

Smestow Vale Team Prayer Diary

May 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.

Tuesday May 1st - Philip and James, Apostles

Please pray for the wisdom and guidance that comes from the Holy Spirit at the interviews taking place today for the post of team Vicar at Bobbington and Trysull. Pray too for all present at the baptism preparation meeting taking place this evening at 8 pm. Our prayers are asked too for the Annual Meeting of Churches Together in Wombourne also this evening.

Wednesday May 2nd - Moises Hall Road, Wombourne

Please remember in your prayers today the members of the Pastoral Group and all the work they do in God's name.

Thursday May 3rd - Monks Close, Wombourne

Please pray for the Governors of St Benedict's School as they meet today: for God-inspired discussions and decisions for the welfare of the school.

Friday May 4th - Mount Close, Wombourne

Please continue in your prayers, asking God to bring peace to his world, remembering especially the people of Syria and Lebanon.

Saturday May 5th - Mount Drive, Wombourne

Ask God to bless today all the young church people. Pray that they may grow in faith and in the love that comes from God.

Sunday May 6th - Easter 6

Please pray for the baptism candidate at the 10.30 service this morning, for the family and sponsors. Pray that (s)he will grow in love for you and for all people, in lifelong commitment.

Monday May 7th - Mount Pleasant Avenue, Wombourne

Please pray for a good response the Christian Aid collections (13-19 May).

Tuesday May 8th - Mount Road, Wombourne

Please pray for all who will attend the greater Staff Meeting this morning, and for Bobbington PCC meeting this evening.

Wednesday May 9th - Neachless Avenue, Wombourne

Please pray for all who will be present at the Archdeacon's Visitation today.

Thursday May 10th - Ascension Day

Please pray today for the school service, the Ascension Day service and lunch at the Venerable Bede, and for the Novena of Prayer on the theme, *Changed Lives/Changing Lives*, running from tomorrow until the eve of Pentecost.

Friday May 11th - New Road Farm, Swindon

Theme: **Praise** (Psalm 30: 6-12) *"O God, maker of mountains present in our highest heights and lowest depths, as we recognise all that you have saved us from, help us also to see the life you lead us to. Drawn from the pit of despair, may we stir up dust to sing and make it our delight to dance in praise of you."*

Saturday May 12th - New Road, Bobbington

Theme: **Thanks** (Luke 17:11-19) *"O God of pity and of the pitiful, help us to recognise ourselves in this story (of the healing of the ten lepers) and to weigh the gratitude in our hearts. As we throw ourselves at your feet, heal us, and be a wellspring of thanks rising up in us for change and transformation."*

Sunday May 13th - Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension)

Theme: **Sorry** (Mark 14:66-72) *"O God of the cock-crow and the bitter tears, may our hearts be truly broken by every denial of your long-suffering love for us, every rejection of each other, every cowardly and self-protective moment. With the morning bring your mending so that, dauntless, we may find ourselves able to walk once again the way of the cross."*

Monday May 14th - Matthias, Apostle

Theme: **Offer** (1 Samuel 1: 25b-28) *"O self-surrendering God, you are glad for each gift we offer up to you. As Hanna let go of everything she had prayed for, everything she had longed for, everything you blessed her with, it seems her heart did not break and that you blessed her more. So in our letting go of everything we pray for, and everything we long for, may we too know your blessing breaking in our lives."*

Tuesday May 15th - Nursery Drive, Wombourne

Theme: **Be Curious** (Matthew 7: 7-12) *"O God of invitation, as we stand at the door, as we ask the hard questions, as we search you out, may we sense you already at work preparing a feast of answers, drawing us over the threshold and satisfying all our hungers."*

Wednesday May 16th - Oak Drive, Seisdon

Theme: **Be Curious** (Mark 21: 1-5, 11-12) *O faithful God, help us to find our way through the crowd to you. Grant us faith to rip off the roof so we may see your face: help us not to mind the mess when we bring others into your presence for the first time. And if we should ourselves be paralysed be fear or indecision, bless us with friends who will place us before your eyes and entreat your healing."*

Thursday May 17th - Oaks Drive, Wombourne

Please ask God to bless all who use the Novena prayer stations in Church today.

Theme: **Be Curious** (Luke 2: 8, 13-18, 20) *O revealing God, as we stand transfixed in an unexpected place, crumpled and surprised to find ourselves here, invited, yet uncertain on the threshold, help us to recognise our gorgeous Lord Jesus. Drawn in, may we kneel in wonder. May we go away changed. May we draw others to the stable too."*

Friday May 18th - Oaklands, Wombourne

Theme: **Be Curious** (Isaiah 25: 6-10) *O gentle God, you cross all the barriers of separation; longing to be near us, you wipe away our tears, you shower us with precious gifts; your comfort soothes away our shame. May we spread the word that you have spread a table - and that all are welcome at your feast."*

Saturday May 19th - Old Vicarage Close, Wombourne

Theme: **Be Curious** (Psalm 130: 5-6) *"O God of the new day, your Son Jesus knew what it meant to watch and wait through the dark silence of the longest night. Teach us how to wait with heaven's indrawn breath on tiptoe with anticipation, until all our being reaches towards you, all our desire is for you, and all our outward movement is for your Kingdom coming."*

Sunday May 20th - Pentecost

Please pray for Alan Radford, being baptised at Holy Cross today. Pray for him, for his parents and godparents and for all who will be present at the service, that they may all grow to know and love Jesus Christ each day.

Monday May 21st - Orton Lane, Wombourne

Please pray for the meeting of Wombourne PCC this evening, for wisdom and understanding in all that takes place, and for the fulfilment of God's will in all the decisions that are made.

Tuesday May 22nd - Ounsdale Crescent, Wombourne

Please pray for all who are forced to leave their homes by famine, warfare or persecution, and become strangers in a foreign land, that they may receive a welcome and so be enabled to feel at home. Pray that circumstances in their countries of origin may change so that those who wish to return may do so.

Wednesday May 23rd - Ounsdale Road, Wombourne

In our prayers today, please remember the *Windrush Generation*, those invited to this country in the second half of the 20th Century; but forgotten, and treated badly. Pray that they may learn to forgive us for their maltreatment, and belatedly be made welcome.

Thursday May 24th - The Paddock, Wombourne

Please pray for all victims of persecution, especially those who suffer because of their faith. Pray for the families in Nigeria who still wait in hope for the return of their daughters, abducted by Boko Haram.

Friday May 25th - Venerable Bede, monk, scholar, historian

"God our maker, whose Son Jesus Christ gave to your servant Bede grace to drink in with joy the word that leads us to know you and to love you: in your goodness grant that we also may come at length to you, the source of all wisdom, and to stand before your face."

Saturday May 26th - Park Avenue, Wombourne

Please pray for the Church in the Solomon Islands: for all who worship God there and for all who minister to their congregations. Pray too for Susan and Keith, spending time with old friends in that country.

Sunday May 27th - Trinity Sunday

Please pray for the baptism taking place at St Benedict's today. Pray for the parents and godparents. Pray that all who are present may feel able to fully participate in the service and go out at the end aware that they have met with God.

Monday May 28th - *Parks Farm, Himley*

Please remember all who worship God in Wombourne, especially those with whom we gather each week. Pray that God will hear their prayers and answer them as may be best, and in accordance with his will.

Tuesday May 29th - *Penleigh Gardens, Wombourne*

For our first charity this month we will be supporting the Rohingya refugees through the ministry of Médecins sans Frontières (MSF). Please pray for the work of MSF in all the countries where they are engaged in life-saving activity.

Wednesday May 30th - *Pine View, Swindon*

Please pray for our second charity this month: *Dogs for the Disabled*. Thank God for the help in daily living that physically challenged people receive through their canine friends.

Thursday May 31st - Corpus Christi

"Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you that in your wonderful sacrament you have given us the memorial of your passion: grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries of your body and blood that we may know within ourselves, and show forth in our lives, the fruits of our redemption."