

Smestow Vale Team Prayer Diary

March 2018

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

Thursday March 1st - David, bishop, patron of Wales

Please pray on this day for the people of Wales and for all Welsh people living elsewhere. Pray for the Welsh Assembly and for the local government in the principality.

Friday March 2nd - Chad, bishop, missionary, patron of Lichfield diocese

Please pray for Bishop Michael and the diocese of Lichfield, for wisdom and guidance. Pray too for the Women's Day of Prayer and for the service at the Venerable Bede this evening, devised by the women of Suriname.

Saturday March 3rd - Honeybourne Crescent, Wombourne

Please hold in your prayers today all displaced people, continuing to remember the Rohingya refugees, and the thousands of people from different countries risking their lives to reach the safety of Europe.

Sunday March 4th - Lent 3

"Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God."

Monday March 5th - Houndel Drive, Wombourne

The Wombourne Standing Committee meet today, as do the PCC of Himley (at 7.30). Please pray for these bodies as they seek God's will for their respective areas.

Tuesday March 6th - Jenks Road, Wombourne

Please pray for all attending Baptism preparation today; for Messy Church at Swindon Community Centre at 3.30; and for those attending the next of our Ecumenical Lent Lunches, which today is at the Venerable Bede.

Wednesday March 7th - Kirkstone Crescent, Wombourne

The Wombourne pastoral Group meet this morning. Please pray for them as they undertake to bring the Church to the housebound and to those in retirement and nursing homes.

Thursday March 8th - Ladywell Close, Wombourne

Please lift before God all countries in conflict, remembering especially the situations in Syria and in The Yemen. Pray that God will bring peace and healing to the nations.

Friday March 9th - Lamb Crescent, Wombourne

Please thank God for all who minister in his name within our communities. Pray today for Paul and Charmaine, our clergy, and continue in your prayers for a new Team Vicar for Bobbington and Trysull.

Saturday March 10th - *Lanes Close, Wombourne*

Please pray today for all who are looking for work, especially for any who, because of personal circumstances, have difficulty in finding suitable employment.

Sunday March 11th - Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)

Thank God today for those who raised us and pray especially for all mothers. Pray for all who are bringing up children without the help of a partner. Pray for the special Mothering Sunday services throughout the Team, including at Himley at 11.00.



Monday March 12th - *Lear Road, Wombourne*

Trysull PCC meet today. Please pray for all the members of that Council as they continue to enable God's work to be done in Trysull and Seisdon during the vacancy.

Tuesday March 13th - *Leaton Lane, Bobbington*

Today it is the turn of Bobbington PCC to meet. Please pray for each participant in that meeting and for all the work they undertake in witnessing to God in that village. Please pray too for the Swimley AGM at 2.30 today and for the Himley Prayer Group meeting at 7.30.

Wednesday March 14th - *Lilac Drive, Wombourne*

Please pray today for all the local industry in our area, for all who work on our industrial estates. Please ask God to bless them, keep them safe, and give them wisdom in the running of their businesses.

Thursday March 15th *Lindale Drive, Wombourne*

Our prayers today are for those who work in the retail industry: for small shopkeepers running businesses under competition from larger organisations; and for all who work as till operators, shelf stackers, trolley collectors and in other ways in our supermarkets.

Friday March 16th - *Link Road, Wombourne*

Today, please pray for the farming community in our area and beyond especially those facing an uncertain financial future. Pray for wisdom in the management of their land.

Saturday March 17th - **Patrick, bishop, missionary, patron of Ireland**

Today, please pray for the people of Ireland, for a political settlement in the North and the ability to work for the good of all. Please pray for Tom Buckley and Kirsty Bliss who are to be wed today at Bobbington, that they will know God's blessing on their marriage. Today, at Swindon Michael Mitton will be leading a study day. Please pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire him and to enable all who will be attending.

Sunday March 18th - Lent 5 (Passiontide begins)

Please pray for Messy Sunday at the Venerable Bede today. Pray too for those being baptised at St Benedict's for Millie Grace Thompson who is to be baptised at Holy Cross. Pray that all those being baptised today will grow up to know the love of Jesus Christ. Pray for their parents and godparents and for all who will attend the services.

Monday March 19th - Joseph of Nazareth

Please pray for the members of Wombourne PCC meeting today, that they will know the guidance of the Holy Spirit in all their deliberations.

Tuesday March 20th - Lockside, Wombourne

Please pray today for all funeral directors that they will know compassion and the ability to deal gently with people in their grief, helping them to make the best decisions.

Wednesday March 21st - Long Common Road, Bobbington

Please pray for all who work in the service sector in our area, including banks, cafés and hairdressers. Pray for all whose work involves a close relationship with the general public.

Thursday March 22nd - Longford Close, Wombourne

Today, our prayers are asked for all in government, whether locally or nationally. Please pray for wisdom for our negotiators as the discussions over Brexit continue.

Friday March 23rd - The Longlands, Wombourne

Today we think of all aspects of the NHS. Please pray for doctors, nurses, receptionists, pharmacists, podiatrists, dentists, chiropractors, physiotherapists, opticians, audiologists, etc.

Saturday March 24th - Lutley Lane, Bobbington

Please bring before God today the Readers' meeting at Yarnfield, where Rowan Williams, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, will be speaking. Please pray for all who will be there.

Sunday March 25th - Palm Sunday

Please pray for all the services today, including the Journey to the Cross at St Benedict's this evening. Pray that we will be enabled to walk with Jesus Christ during the events of Holy Week.

Monday March 26th - Monday of Holy Week

Our first charity this month is the (Church of England) Children's Society. Please pray for all who work with that organisation that God will guide and sustain them in their work. Pray for all the children and young people who benefit from their ministry.

Tuesday March 27th - Tuesday of Holy Week

Our second charitable donation this month is for the Bishop's Lent Appeal, supporting families at home and abroad.

Wednesday March 28th - Wednesday of Holy Week

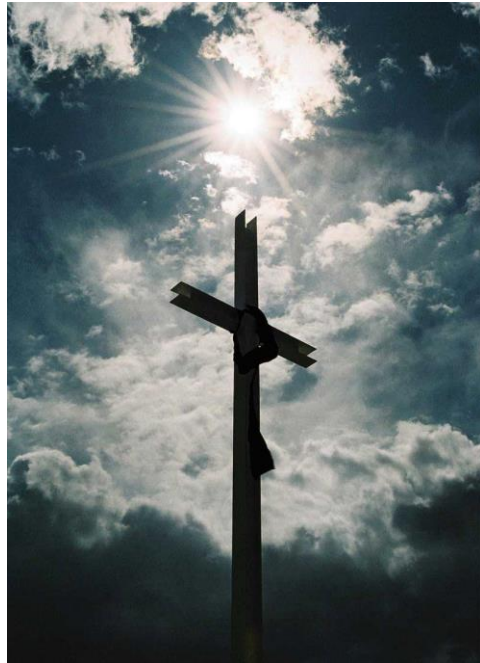
Our special collection at the Easter services will be in support of the Wombourne Guide Hall Refurbishment Appeal. Please pray for all Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, and for all who work with them.

Thursday March 29th - Maundy Thursday

Please pray today for the congregations at the Holy Week services throughout the Team. Pray for those meeting at St John's, at All Saints, and at the Parish Communion with the Watch of the Passion at St Benedict's.

Friday March 30th - Good Friday

Please continue in your Holy Week devotions by praying for the Good Friday Workshop this morning, for the ecumenical service on Windmill Bank at 12.30 and the Good Friday Liturgy at St Benedict's at 2.00.



Saturday March 31st - Easter Eve (Holy Saturday)

Lastly, this month, please pray for all who will participate in the Easter Vigil this evening, as we make our final preparations to welcome our Risen Lord on Easter Day.