayer meeting  
**alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel**  
*This month: Wednesdays 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October*
- Monthly service of prayer for healing  
**first Friday, 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**  
**Fortnightly on Mondays, 7.30pm-9pm at The Rectory, 85 Beech Lane**  
*This month: Mondays 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> October*  
**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month, 8.00pm-9.30pm at various venues**  
*This month: Thursdays 3<sup>rd</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> October contact David B (431606) or see noticesheet for venue*



## LET US PRAY

### St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

October 2019

**Where do we find our hope? What can we say to those who are anxious about the future? Jesus said 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.'** (John 14:1)

Prayer is the simplest but most profound practice of opening up our hands and hearts and lives to God. Everyone can do it – at any time, in any place. The gift of God is for us all. *Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.*

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.

*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:**

*"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone –for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness." 1 Timothy 2: 1-2*

Continue to pray for our Parliament and its members. Archbishops Justin Welby and John Sentamu are inviting all people of faith and goodwill to pray for our political leaders and for a fresh and uniting vision for all in our country.

see <https://www.churchofengland.org/together>

*God of hope,  
In these times of change  
Unite our nation and guide our leaders with your wisdom.  
Give us courage to overcome our fears  
and help us to build a future in which all may prosper and share.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen*

### **Our World:**

'The climate crisis can seem overwhelming when we approach it as individuals. But God, in love, invites us to partner with him in his great project to renew the world. When we unite as the church in prayer and action, extraordinary things can happen. We have reason to hope and reason to act.' *Kiran Rai TearFund Campaigns Team*

*Lord, you teach us to love our neighbours as ourselves, to put others first.  
We ask that our Government ensures that the UK does its part in helping the most vulnerable and in being good stewards of God's creation.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.*

### **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 our church school and the energy and enthusiasm of staff and children.

Pray for all pupils and teachers as they start the year in a new class; for eagerness to learn and good relationships. Especially for those starting in Reception, for the special welcome service at St Michael's on 15<sup>th</sup> October and that they, and the year 6 pupils who accompany them, will feel welcome and part of the church family.

Pray for young people at University or college, especially those moving away from home for the first time. Pray that they might know God's love wherever they are and find a spiritual home where their faith can be supported and grow.

### **For our food and those who produce it:**

*"The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing." Psalm 145: 15-16*

Praise God for the abundance of harvest that we see in our fields and hedgerows, our gardens and our shops. Thank God for the work of farmers at home and abroad who supply us with such a variety of food. Farmers can experience great pressure; pray for them and for the work of the Cheshire Agricultural Chaplaincy who provide a listening ear and pastoral support.

### **For our Church:**

Thank God for the position of our building in the Town Centre and pray that we use this opportunity wisely to share Christ's love with those in our town. Pray for our Town Centre Ministry Team.

For social events in October, that they are real opportunities for getting to know each other better. Give thanks for the skills of those who give their time to organise these. Pray for the Church Council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October: thank God for those willing to serve, and pray for thoughtful discussion and wise decision-making.

Pray for the Remembering Service on 20<sup>th</sup> October, that those who are grieving for loved ones will be comforted. For the Treacle service on 27<sup>th</sup> and Choral Evensong on 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **Our Church Family- pray for:**

- Those in our Church Family who can no longer attend to worship in St Michael's and are visited by our Home Communion Team. Thank God for those who undertake this ministry and pray that they will be strengthened in showing your love to those they visit.
- Victoria & Ashley Ault who were married on 21st September, and for Kerry Jennings and Lee Reed who are to be married in St Michael's on 11th October.

*Lord, the source of all true love, we pray for these couples.  
Grant to them joy of heart, seriousness of mind and reverence of spirit,  
that as they enter into the oneness of marriage they may be strengthened and guided by you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

- Isabella Hitchener who was baptised in September, and her parents Stephen and Alicia; Zophia Hibbert to be baptised on 6th Oct (parents Christopher & Niomi) and Finlay Neill on 13th October (parents John & Jennifer and brother Fraser)

*Creator God, 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. We make this prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus.*

- and for the families and friends of Margaret Morris and Joyce Egerton whose funerals were in September.