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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 prayers within our worship at St Michael's please talk to Karen or Martin.

Don't worry, we'll 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**
- Fortnightly prayer meeting
alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel
This month: Wednesdays 11th & 25th September
- Monthly service of prayer for healing
first Friday, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel
This month: Friday 6th September & 4th October
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!
2nd & 4th Mondays of each month, 2pm-3.30pm at 10 Badger Rd
This month: Mondays 9th & 23rd September
Fortnightly on Mondays, 7.30pm-9pm at The Rectory, 85 Beech Lane
This month: Mondays 9th & 23rd September
1st & 3rd Thursdays of each month, 7.30pm-9pm at various venues
This month: Thursday 5th & 19th September – see noticesheet for venues



LET US PRAY

St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

September 2019

“Pray in the Spirit on all occasions.”

(Ephesians 6:18, NIV)

“Faith is to the soul what life is to the body.
Prayer is to faith what breath is to life. How
a man can live and not breathe is past my
comprehension, and how a man can believe
and not pray is past my comprehension too.”

JC Ryle (1816-1900) in 'A Call to Prayer'

This leaflet is intended to assist us with praying together; 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 from 1st Sept to 4th Oct

The Season of Creation unites Christians around one shared purpose - to care for creation. It's powerfully good work that's urgently needed, and the momentum continues long after the season ends through ongoing prayer, changes in lifestyle, and advocacy. (See the Calendar of local Season of Creation Events, and join in.)

In Him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible... all things have been created through Him and for Him.

Colossians 1:16

What signs of God's fingerprints can you see around you today?

Our Team and other ministers:

Keep a careful watch over yourselves and over the church. The Holy Spirit has made you its leaders. 1 Thessalonians 5:11

This month pray especially for Rob Wardle, giving thanks for his ministry among us. Pray for God's blessing & peace as Rob moves on after 34 years in Macclesfield to take up his new role as Vicar of Holyhead. *Rob's final service in Macclesfield is 1st Sept, 11am at St Michael's, and his licensing service at Bro Cybi is 26th Sept.*

Pray too for our licensed ministers: Martin, Andy, Karen, Barry & Taffy (clergy); Lynne, Mike, Fran, Glenys, Robert, Liz, Chris & Judith (Readers). Also for Ali & Pete Marshall who are in the process of transferring their licences to minister with us. Thank God for their respective ministries within our churches and communities.

This month also sees Revd John Harries take on the role of Rural Dean from Revd Veronica Hydon; thank God for them both, and ask for God to supply John's need.

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

Pray for all staff and pupils as the new academic year starts, especially for any who are anxious because of starting at new school, college or university.

Aware that so many young people experience mental ill-health, 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.

Particularly pray for Lynne Le Marinell (headteacher), the staff and Governors of our church school. Pray too for courage, wisdom & inspiration to develop Bollinbrook as a place of lived-out Christian faith.

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

Our Church Life:

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. 1 Cor 12:27.

Thank God for all the different parts of His Body working **within** and for St Michael's, especially for those who take on particular responsibilities:

- for all those who take a leading role, whether in worship, pastoral care, children's and youth work, administration, hospitality and social action;
- for Karen Gedd and the choir as they return after a summer break, and as they prepare to lead choral evensong 'away', in Shrewsbury Abbey on 28th Sept;

Thank God also for all the different parts of His Body which work **beyond** our church building, especially for those who take on particular responsibilities:

- for all those who take on positions of authority and responsibility, whether in business, education, healthcare, industry, politics and social services;
- for all those who work with and care for others, whether for individuals in their homes or in caring and supportive roles within the voluntary or statutory sector. Pray for the work of local organizations like Age UK Cheshire East, Cre8, JDI (*Just Drop-in*), ROAR (*Reach Out and Recover*), the Rossendale Trust, SUSO (*Speaking up Speaking out*)

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did it for me" – Matt:25:40.

Our Church Family – Life Events:

Spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24

Pray for those who've been baptised last month, and their parents & Godparents: Andrew ('little Andy'), Reuben (both 4th Aug), and Evelyn-Marie (18th Aug). Also for Isabella, due to be baptised at St Michael's in September.

Pray also for those families who will be attending the Christening Enquirers' evenings at St Michael's on 11th & 18th Sept.

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

Pray for Victoria & Ashley, for their wedding on 21st Sept, and for their marriage. *God, bless their marriage with Your presence and fill their home with Your love.*

Pray for the families & friends of Kate Pwaisiho, Janet Whitley, Howard Royale and Clive Wellings, whose funerals have recently taken place. We thank God for the opportunities we have to minister His love and peace at times of grief and loss.

Jesus, the Resurrection and the Life, bless those who mourn the loss of loved ones.