

Smestow Vale Team Prayer Diary

August 2019

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

Thursday August 1st - *School Road, Wombourne*

In this troubled world, please pray for Godly peace to reign. Remember before God the conflict with Iran, and pray for the triumph of diplomacy. Pray too for the Yemen, Syria, Sudan, Hong Kong, Venezuela and other places of disagreement.

Friday August 2nd - *Seisdon Road, Trysull*

Pray for new Party leaders: Jo Swinson as leader of the Liberal Democrats and Boris Johnson, the new Prime Minister and leader of the Conservatives. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide them in the performance of their new roles.

Saturday August 3rd - *The Shales, Wombourne*

Please pray for all the clergy who minister throughout the Team, for Paul, Charmaine, Richard, Sue and James, praying especially for health and strength.

Sunday August 4th - **Trinity 7**

"Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same."

Monday August 5th - *Six Ashes Road, Bobbington*

Please pray for the plans for the Alpha course in Bobbington this autumn, and, at this time, especially for the preliminary visits and invitations this month.

Tuesday August 6th - **Transfiguration of our Lord**

"Holy God, may we, who see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save."

Wednesday August 7th - *Smallbrook Lane, Wombourne*

Please pray for the children and for all involved in the first of the Holiday Clubs this month.

Thursday August 8th - *Smestow Gate Farm, Swindon*

Please pray for the plans for the Bible Course at Swindon this autumn. Pray that, following the success of the course at Trysull, many will be encouraged to attend.

Friday August 9th - Smestow Lane, Swindon

Please hold in your prayers the plans for setting up a Prayer Group at St Benedict's next month. Pray for Revd Sue Watson, and for the Holy Spirit to encourage people to become part of the group.

Saturday August 10th - Smestow Road, Swindon

There are plans, too, to seek to become an Eco-church in Wombourne. Please pray for the small committee looking in to the possibility of achieving this.

Sunday August 11th - Trinity 8

"Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul."

Monday August 12th - St Benedict's Road, Wombourne

Please lift before God today all who are displaced from their homes by warfare, persecution, famine or poverty. Pray that they may have wisdom in deciding where to go and how to travel. Pray that genuine refugees may be made welcome, and that conditions will change so that they can return soon to their homes.

Tuesday August 13th - St Bride's Close, Wombourne

Please pray for the Himley Prayer Group meeting at 7.00 this evening. Ask God to guide their prayers for the building of his kingdom in Himley and Swindon.

Wednesday August 14th - St John's Close, Swindon

Please pray for the second of the series of Holiday Clubs taking place today. Pray for Sarah and for all her helpers, and for the children taking part. Pray that the youngsters will find it both fun and enjoyable. Pray that their knowledge and love of Jesus Christ will be enhanced.

Thursday August 15th - The Blessed Virgin Mary

"God most high, whose handmaid bore the Word made flesh: we thank you that you visit us with your Holy Spirit and overshadow us by your power; strengthen us to walk with Mary the joyful path of obedience and so to bring forth the fruits of holiness."

Friday August 16th - Stanham Close, Wombourne

In the midst of all the disputes with Iran, Nazanin Zagari-Ratcliff is still held in custody, as she has been since 2016. Pray for her release, and pray too for her husband, Richard, and their family. Remember in your prayers too, all prisoners, and especially those whose imprisonment is unjust.

Saturday August 17th - *Stanley Drive, Swindon*

Please pray for all taking their holidays this month. Pray for safety in travel and in exposure to the sun. Pray for a minimal carbon footprint as a result of their activities.

Sunday August 18th - Trinity 9

"Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace."

Monday August 19th - *Station Road, Wombourne*

Plans for Brexit drag on. With the appointment of Boris Johnson as PM, a no-deal Brexit seems more likely. Pray for wisdom for all the Brexit negotiators, that the best form of exit may be found.

Tuesday August 20th - *Stoneybrook Leys, Wombourne*

Please continue to pray for the plans for *"Open the Book,"* acting out Bible stories in our local schools. Pray for all who have expressed their willingness to be part of this endeavour.

Wednesday August 21st - *Stourbridge Road, Himley*

The third of the Holiday Clubs takes place today. Please continue to pray for all who are involved, and that the children will receive a greater understanding of God and Jesus Christ.

Thursday August 22nd - *Stourbridge Road Wombourne*

Much of the PCC's work in Wombourne is done by committees. This month and next, we will pray for each of the committees. Today we pray for the Standing Committee, whose task it is to formulate the PCC agenda and to act in their stead in an emergency. Please lift to God all the members of that committee, asking for wisdom.

Friday August 23rd - *The Straits, Himley*

Today, our prayers are asked for the Finance Committee. Please pray for our Church Treasurer, the Gift Aid Organiser and all on that committee. Pray that they will be able to balance the books while meeting all the commitments undertaken by the PCC.

Saturday August 24th - Bartholomew the Apostle

Please pray for James Stevenson and Ruth Grove who are to be married today at St Benedict's. Pray for God's blessing on this Day and that they may know his love throughout their life together.

Sunday August 25th - Trinity 10

"God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you: look upon us with your favour that we may follow the path of your will and never wander from the way of life."

Monday August 26th - *Strathmore Crescent, Wombourne*

Please pray today for the Social Committee. Thank God for the time and effort they put in to cater for monthly lunches and special functions. Pray for all who benefit from their efforts, that they may truly give thanks to God for all his goodness.

Tuesday August 27th - *Sunnyhill Close, Wombourne*

The church buildings, both inside and out, need to be kept in good condition, both for the benefit of the users and for the glory of God. Pray for the Fabric Committee, whose task this is, and thank God for the time and effort put in by its members.

Wednesday August 28th - *Sunridge Avenue, Wombourne*

The last of the Holiday Club meetings takes place today. Thank God for all the time and effort expended by Sarah and her helpers, and pray that the series of holiday clubs will bear fruit in young lives.

Thursday August 29th - *Sutherland Drive, Wombourne*

Another committee which works very hard is the Music Festival Committee. Thank God for the delightful events which are the end results of their efforts, and pray for each one of them.

Friday August 30th - *Swinford Leys, Wombourne*

Please continue in your prayers for a new organist and choir-leader. Pray that a suitable musician will be found in the near future. Thank God for the gift of music.

Saturday August 31st - *Swinforge Way, Swindon*

Please pray today for the Health and Safety Committee, whose remit is to ensure the physical and mental well-being of all who enter our church. In addition they have to ensure that all, often tedious, government regulations are followed. Please pray for them.