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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'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
Also, **monthly on 1st Tuesday & 3rd Sunday evenings**
This month: Sun 16th September – see noticesheet for venues
- Fortnightly prayer meeting
alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel
This month: Wednesdays 5th & 19th September
- Monthly service of prayer for healing
first Friday, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel
This month: Friday 7th September & 5th October
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!
2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, 2pm-3.30pm at 10 Badger Rd
This month: Mondays 10th & 24th September
Fortnightly on Mondays, 7.30pm-9pm at The Rectory, 85 Beech Lane
This month: Mondays 10th & 24th September
1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month, 7.30pm-9pm at various venues
This month: Thursday 6th & 20th September – see noticesheet for venues



LET US PRAY

St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

September 2018

**“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions,
with all kinds of prayers and requests.
With this in mind, be alert and always
keep on praying for all the Lord's people.”**
(Ephesians 6:18, NIV)

“Prayer doesn't just change things; it changes us.
If we are diligent in seeking God, slowly and surely
we become better people.”

Joyce Meyer

This leaflet has been produced to assist us with our daily prayers; we hope you find it useful. As you use the suggestions contained here, also allow the Holy Spirit to guide you to pray for what He shows you. And, of course, add your own prayers.

Season of Creation

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. Psalm 24:1a.

The Season of Creation unites the global Christian family around one shared purpose - to pray and care for creation. It runs from (1st Sept to 4th Oct).

We thank God for the gift of His creation, and we invite Him to lead us

May God who established the dance of creation, Who marvelled at the lilies of the field, Who transforms chaos to order, Lead us to transform our lives and the Church to reflect God's glory in creation.

(Please see the Calendar of local Events for the Season of Creation, and join in!)

Our children, young people and Bollinbrook C/E School :

Lift up your hands to the LORD for the lives of your children. Lamentations 2:19

We pray for all staff and pupils as the new academic year starts. We pray for any who are anxious because of starting at new school or college.

Aware that so many young people experience mental ill-health, we pray for understanding families & friends, that they would show God's care for each child. We pray for God to bring about changes in society so it better reflects His ways.

As Lynne Le Marinel starts as the new Head Teacher of Bollinbrook C/E Primary, we thank God for the staff and Governors of our church school. We pray that the school's values of love, honesty and respect would be evident to all as Lynne and her staff team 'find their feet' with one another. Pray too for God's wisdom and inspiration to Lynne as she seeks to develop the place of faith within the school.

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

Our Town and Community:

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you; pray to the Lord on its behalf.

Jeremiah 29:7

We thank God for those people who serve our communities in a variety of ways, whether through elected or appointed office; for our police service and those involved in the justice system; for all involved in providing health and social care to people in illness or need; for those working in our town centre and business/ industrial estates. We pray that everyone would work with integrity, and in ways where they sense God's delight in their offering.

Please pray also for Town Councillor Adam Schofield, Mayor of Macclesfield and leader of the Council, and for Martin in his rôle as Mayor's Chaplain this year.

Our Church Life – Worship and Nurture:

Joyful indeed are those whose God is the LORD. Psalm 144:15a.

We pray for all in positions of leadership within St Michael's. Especially pray for:

- those considering the future shape of worship on Treacle Sundays (meeting 11th)
 - Tony & Paul (churchwardens) as they, together with Karen & Martin, continue to develop Welcome Teams to host our Sunday Worship
 - Karen Gedde and the choir as they return after a summer break, and especially as they prepare to lead choral evensong in Lichfield Cathedral (22nd Sept)
 - housegroup leaders and those involved in deepening others' faith in Jesus
- And pray for yourself! (*Would it help to ask 1 or 2 others to join you in prayer?*)

Our Church Family – Life Events:

Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24

We pray for the parents & Godparents of Elora (2nd), Sakura-Yumi (9th) & Florence (15th) as they come to be baptised at St Michael's this month. Also, pray for those parents who will be attending the Christening Enquirers' evenings at St Michael's on 26th Sept & 3rd Oct.

Jesus, You blessed children then, do so again. May they walk with You all their life.

We pray for Mark & Holly (18th), and Steve & Abi (11th) married last month; and for others couples planning "their special day" later this year.

God, bless their marriages with Your presence and fill their homes with Your love.

We pray for the families & friends of Muriel Wootton, Wendy Edge, Danny Taylor, Adele Earles, Ken Olive and Sylvia Rushton whose funerals have recently or soon will take place. We thank God for the opportunities our Readers and clergy have to minister His love and peace at times of grief and loss.

"Remember me as You come into Your kingdom". Jesus, bless those who mourn.

Our Team Ministry:

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

We pray for our licensed ministers: Martin, Andy, Karen, Rob, Barry & Taffy (clergy); Lynne, Mike, Fran, Glenys, Robert, Liz, Chris & Judith (Readers). Thank God for their respective ministries within our churches and communities. Pray for the staff team as they spend extended time away together (10th Sept), and especially for Rob, exploring new opportunities as his rôle at Cre8 changes.