

September Prayer Diary

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| Sunday | 1 | For this morning's baptism preparation session; that those parents attending might understand more about its significance; and for today's Over 65's Lunch, connecting with many within our local community. |
| Monday | 2 | As our new Youth Minister, Sam Clarke starts in his role this week, please pray that he and his wife Rachel would quickly settle back into life at St Michael's and that their house move will progress smoothly. |
| Tuesday | 3 | At the start of the new academic year, please pray for our school children, teachers, classroom assistants, administrative and support staff returning this week, especially for those starting at new schools. |
| Wednesday | 4 | That all attending this afternoon's <i>Messy Church</i> would learn more about Jesus via the various creative and messy activities! Pray too for Emma Stafford and all those in our hard-working team. |
| Thursday | 5 | Please pray for the ministry of the Old School Rooms Coffee Shop and all those who work and volunteer there. Thank you for the opportunities this gives us to reach out the local community. |
| Friday | 6 | For our Mission Partner of the month, Ruslan & Larisa Telpiz at Gotesti Baptist Church in Moldova . Mary Cottrell will recently have shared about her visit in August, please pick up the latest information sheet. |
| Saturday | 7 | With the latest Brexit deadline fast approaching, and our national politicians increasingly polarised, please pray for wisdom for those in government and parliament in order that a consensus might be reached. |
| Sunday | 8 | For our Sunday morning Children's Groups: may our children learn more about God's love for them, and pray that God would encourage those who lead and help each week – thank you to all those involved. |
| Monday | 9 | For this evening's meeting of the PCC – that all those members present would be equipped by God to know His guidance in discussions, and that all of their thoughts, words and actions would reflect His will. |
| Tuesday | 10 | For our students, as they return to their universities this month, and for those new students leaving home for the first time. Pray too for the team as they meet up with students at UWE during this Freshers' Week. |
| Wednesday | 11 | For this evening's termly Prayer Gathering, offering an opportunity for the church to come together to pray for our own activities, plus those we support and partner with, and national & worldwide situations. |
| Thursday | 12 | For this morning's communion service at Osbourne Court Care Home; and for this afternoon's Link Club, for those in the community over retirement age, which meets this afternoon (and again on 26 September). |
| Friday | 13 | Our staff team has undergone many recent changes; please pray for today's staff team-building day, where Chris Bradley will help them explore the diversity and richness that different personality types bring. |
| Saturday | 14 | This weekend, Tom Benyon and a few others from St Michael's are away on a Men's Retreat in the Gloucester area; pray that they would enjoy excellent teaching, good fellowship and return encouraged. |
| Sunday | 15 | On this second Life Group sign-up Sunday, please pray for our new and existing leaders, and the many individuals who attend the groups; and for Tom Benyon and Tracy & Vijay Jassal as Life Group Co-ordinators. |

Each Sunday please also pray for our various services, celebrations and activities during the day

Please turn over for the second half of the month!

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| Monday | 16 | For this evening's Hope for the Future gathering in the church, offering a welcoming space for those going through difficult times or missing loved ones to reflect, to remember, and to express their feelings to God. |
| Tuesday | 17 | For the Bristol area women's Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) group which meets in St Michael's Centre each Tuesday, offering the opportunity to study God's word via personal preparation, discussion and teaching. |
| Wednesday | 18 | Alpha has been a gateway to faith for many people at St Michael's. Please pray for this evening's Alpha taster session for those who may be thinking about Christianity, or who have questions about faith issues. |
| Thursday | 19 | For Caroline Murphy, as she transitions from her previous role as Personal Assistant to Simon in his former Area Dean capacity, to her new role as Vicar's PA and Admin & Events Support Assistant. |
| Friday | 20 | The Marriage Course starts this evening (the first of 8 sessions), aiming to help strengthen foundations and build intimacy for those couples who are already married. Please pray for those attending. |
| Saturday | 21 | As Megan Clews and Ewen Greenlees now start their second year with us as Associate Youth Ministers, give thanks for all they did during their first year; and pray that working with Sam Clarke will help them to further flourish. |
| Sunday | 22 | For our Trinity Ordinands on placement with us - Vicky Wicks, Tom Hodgkinson & Dave Wilkie starting their final year - and three new students starting with us: Ellie Huggins, Rob McDonald & Joey Palfreman. |
| Monday | 23 | Please pray for wisdom for those who administer our PCC and St Michael's Centre finances – for Rob Farrell as Treasurer, Alison Volkmer as Financial Controller, and those others who also support them in their roles. |
| Tuesday | 24 | For positive and productive relationships with the various Uniformed Groups which meet at St Michael's School or the Old School Rooms during midweek evenings, also praying for their leaders and helpers. |
| Wednesday | 25 | For those in the church participating in TiE groups ("three is enough") or other small regular prayer groups – may those involved be strengthened & encouraged, and that closer relationships would be fostered. |
| Thursday | 26 | For those who bring us God's word Sunday by Sunday at our various services and celebrations – may God give them inspiration as they prepare their messages beforehand, and may we be receptive to hear. |
| Friday | 27 | As the Heart of the Community Prayer Breakfast takes place this morning, continue to pray that the project will help us fulfil our vision of living to make a difference, through discipleship, outreach and serving the community. |
| Saturday | 28 | As a couple of external events take place in St Michael's Centre this weekend, give thanks for this wonderful facility and the opportunity it offers for many people in our community and beyond to visit. |
| Sunday | 29 | For the Hosting Co-ordinators at our various Sunday services: Alex Clare (9.00am), Katja Denning (10.30am) and Georgia White, who has recently taken over as Co-ordinator for our 6.30pm celebration. |
| Monday | 30 | There has been increasing violence against members of our national police force recently, including last month's tragic murder of PC Andrew Harper. Uphold our police as they seek to maintain law and order. |