

# Smestow Vale Team Prayer Diary

## April 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.

### **Sunday 1st April - Easter Day**

As we greet our Risen Saviour today, please ask his blessing on all who attend worship throughout the Team. Pray for those attending the Easter Communion at St Michael's at 11.00 (with Easter eggs for the children) and the Songs of Praise at St John's this evening at 6.00.

### **Monday 2nd April - Monday of Easter Week**

Please pray today for Sarah and all who work with children in our churches. Pray for the Sunday Club, Little Fish and for the Messy Church, meeting later this month. Pray too for our Guides and Brownies as they endeavour to raise money for the refurbishment of the Guide Hut.

### **Tuesday 3rd April - Tuesday of Easter Week**

Please remember in your prayers today the people of Syria, especially those trapped in the area of Eastern Ghouta and those who have fled the fighting. Pray for an end to the conflict in that country. Pray for all who have been traumatised, that they will find healing.

### **Wednesday 4th April - Wednesday of Easter Week**

Please pray for talks between the USA and North Korea, that they will bring an end to the war of words, de-nuclearisation, and a de-escalation of tension between the two countries. Pray too for a lessening of tension between The UK and Russia following the Salisbury poisoning.

### **Thursday 5th April - Thursday of Easter Week**

Please pray for our outreach to the families in the Smestow Vale Team area, that more families will be attracted to worship in the Team churches and to come to knowledge of the love of Jesus Christ.

### **Friday 6th April - Friday of Easter Week**

Please pray for all involved in the continuing talks about Brexit. As the time for our departure from the European Union draws ever closer, please pray that by March 2019 we will have a clear arrangement for our exit in place, satisfactory to all parties concerned.

### **Saturday 7th April - Saturday of Easter Week**

Please continue to pray for the post of Team Vicar for Bobbington and Trysull to be filled. Pray that there will be a good response to the most recent advertisement, and that God will encourage the right person to apply to lead and guide that part of the Team.

**Sunday 8th April - Easter 2**

*"Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love."*

**Monday 9th April - The Annunciation**

*"God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we pray that you will strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so bring forth the fruits of holiness."*

**Tuesday 10th April - The Maltings, Wombourne**

Please hold in your prayers Jonathan Prior and Natalie van Linzy who are to be married at St Benedict's today. Pray that they will know the love of God, both today and throughout their life together.

**Wednesday 11th April - Manor Drive, Swindon**

Please pray today for Holy Cross Church, Bobbington, that the congregation will remember your promise to be present whenever two or three are gathered together. Pray that God will bless their ministry in that village and as part of the Smestow Vale Team.

**Thursday 12th April - Manor Gardens, Wombourne**

Please lift before God today All Saints' Church, Trysull. Pray for the congregation and for all who live in Trysull and Seisdon. Pray that through God's Church, his love will reach out to the people of those villages, showing them the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**Friday 13th April - Manor Lane, Bobbington**

Today we pray for the people of Swindon and for the congregation at St John's Church. Please ask God to bless those who worship there and to enable them to reach out to the people. Please pray for all who minister within that congregation.

**Saturday 14th April - Marlburn Way, Wombourne**

Please hold the people who worship at St Michael's Church, Himley before God today. Pray that they will know his blessing in all that they do. Please pray for Charmaine and Ian and for all who minister there.

**Sunday 15th April - Easter 3**

*Living God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in all his redeeming work."*

**Monday 16th April - Maypole Court, Wombourne**

Trysull PCC meet this evening. Please pray for all the members of that Council that God will guide them in all their discussions and endorse all the decisions made in his Name.

**Tuesday 17th April** - *Maypole Street, Wombourne*

Please pray today for the Church of the Venerable Bede, for all who gather there for worship, and for all who use the Hall for weekday activities. Pray that God's love will always fill that place, and reach out into the surrounding residential area.

**Wednesday 18th April** - *The Meadlands, Wombourne*

Today we pray for St Benedict Biscop Church, for our Rector, Paul, and for all who minister there. We ask God to bless all the work undertaken within the parish, and all the people who live in Wombourne.

**Thursday 19th April** - *Meadow Lane, Wombourne*

Today, in support of the coming Flower Festival, there will be Afternoon Tea at the Venerable Bede. Please pray for all who will attend, and ask God to bless all the preparations for the Flower Festival.

**Friday 20th April** - *Mill Lane, Swindon*

Much of the work in the team is done by PCC committees. Please pray for all who devote so much of their time to the day-to-day work of the parishes. Pray that God will inspire them to look for outcomes that will build his kingdom and reflect his glory.

**Saturday 21st April** - *Mill Lane, Wombourne*

Please pray today for all who enhance our worship through music: organists and musical directors, choirs and choir leaders, instrumentalists and musical ensembles. Pray too for all who call people to worship through the joyful ringing of the bells.

**Sunday 22nd April - Easter 4**

Today, we pray for those who are to be baptised at St Benedict's this afternoon; for their parents, godparents and families. Pray that the ceremony will be encouraging for all and that the newly-baptised will grow in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ.

**Monday 23rd April - George, martyr, patron of England**

Trysull Annual Meeting takes place today. Please pray for all parishioners who will attend that meeting, and for all the plans to take Holy Cross forward for the next twelve months.

**Tuesday 24th April** - *The Mill Pool, Seisdon*

Please pray today for those who assist in the sanctuary, either as servers or in assisting in leading or administering the sacrament. Pray that their service will be blessed by God and reflected in their lives.

**Wednesday 25th April - Mark the Evangelist**

*"Almighty God, who enlightened your holy Church through the inspired witness of your evangelist Saint Mark: grant that we, being firmly grounded in the truth of the gospel, may be faithful to its teaching both in word and deed."*

**Thursday 26th April - Millers Vale, Wombourne**

It is important that people are not only made welcome in Church, but also feel they are in a place where they can make friends. Please pray for all who have a ministry of welcome, including sides people and churchwardens.

**Friday 27th April - Millfields Way, Wombourne**

Church affairs could not run without time and effort from secretaries and treasurers, both at a parish level and within committees. Please pray for those who faithfully undertake these tasks, that they may be enabled to do so faithfully and promptly.

**Saturday 28th April - Millpool Close, Wombourne**

Our first charity this month is the West Midland Air Ambulance. Thank God for the skill and dedication of the medics and air-crew, and pray for all those they seek help, often in tragic situations.

**Sunday 29th April - Easter 5**

Please pray for all involved in "Messy Easter" at the Venerable Bede this afternoon, and for the Wombourne Annual Meeting, also at the Venerable Bede, this evening. Pray that God will bless both these very different occasions.

**Monday 30th April - Millside, Wombourne**

Our second charity is Prostate Cancer UK. Please pray for all who are undertaking research into this disease and for all who care for sufferers. Pray that God will bless the work and enable it to progress towards finding a means of prevention and, eventually, a cure.