

# Smestow Vale Team Prayer Diary

## February 2018

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

### **Thursday February 1st** - *Hatch Heath Close, Wombourne*

Please remember today all refugees and all people displaced within their own countries. Pray that conditions will change so that they may return to their homes and rebuild their lives.

### **Friday February 2nd** - *Hawkswell Avenue, Wombourne*

Please ask God today to be with those in our own country who by force of circumstances have been made homeless. Pray for those who sleep rough, especially during cold winter weather, and for all who help them.

### **Saturday February 3rd** - *Hazel Grove, Wombourne*

Tonight, at Swindon Community Centre at 7.30, The Elderly Brothers will be performing varied styles of song, including Country and Rock. Please pray for them and for all attending the event, which will include a Fish-and-Chip Supper.

### **Sunday February 4th** - **2nd Sunday before Lent**

Please pray for Wedding Couples invited to a Songs of Praise service at Holy Cross this evening. Pray that this will help them to grow in their love and understanding of Jesus Christ.

### **Monday February 5th** - *Heath House Drive, Wombourne*

Throughout many parts of the world Christians do not enjoy the same freedom we have in this country to gather for worship together and to practise our faith. Many activities we take for granted are forbidden by law or hindered by violence. Please pray for them that they will know God's love and power to sustain them.

### **Tuesday February 6th** - *Heathlands, Wombourne*

Please pray for the Messy Church activity taking place at Swindon Community Centre at 3.30 this afternoon and for parents attending Baptism Preparation today. Pray that both these events will draw people closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Wednesday February 7th** - *The Hedges, Wombourne*

The Wombourne Pastoral Group meet this morning. Please pray that God will bless and strengthen them in their ministry to the elderly and infirm and to all who are restricted to their homes or undergoing treatment in hospital. Pray that all those whom they visit will know the presence of Jesus Christ working through his caring Church.

**Thursday February 8th** - *Helier Drive, Wombourne*

Please pray today for all young people within the Church and all those in our schools with whom there is a connection. Pray for Children's Worker, Sarah, and all who work with her. Pray too that the Church may be enabled to reach out to those young people in our villages with whom there is at present little or no contact.

**Friday February 9th** - *High Arcal Road, Himley*

Please continue to pray for peace throughout the world. Pray that ongoing conflicts may be brought to an end and that ways may be found for dialogue where there are differences between and within nations. Thank God for the new contact between North and South Korea and pray that this may lead to a reduction in tension in the world.

**Saturday February 10th** - *High Meadows, Wombourne*

Please continue to pray for the appointment of a new Team Vicar to serve the people of Trysull and Bobbington. Pray that the right person for this post will respond to the advertisement.

**Sunday February 11th - Sunday next before Lent**

Please pray for those who will be baptised this afternoon, for their parents, Godparents and for all who will attend the ceremony. Pray that the words and actions will draw everyone present to acknowledge and accept the love of God for his people shown in Jesus Christ.

**Monday February 12th** - *High Street, Wombourne*

Lent starts next Wednesday. Please pray for the house Groups who will be meeting to follow the Diocesan course "Steps of Discipleship" following in the footsteps of Saint Chad. This deals, over five meetings, with the themes of The Cross, Discipleship, Vocation, Evangelism and Community.

**Tuesday February 13th** - *Highfields Drive, Wombourne*

Please pray for the MacMillan charity and for today's Pancake Lunch in aid of them. Pray too for the Greater Staff Meeting this morning and the Himley Prayer Group meeting at 7.30 this evening. Pray for God's blessing and the Holy Spirit's guidance in all these gatherings.

**Wednesday February 14th - Ash Wednesday**

Please pray today for St Benedict's School as they attend church for their service for the commencement of Lent. Pray too for all who will attend the Team Service at St Benedict's Church this evening.

**Thursday February 15th** - *Himley Lane, Swindon*

Workers for aid agencies put themselves at risk in many of the places where they work, especially in war zones. Please pray for their safety and that the work they do will be effective and well-supported.

**Friday February 16th** - *Himley Mill, Himley*

Discussions continue to try to find the best possible exit from the European Union. Please pray both the British negotiators and for those from the rest of the E. U. that they may be successful in reaching the right conclusion.

**Saturday February 17th** - *Himley Road, Swindon*

Please pray today for our Prime Minister, her Cabinet and for Parliament as a whole, that legislation may be guided to enable what is best for the people of this country and our relationship with the rest of the world.

**Sunday February 18th - Lent 1**

Please pray for Hollie Mia Fellows who is to be baptised today at Holy Cross. Pray for her parents, Godparents and for all who will be present. Pray that Hollie will grow to know and love Jesus Christ.



**Monday February 19th** - *Hinksford Farm, Swindon*

Please remember in your prayers those who work in the emergency services, thanking God for their skills and dedication. Pray that God will keep them safe and enable them in all that they do.

**Tuesday February 20th** - *Hinksford Gardens, Swindon*

Today sees the first of our Ecumenical Lent Lunches, at St Bernadette's at 12 noon. Pray for all who will be there and ask God to bless the staff and congregation at St Bernadette's and inspire all that they do in his name.

**Wednesday February 21st** - *Hinksford Lane, Swindon*

Please pray for our hard-pressed Accident and Emergency departments as they deal with the increased pressure of winter injuries and ailments. Pray that the doctors, nurses and other staff may be enabled to act with care despite their fatigue.

**Thursday February 22nd** - *Hinksford Park, Swindon*

Please pray for all who are suffering from flu this winter. Pray that they may know when to acknowledge that they need to rest and recuperate. Pray for the effectiveness of the flu vaccine in reducing the spread of infection.

**Friday February 23rd - Holendene Way, Wombourne**

Many people have suffered in recent months from fire, floods, hurricanes and earthquakes. Pray for them as they continue to struggle with the aftermath of these devastating events, long after they are no longer newsworthy. Pray for all who continue to help them.

**Saturday February 24th - Hollow Mill Farm, Swindon**

Six Scouts from Wombourne have been selected to visit the World Jamboree in America in 2019, and need to raise £21,000 between them. They are supported in this by the first donation this month from Cheerful Givers. Please pray for their fund-raising efforts, that they will be able to take part, and that they will enjoy their time at the Jamboree.



**Sunday February 25th - Lent 2**

*"Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul."*

**Monday February 26th - Holloway Drive, Wombourne**

Wombourne PCC meet this evening. Please pray that God will bless and guide their discussions and inspire their decisions.

**Tuesday February 27th - The Holloway, Swindon**

The second of our Lent Lunches takes place today at Wombourne United Reformed Church. Please ask God to bless the event, and pray for all for whom this is their normal place of worship.

**Wednesday February 28th - Home Farm, Himley**

The second Cheerful Givers charitable donation this month is to support a Scout who is to attend the Mediterranean Jamboree later this year. Please pray for him and for all who will be taking part.