

# Smestow Vale Team Prayer Diary

## March 2020

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

### **Sunday March 1st - Lent 1**

*"Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life."*

### **Monday March 2nd - Chad, Patron of Lichfield Diocese**

Please pray for all the Lent groups in Wombourne this week and for the leaders, hosts and all the participants.

### **Tuesday March 3rd - Foley Grove, Wombourne**

The ecumenical Lent refecton and lunch this week is at St Bernadette's. Please pray for that event and for all who will be there. Please pray too for the Clergy Deanery chapter meeting to day, for the Swimley AGM at 2 pm today, and for all who will be at the Baptism Preparation Meeting later today.

### **Wednesday March 4th - Forest Lane, Bobbington**

Please pray for the Pastoral Group meeting this morning, for all among whom their ministry takes place, and for the Lent Course at Swindon Vicarage at 7 pm today.

### **Thursday March 5th - Forge Leys, Wombourne**

Today, our prayers are asked for the Grapevine editorial committee, for all the contributors and for all involved in the distribution of the magazine. Please pray for God's blessing on all involved.

### **Friday March 6th - Forge Valley Way, Wombourne**

During Lent, many people will be undertaking the Lent Forty Day Challenge. Please pray for wisdom and perseverance for them as they make this commitment.

### **Saturday March 7th - Fox Close, Seisdon**

Please pray that we will all know a deepening of our walk with God through the forty days of Lent.

### **Sunday March 8th - Lent 2**

Please pray for those being baptised at St Benedict's today and for their parents, godparents and for all the guests, that they will be fully aware of the presence of God in the ceremony.

**Monday March 9th** - *Fox Road, Seisdon*

Please pray for second week of Lent Home Groups in Wombourne. Pray too for all the members of the Team Council, which will be meeting tonight at the Church of the Venerable Bede.

**Tuesday March 10th** - *Furnace Close, Wombourne*

Please pray for the Lent Lunch and Reflection taking place today at Kingsway Church. Ask for God's blessing on all who will be involved. Pray too for the Swindon Prayer Group meeting at 7 pm this evening.

**Wednesday March 11th** - *Gardeners Way, Wombourne*

The Swindon Lent Group meets today at 7pm at the Vicarage. Please pray for each member of that group.

**Thursday March 12th** - *Giggetty Lane, Wombourne*

Please pray today for all attending the Songs of Fellowship at the Venerable Bede this afternoon, and thank God for his gift of song.

**Friday March 13th** - *Gilbert Lane, Wombourne*

The Bishop's Lent appeal this year is to be divided between the Acorn's Children's Hospice in Walsall, and Clergy families in our linked Diocese of Matlosane in South Africa as they cover huge distances and face many challenges including poverty, climate change and other serious social issues. Please pray for a good response to this appeal.

**Saturday March 14th** - *Glebelands, Bobbington*

Please pray for Jason and Natasha who are to be married at St Benedict's today. Pray that they will know the loving presence of God both today and through out their life together.

**Sunday March 15th - Lent 3**

Please pray for Messy Church at the Venerable Bede today. Pray too for all outreach to children: Sunday Club, Playmates, the Junior Choir and "Open the Book" in local schools.

**Monday March 16th** - *Glendale Drive, Wombourne*

Please pray for all the participants on the Wombourne Lent Home Groups this week.

**Tuesday March 17th** - *Gospel Ash Road, Bobbington*

Please pray for the Ecumenical Lent Reflection and Lunch today at the United Reformed Church. Pray for all who will be taking part in these activities. Pray too for the Greater Staff meeting this morning at the Hand-in-Hand.

**Wednesday March 18th** - *The Grange, Wombourne*

The Swindon Lent Group continues today at 7 pm. Please pray for each member of that group as they study together at the Vicarage.

**Thursday March 19th - Joseph of Nazareth**

*"Heavenly Father, whose Son grew in wisdom and stature at the home of Joseph of Nazareth, and on the wood of the cross perfected the work of the world's salvation: help us to count the wisdom of the world as foolishness and to walk with him in simplicity and trust."*

**Friday March 20th - Gravel Hill, Wombourne**

Fears of the coronavirus, covid 19, continue as more cases are found in many countries. Please pray for anyone infected, that they will make a full recovery. Pray for all who are in quarantine in an effort to restrict the spread of the virus, and for all engaged in research to find a vaccine and the best method of treatment.

**Saturday March 21st - Green Meadow Close, Wombourne**

Please pray for all who are subject to severe weather as a result of climate change, remembering the people of south-east Australia, dealing with bush fires; the Pacific islands, facing hurricanes and rising sea levels; and the United Kingdom, dealing with the recent floods. Please pray that our Government will make climate change mitigation a priority.

**Sunday March 22nd - Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)**

Please pray for all attending special Mothering Sunday services today including at St Benedict's and the Venerable Bede, and as St John's at 11.00 am.

**Monday March 23rd - Greenacres, Wombourne**

The Lent Groups continue in Wombourne this week. Please pray for each of the groups and for all who will be present. Pray too for the Himley PCC meeting this evening.

**Tuesday March 24th - Greenfields Road, Wombourne**

Please pray for today's Lent Lunch and Reflection, taking place at the Methodist Church. Our prayers are asked too for all the efforts to make St Benedict's Church become eco-friendly.

**Wednesday March 25th - Annunciation**

The Lent course continues today at Swindon Vicarage at 7pm. Please pray for every participant in the course. Our first charity this month is the Twinning Toilets project. Please pray for those parts of the world lacking clean water.

**Thursday March 26th - Greenhill, Wombourne**

Our next charity is Outreach 4 - a Wolverhampton charity providing insulated tents for those living homeless on the streets of our nearest city. Please pray for all efforts to make their lives more comfortable and to eventually provide decent living accommodation.

**Friday March 27th** - *Greenhill Court, Wombourne*

The third charity this month is Edward's Trust. Please pray for their work providing support to families facing the death of a child, either actual or in prospect.

**Saturday March 28th** - *Greenhill Gardens, Wombourne*

Today Acoustic Voices will be in concert at St Benedict's. Please pray for them and for all who will be gathered to listen to them.



**Sunday March 29th - Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)**

In your prayers today please lift before God the Good Shepherd Ministries in Wolverhampton, The Well and the food banks in our area.

**Monday March 30th** - *Greenlands, Wombourne*

Please remember once again the Lent Groups taking place in Wombourne this week, asking God to bless with wisdom and understanding all who will be taking part. Pray too for Wombourne PCC meeting this evening.

**Tuesday March 31st** - *Greensforge Farm, Swindon*

Our Lent Lunch and Reflection takes place today at the Church of the Venerable Bede. Please pray for all involved. Pray too for the Wombourne Prayer Group meeting this evening at St Benedict's.