

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

Sick: Mary Butchers, Ken Toms

Circle of prayer: Thelma Ings, Jean and Alf Cummings, Sue Jeans, Georgina Tanner

RIP: Valerie Ransley

Years Mind: George Taylor, Norman Lukins, Margaret Ings, Tina Hunt, Peter Avery

You are welcome to add the names of people who are ill to the prayer list, but please be sure you have the person's permission and let us know if they would like a phone call.

St Michael's Church is open for private prayer everyday.

Weekly prayer

Loving God, we bring you our thanks for all that has been. We pray for open hearts to receive today as a gift, a new page, a new chapter in the journey of our lives. Fill us with your wonder and your love your gentleness and peace. Help us to use each moment for your glory and show us how we might be a blessing to others. In Jesus' name. Amen. May God hold you in his love and fill you with his peace today and everyday. Amen

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Pewsheet

Next Week's Services at St Michael's:

Sunday 14 August 2022

8:00 am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:30 am Benefice Service at West Knoyle

Important Notice

Please note that St Michael's will be closed
10-19 August for urgent woodworm treatment.

Exception: 8:00 am service on 14 August
will go ahead

Charity Collection - The charity for **August** is...

Mind which offers information to people with mental health problems and lobbies government and local authorities on their behalf. *Isabel Page*

9 August - 12.00 noon in the church: Mothers' Union Eucharist for Mary Sumner Day, followed by BYO picnic lunch. All MU members and friends very welcome.

13 August - 9:00 am Men's Breakfast. Come and join us for food and chat!

18 August - Two Bishops from the Sudan are visiting Mere.

22 August - from 10.30am Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy in aid of Suchana at Grove Cottage, Barton Lane (opposite entrance to the Library) in aid of Suchana. Everyone welcome.

31 August - A quiet day is being held at Hilfield. Please sign up if you would like to attend £10 volunteer donation for Hilfield and £5 towards petrol please. Departing at 9.30am.

Christmas Angels—we are going to knit a large number of angels which will be distributed throughout Mere during the first three weeks of December. Please take a pattern. If you have a neighbour, friend or relative who can knit please take extra patterns. Start knitting now please.
Elizabeth Howden.

Genesis: 15. 1-6

¹After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' ²But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' ³And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' ⁴But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' ⁵He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' ⁶And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Hebrews: 11. 1-3; 8-16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, 'as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.'

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke: 12. 32-40

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. ³⁹'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Collect

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; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamour and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you for ever.

Reminder

Benefice service at West Knoyle on 14 August at 10:30 am
(No service at St Michael's that day)