

# Smestow Vale Team Prayer Diary

## January 2018

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.

### **Monday 1st January - Naming and Circumcision of Jesus**

*"Almighty God, whose blessed Son was obedient to the law for our sake and given the Name that is above every name: give us grace faithfully to bear his Name, to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit, and to proclaim him as Saviour of the world."*

### **Tuesday 2nd January - Gravel Hill, Wombourne**

Please pray for those who are homeless this winter and ask God to bless those caring for the homeless in the Wolverhampton area, remembering especially Grace Church in Broad street and the charity, P3.

### **Wednesday 3rd January - Green Meadow Close, Wombourne**

The St Benedict's Pastoral Group meet this morning. Please pray for them and for all those for whom they care, especially those who, by reason of infirmity, receive their Communion at home.

### **Thursday 4th January - Greenacres, Wombourne**

Please pray for students and staff at Wombourne schools as the new term starts today.

### **Friday 5th January - Greenfields Road, Wombourne**

Please hold before God all people displaced by fighting or by persecution, remembering especially today the Rohingya people from Myanmar, and those cautiously returning to the towns of the Nineveh plain in Iraq.

### **Saturday 6th January - Greenhill, Wombourne**

Please pray for those facing threats from militant Islam, especially the Coptic Christians throughout Egypt and the Sufi Muslims in the Sinai peninsula.

### **Sunday 7th January - Epiphany**

*"Lord God, the bright splendour whom the nations seek: may we, who with the wise men have been drawn by your light, discern the glory of your presence in your Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord."*

### **Monday 8th January - Baptism of Christ**

Please pray for the members of Dayspring who will be enjoying fellowship today, and for the Standing Committee meeting this evening.

### **Tuesday 9th January - Greenhill Court, Wombourne**

Please pray for the Greater Staff Meeting this morning and for the Himley Prayer Group who will meet at 7.30 this evening. Pray for God's blessing on both those gatherings.

**Wednesday 10th January** - *Greenhill Gardens, Wombourne*

The Swimley Group meet today at 2 pm. Please pray for the group that God will bless and inspire their meeting.

**Thursday 11th January** - *Greenlands, Wombourne*

The Wombourne Church Wives Meet today. Thank God for this long-standing fellowship group and pray for his continued blessing in the future.

**Friday 12th January** - *Greensforge Farm, Swindon*

Please pray for all the young people in the Team area, the Sunday groups within the Team, the St Benedict's Sunday Club, Little Fish and all families who meet at Messy Church. Pray for Sarah and her helpers in Wombourne, and for those enabling the groups in the other villages. Pray too for the young people of secondary school age, and those who seek to help them.



**Saturday 13th January** - *Griffiths Drive, Wombourne*

Please remember before God today the elderly in care and all, of any age, who live alone, especially those who see no-one from one week to the next. Please pray for those who visit the lonely and keep an eye on them, especially in the cold weather.

**Sunday 14th January - Epiphany 2**

Please pray for those being baptised today, that they will grow to know and love Jesus. Pray for their parents and godparents and for all who will be attending the either of the services this afternoon.

**Monday 15th January** - *Halfpenny Green, Bobbington*

The Trysull Deanery Chapter meet today. Please pray for Revd Maureen Hobbs, the Rural Dean and for all the clergy of the Deanery as they share fellowship.

**Tuesday 16th January** - *Hatch Heath Close, Wombourne*

Please continue to pray for an appointment as Team Vicar for Bobbington and Trysull. Pray that the Holy Spirit will move the heart of the best person that they would apply for this post.

**Wednesday 17th January** - *Hawkswell Avenue, Wombourne*

Please pray for all our clergy: for Paul, Team Rector, for Charmaine, Team Vicar, and for all who assist on a part time basis, including James.

**Thursday 18th January** - *Hazel Grove, Wombourne*

Please pray for Revd Sue Watson as she moves on from her time with Trysull and Bobbington. Pray that God will guide her as to her future calling, and be with her in all that she does.

**Friday 19th January** - *Heath House Drive, Wombourne*

The Brexit discussions advance more slowly than the "mills of God". Please pray for Theresa May and all involved in finding a worthwhile exit from the E.U. Pray that a clear plan may be achieved in time for the Parliament vote before the exit.

**Saturday 20th January** - *Heathlands, Wombourne*

In these troubled times please continue to pray for peace in so many places - not just an end to actual physical warfare, but an end too to wars of words and covert propaganda.

**Sunday 21st January - Epiphany 3**

*"Almighty Father, whose Son Jesus Christ is the light of the world: may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped and obeyed to the ends of the earth."*

**Monday 22nd January** - *The Hedges, Wombourne*

Please pray for Himley PCC meeting today. Today sees the first of our lunchtime meetings in connection with the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Pray for this meeting, taking place at St Benedict's.

**Tuesday 23rd January** - *Helier Drive, Wombourne*

Today's meeting takes place at St Bernadette's. Please pray for Monsignor Crisp, Father Gary Mantle, Sisters of St Ann of Providence, and all who worship at St Bernadette's.



**Wednesday 24th January** - *High Arcal Road, Himley*

Today the group meets at the United Reformed Church. Please pray for Revd Nadene Snyman and for all who gather there for worship.

**Thursday 25th January - Conversion of Paul**

Please pray today with the congregation at Kingsway. Please pray for Pastor John Price, for all who meet there for worship and for all the weekday activities.

**Friday 26th January - High Meadows, Wombourne**

Our gathering today is at Common Road Methodist Church. Please remember in your prayers today Revd Teddy Sevilla, the Lay Worker Richard French, and all who are part of that congregation.

**Saturday 27th January - High Street, Wombourne**

Freak weather and rising average temperatures are continuing signs of global warming. Please pray for all efforts to restrict the emission of greenhouse gases. Pray that the signatory countries to the Paris Agreement will remain constant in their determination to do just that (including the USA).

**Sunday 28th January - Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)**

Please pray for all attending the Messy Sunday meeting today, and for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity service at the United reformed Church. Pray that the churches will be blessed in their work together in Wombourne.

**Monday 29th January - Highfields Drive, Wombourne**

Please pray for the members of Wombourne PCC as they meet this evening: for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all that is said and resolved.

**Tuesday 30th January - Himley Lane, Swindon**

Our first charity this month is Arthritis research UK. Please pray for all who suffer from arthritis, and that ways will be found to slow down, reverse or prevent the disease.

**Wednesday 31st January - Himley Mill, Himley**

Our second charity is Birmingham Children's Hospital (BCH), supporting them in their appeal to raise money for a fleet of critical care ambulances to be used in the transfer of sick children between hospitals. Please pray that God will bless the work of BCH, and pray for all the children in their care.

