

Your prayers are asked for all those who are sick, bereaved or in need of God's special help, especially:

- Sick:** Stephen Paterson, William Turner-Inman,
Isabel Page, Barry Clarke, Jenny Booth
- Circle of Prayer:** Jean Knapp, Neil Wilson-Barker
- RIP:** June Watson, Jim Dalton
- Prayer Diary:** Bramley House
Bramley Hill

You are welcome to add the names of people who are ill to the prayer list. Please be sure you have the person's permission and let us know if they would like a home visit.. Also please ask for the name to be removed from the list when appropriate.

SERVICES THIS WEEK

- Friday:** No service
- Sunday 24th:** 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 am Parish Communion (CW)



St. Michael the Archangel, Mere

Sunday 17th February 2019

Welcome to St. Michael's

Electoral Roll: Preparation of the new roll 26 Jan. to 1 March. Members on the existing roll do need to re-apply. Application forms are by the North Door; those on the roll will receive forms through their letterboxes.

Intercessors & Readers: meeting Monday 8 Feb. 2.30-3.45.
Women's World Day of Prayer (WWDP) Service: Friday March 1st 11am at St. Michael's.

Thursday 21st February 11am: Practice for readers and those with special parts at the WWDP service.

Churches Together AGM: Wednesday 27th February 7.30pm in URC, with URC speaker Red Colin Marsh.

Shrove Tuesday Quiz & Pancake Evening: Tuesday 5th March at 7.30pm in Grove Building in aid of Suchana. Tickets £6 (children £3) to include supper. Licensed Bar. To book, sign the list at the back of church or phone 861168 or 863324.

Charity Concert: to thank Christmas Shoe Box contributors, 2nd March 7.30pm at St. Paul's Church, Salisbury SP2 7QW. An evening of music to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Foundation for Social Change and Inclusion (founded by the Trussell Trust). To reserve your free ticket phone 01722 580192.

Lent Lunches: will be held alternate Fridays 8th March to Good Friday 19th April 12.30 in Grove Building. All welcome for soup, bread, cheese, fruit & coffee. Donations of cakes, preserves and chutneys for the stall would be very welcome. All money raised is shared between Christian Aid & CAFOD.

Sacristans urgently needed: If you think you would be interested in doing this important duty just once a month please contact Isabel on 860297 for further details of what this involves.

- Priest-in-Charge:** The Rev. Carol Wilson-Barker 01747 861859
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3RD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Collect: Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading: *Jeremiah 17.5-10*

⁵Thus says the LORD: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the LORD. ⁶They shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷Blessed are those who trust in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse – who can understand it? ¹⁰I the LORD test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings.

Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 15.12-20*

¹²If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; ¹⁴and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ – whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have died in Christ have

perished. ¹⁹If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 6.17-26*

¹⁷He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰Then he looked up at his disciples and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹‘Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. ‘Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²‘Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴‘But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵‘Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. ‘Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶‘Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Post Communion Prayer: Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life, that those who come to him should never hunger: draw us to the Lord in faith and love, that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom, where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Next Week’s Readings:

Genesis 2. 4b-9, 15-end: Revelation 4: Luke 8. 22–25