

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  
**Every Friday morning at 9.10am, in the Savage Chapel**  
*This month Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November*
- Fortnightly prayer meeting  
**alternate Wednesdays, 10:30am in Savage Chapel**  
*This month: Wednesdays 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November*
- Monthly service of prayer for healing  
**first Friday, 12:30pm in Savage Chapel**  
*This month: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November*
- House & fellowship groups, for prayer and more!  
*Please see weekly service sheet for details*



## LET US PRAY

St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

November 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.

**James 5.13-14** Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray and over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord.

*God of all comfort and strength,  
Soothe us when we are hurt;  
Calm us when we are afraid;  
Hold us when we are alone;  
Support us when we are tired;  
Lead us through the valley of the shadow  
To the place where we can, at last, come home.*

*Nicola Slee*

### **A thanksgiving prayer of remembrance**

Loving God, we praise you for people who are prepared to stand up and fight injustice in all its many forms. We remember those who have given their lives for the safety of others. *“They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old:*

*Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and in the morning,*

*We will remember them.”*

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

*Spirit of truth and judgement,*

*Who alone can cast out the powers that grip our world.*

*At the point of crisis give us your discernment,*

*That we may accurately name what is evil ,*

*And know the way that leads to peace,*

*Through Jesus Christ,*

*Amen.*

*Iona Community*

### **A prayer for wisdom**

Lord, in these days we need people who can exert both compassion and wisdom. We pray especially for the international refugee crisis in which so many people have been uprooted from their homes. Thank you, Lord, that there are countries who open their borders to people in great need, especially Bangladesh, still one of the poorest countries on earth. Thank you for the Refugee Programme here in East Cheshire and we ask for your guidance in discussions about the future of this initiative.

### **For Wycliffe Bible Translators**

We pray for the day of prayer being held in Manchester on 7<sup>th</sup> November, that many people will be blessed by the work of this organisation. As a church we support Martin Raymond, who is a member of a team developing non-Roman scripts. Pray for this work, and that reading the Bible in a familiar script will point many to the living Word - to Christ himself.

### **A prayer for the homeless**

Lord Jesus, you had nowhere to lay your head and no special place to call home, you came to the earth as a poor man who was despised and considered unclean by the

authorities. Help us to remember this as we encounter homeless people in our own lives. Give strength, patience and courage to all those who are planning the rota, organising food and bedding for our night shelter this winter.

### **A prayer for ourselves**

We pray about the evenings to discuss our Sacred Pathways being held this month at All Saints Church. We ask that we may be inspired and encouraged on our own journeys and that we may support our fellow travellers.

### **For our preparations for the season of Advent and for our Christmas services**

We pray for all those responsible for planning our church services and activities at this time of the year. Thank you that this is such a special time of year when we can celebrate with family and friends, but Lord, help us to always have you as our focus for whatever we do and say.

### **For those enquiring about baptism for their children**

The gift of a child is such a precious thing and many parents experience a sense of great thankfulness. We pray that they may be especially blessed during this time and that whilst enquiring about baptism for their child they may come to know you for themselves and therefore be able to bring their children up in the knowledge of your love.

### **For our church family**

***For those to be confirmed:*** We pray for those people who are to be confirmed in St Michael's on 14<sup>th</sup> November. From the Team Parish: Connor Shaw, Ed Whittingham, Cherell Mills and Beth Rushton. We ask that they will have a real understanding of what they are doing and that this will be a time of growth in faith for them and their sponsors.

***For the family and friends of those who have died,*** whose funerals have been held in St Michael's, or have been conducted elsewhere by one of our ministers.

Linda Pyatt and her two sons and sister-in-law Jane Bond in memory of John Pyatt  
Linda and John Hilditch in memory of their step-mother Phyllis Wignall  
Rhys Wells in memory of his mother Julie Wells