

ing and thought-provoking.

Thursday 28th September - *Banberry Drive, Wombourne*

Please pray today for all prisons and prisoners, including those in Staffordshire and the West Midlands, especially the young and any suffering from mental health problems, and all prisoners' families. Pray that prisons may be properly staffed, equipped and controlled.

Friday 29th September - Michael and All Angels

Today, Josh and friends will entertain those who attend the Music Festival. Please pray that the evening will be enjoyed by all, and thank God for an enjoyable week

Saturday 30th September - *Bankside, Wombourne*

The Jackfield Brass Band will entertain tonight at The Last Night of the Proms. Please pray for the performers and the audience as the Wombourne Music Festival comes to a rousing conclusion.

Smestow Vale Team Prayer Diary September 2017

Please pray for all in long-term sickness or incapacity, including Arthur Barratt, Dorothy Parry, James Clowsley, Alma Elliott, Kath Worthington, Kathy Anderson, Andrew Powney and Stella Fairhurst.

Friday 1st September - *Wombourne Road, Swindon*

Please hold in your prayers Andrew Sherred and Victoria Gillett who are to be married at St Benedict's today. Pray that they may know God's blessing and love today and throughout their lives together.

Saturday 2nd September - *Wombourne Road, Wombourne*

Please pray for the children and young people who are part of our church membership. Ask God to bless Messy Church, Little Fish, the baptism, confirmation and marriage training and the Alpha Course.

Sunday 3rd September - Trinity 12

"Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask."

Monday 4th September - *Wombrookdale, Wombourne*

Please pray today for God's blessing on St John's PCC meeting this morning and for the meeting of the Wombourne Standing Committee, that both will know the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday 5th September - *Wombrook Court, Wombourne*

Please ask God to bless those starting school this week and all those returning for a new year, both staff and students. Pray too for all attending Baptism Preparation today, and for a great start for the new term of Messy Church in Swindon.

Wednesday 6th September - *Wombrook Oaks, Wombourne*

Please remember before God today all who are housebound by reason of old age, illness or infirmity. Pray for the Pastoral Group meeting this morning to consider how best to help them. Pray too for the Swimley Group meeting at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Thursday 7th September - *Wood Road, Wombourne*

Please pray for all who will be partaking of the Bede meal today, thanking God for all his good gifts, and for the skill, love and dedication of those who prepare and serve the meal.

Friday 8th September - Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please ask for God's blessing on all who will be attending the Himley fashion show at the Himley Country Club at 7.30 this evening.

Saturday 9th September - *Woodford Green, Trysull*

Today, at St Benedict's, Delroy Jones and Rachel Davies will exchange their marriage vows. Please ask God to bless them on this Day, and pray that they will know his love throughout their lives. Pray too for all who will be visiting Team churches as part of the Ride and Stride event.

Sunday 10th September - Trinity 13

Please ask God's blessing today on the youngsters who will be baptised at 3 pm or 4 pm. Pray for their parents, godparents and for all who will be attending the ceremonies, that they will experience the presence of God.

Monday 11th September - *Woodford House, Trysull*

Please continue to pray for victims of violence around the world, remembering today especially those who suffered at the hands of terrorists last month in Spain and Finland. Please continue to pray for our security forces and all who seek to minimise the devastation caused by terrorists.

Tuesday 12th September - *Woodford Lane, Trysull*

The Himley Prayer Group meet tonight at 7.30. Please that all the members will know the blessing of God and the presence and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Wednesday 13th September - *Woodford Way, Wombourne*

Please pray for Theresa May and for the government of our nation, especially for wisdom, and for unity within the government in finding the best means of departure from the European Union.

Thursday 14th September - Holy Cross Day

Please pray for the members of the Church of the Holy Cross at Bobbington, and for the people of that village. Pray that the Church members will reach out to the villagers with the message of the gospel and that the Church will grow in both faith and numbers. Pray for the decisions that need to be made for the new heating system for the beautiful building. Pray too for St Benedict's School Governors who meet today.

Friday 15th September - *Woodhill Close, Wombourne*

Please pray for the new pupils at St Benedict's School who will be attending a Welcome Service today. Pray that it will help them to settle to the new regime of school life.

Saturday 16th September - *Woodhill Drive, Wombourne*

The marriage takes place today at St Benedict's between Christopher del Vecchio and Christina Ward. Please pray for them, that they will know God's blessing and love today and sustaining them throughout their lives.

Sunday 17th September - Trinity 14

Please pray for the people being confirmed at St Benedict's this evening, that each of them will come to know and love the Lord Jesus more and more. Pray too for Jack Michael Passman being baptised at Holy Cross today, for his parents and Godparents; and that the Café Church at St John's today will continue to attract people.

Monday 18th September - *Woodland View, Swindon*

Please continue in your prayers for the victims of the Grenfell Tower fire. Pray for all responsible for fire safety in social housing, especially that compromise for financial reasons might be avoided.

Tuesday 19th September - *Woodlands Road, Wombourne*

The first of our charities this month (by Cheerful Givers on behalf of Wombourne PCC) is USPG (United Society Partners in the Gospel). Please pray for all the work they do benefiting churches around the world.

Wednesday 20th September - *Church Members Roads outside the Team area*

Please pray for the ministers of the churches in Wombourne as they meet for prayer together today.



Thursday 21st September - Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

"Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax-collector to be an apostle and an evangelist: give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ."

Friday 22nd September - *Albert Drive, Swindon*

The second charity is TEARFund. Please pray today for all involved in their work helping communities around the world escape the worst effects of poverty and disaster.

Saturday 23rd September - *Apse Close, Wombourne*

Tonight sees the First Night of the Wombourne Music Festival and features the Kenfig Hill and District Male Voice Choir at 7.30. This follows a wine reception at 6.30. Please pray for both the singers and the audience.

Sunday 24th September - Trinity 15

Please pray for the children being baptised today at St Benedict's at 3.00 and 4.00, their parents and Godparents; for the Café Church for the Patronal Festival at St Michael's; and for participants in the Festival Songs of Praise taking place tonight at St Benedict's.

Monday 25th September - *Arbourtree Court, Wombourne*

This afternoon (at 2.00, with tea and cakes) the Music Festival features the Wombourne School of Music. Please pray for them and for all who come to enjoy their playing. Pray too for St Michael's PCC who will be meeting today.

Tuesday 26th September - *Baldwin Way, Swindon*

Today, tomorrow and Thursday, from 1.30, choirs from local schools will be entertaining us. The choirs involved include those from Belle Vue, St James's, St Benedict Biscop, Westfield, Corbett and Blakeley Heath Primary Schools. Please pray for all these choristers and their choir directors.

Wednesday 27th September - *Balmoral Drive, Wombourne*

The Team Alpha Course begins at Swindon today. Please pray that there will be success in attracting enquiries. Pray that all who come will find the course inspir-