

# Smestow Vale Team Prayer Diary

## January 2019

Please pray for all in long-term sickness or incapacity, including James Clowsley, Alma Elliott, Kathy Anderson, Beryl Sadler and Andrew Powney.

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

*"Eternal God, whose incarnate Son was given the name of Saviour: grant that we may live out our years in the power of that Name above all other names."*

### **Wednesday 2nd January - Connaught Drive, Wombourne**

In these cold days - and more particularly, nights - please pray for the homeless, those who are forced by circumstances to sleep rough. Pray for the work of Crisis. Pray too for those who have lost their homes through acts of war and terror.

### **Thursday 3rd January - Copper Beech Drive, Wombourne**

Please pray for *Little Fish* who restart their gatherings today. Please pray for the young children and for their parents. Pray especially for Sarah and for all who help her.

### **Friday 4th January - Corns Grove, Wombourne**

Please pray for the full implementation of the Paris agreement on climate change. Pray that there may be unanimity of understanding on the causes of climate change and determination to tackle it.

### **Saturday 5th January - Crab lane Bobbington (inc. W'ton Airport)**

Please pray for all young families in Wombourne, that they may be attracted to become part of the worshipping community in Wombourne. Pray for wisdom to know how the Church can reach out to them.

### **Sunday 6th January - Epiphany**

Please ask God's blessing on all who will join in worship as we celebrate the visit of the Magi to Jesus. Pray for Revd George Fisher preaching at Himley at 11.00 this morning.

### **Monday 7th January - Crane Hollow, Wombourne**

Please pray today for all Wombourne schools as they resume after the Christmas break. Pray for the staff and students and for all that lies before them this term.

### **Tuesday 8th January - Cranwell Green, Wombourne**

Please pray for the members of the Himley prayer group as they meet at 7.00 this evening. Pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire their prayers, and guide his Church there to know and follow his will.

**Wednesday 9th January** - *Crockington Close, Trysull*

Now that the Christmas season is behind us, please pray that the world will not forget the promise of peace. Pray that peace will indeed come to the places of conflict in this world. Pray for the Syrian and Yemeni conflicts, and for all the forgotten skirmishes in so many places to be brought to an end.

**Thursday 10th January** - *Crockington Lane, Trysull*

Today, people will gather for worship followed by lunch at the Venerable Bede Church. Please thank God for all the time and effort that goes in to preparing and serving the food, and pray for a good time of fellowship for all.

**Friday 11th January** - *The Croft, Wombourne*

Today, St Benedict's School will celebrate St Benedict Biscop, whose day is tomorrow. Please pray for them as they learn about our patron saint.

**Saturday 12th January - Benedict Biscop, scholar**

*"Almighty God, who enlightened the Church by the teaching of Benedict Biscop: enrich it evermore with your heavenly grace and raise up faithful witnesses who by their life and teaching may proclaim the truth of your salvation."*

**Sunday 13th January - Baptism of Christ**

*"Lord of all time and eternity, you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son: by the power of your Spirit complete the power of our rebirth through the waters of the new creation."*

**Monday 14th January** - *Cushman Avenue, Wombourne*

Judging by past experience, British politicians will still be in deep discussion over Brexit. Pray for wisdom to find the best possible solution, accepting that no-one can have everything they would like. Pray that there will be an orderly departure arranged by the exit day on the 29th March.

**Tuesday 15th January** - *Cygnets Court, Wombourne*

Please remember in your prayers today all who are persecuted in so many countries because of their faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for an increased will throughout the world to accept people who worship in ways other than that of the locally accepted faith.

**Wednesday 16th January** - *Dalton Court, Wombourne*

Please remember in your prayers today all who live in the Retirement and Nursing Homes of Wombourne and the surrounding area. Pray for all for whom the move from their long-time home has been an upsetting occasion, especially those who have had to move many miles from friends and family. Pray for all who care for the residents.

**Thursday 17th January - Dean Road, Wombourne**

One of the hardest and most overworked professions is that of social care. Please pray for all social workers as they deal with situations that are often distressing. Pray for wisdom for those who have to make difficult decisions.

**Friday 18th January - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

Today sees the start of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Please pray for the willingness of churches to see themselves as part of the one Church of Jesus Christ, not just in this country but throughout the world, especially in places where a particular expression of Church is linked with national identity.

**Saturday 19th January - Deepdales, Wombourne**

Please pray today for Maxine and for all who work in the Parish Office. Thank God for all the work that happens so efficiently to facilitate the smooth running of St Benedict's and the Venerable Bede.

**Sunday 20th January - Epiphany3**

*"Almighty God, whose Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving presence: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power."*

**Monday 21st January - The Demesne, Himley**

The churches in Wombourne will meet at 12 noon each day this week to celebrate their unity in Christ. Today they gather at St Bernadette's. Please pray for the congregation that meet there regularly, and for Monsignor Crisp, their Parish Priest, for Father Gary Mantle, and for the Sisters of St Anne of Providence.

**Tuesday 22nd January - Dickenson Road, Wombourne**

Today, the churches meet at Kingsway Church. Please pray for Pastor John Price, for all who meet for worship on those premises, and for all that takes place during the week.

**Wednesday 23rd January - Dingle Road, Wombourne**

Pray today for the congregation who meet at Common Road Methodist Church and for Revd Teddy Siwila, as the churches in Wombourne continue meeting together.

**Thursday 24th January - Ebstree Meadow, Seisdon**

Please pray for St Benedict's School Governors as they meet today. Pray for the gathering of the churches at Wombourne United Reformed Church, for the congregation who meet there regularly. Pray for Revd Nadene Snyman in her new ministry, and for the post at Wombourne to be filled quickly.

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

Today, the churches meet at St Benedict's. Please pray for all who worship there and at the Venerable Bede, and for Revd Preb. Paul Brown.

**Saturday 26th January** - *Ebstree Road, Seisdon*

Please pray today for all that happens through the Volunteer Bureau; for all the helpers, organisers and drivers. Pray too for those who meet at the Hand-in-Hand.

**Sunday 27th January - Epiphany 4**

Please pray for all attending the United Worship Service at 6.30 at the Methodist Church this evening.

**Monday 28th January** - *Ednam Grove, Wombourne*

Please pray for the Wombourne Parochial Church Council as they meet this evening. Pray for divine wisdom and guidance in the discussion of each item on the agenda.

**Tuesday 29th January** - *Elder Grove, Wombourne*

Please pray for the work of Prison chaplains in their care for the inmates and for those who work in prisons. Pray for the prisoners, that they will find a regime which prepares them for life in the community on their release.

**Wednesday 30th January** - *Elm Tree Close, Wombourne*

Our first *Cheerful Givers* donation this month goes to *High Flyers*. Please pray for all the young people who are part of that group and for all who work with them.

**Thursday 31st January** - *Falklands Close, Swindon*

Our second donation is the *Children's Air Ambulance*, for all their work in getting children to the best place for the specialist treatment they need four times quicker than by road.