

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

Sick: HM King Charles, HRH Katherine, Princess of Wales

Circle of prayer: Sue Jeans, Georgina Tanner, Ken Toms.

RIP: Clive Godber, Michael Pester, Cyril Miller

**Years Mind: Malcolm Steadman, Hazel Pickford,
Steve Andrews, Shirley Coward, David Cassell,
Dorothy Hampton, Felicity Talbot.**

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.

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DR DAVID LONGBOURNE: A Thanksgiving and Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Dr Longbourne will be held on Wednesday 19th July at St Michael's Church at 2pm. All welcome.



**7th Sunday of Easter
St Michael's, Mere
12th May , 2024**

Next week's services at St Michael's – 19th May 2024

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am : Parish Communion

Mothers Union, Tuesday 14th May 2.30pm: Welcomes all in the Grove Building. A short service will be followed by a talk on Hospital Chaplaincy by the Rev. Joanne Percival.. Refreshments follow.

PLANTS & CAKES SALE: Saturday 1st June at the Grove Building from 2pm-4pm. Refreshments as well. Offers of plants to Judith or Heather, cakes to Penny. Room for two more stalls. Don't be shy. All in aid of Church funds. Offers of help gratefully received.

Christian Aid Week: Christian Aid's work on our behalf and all Churches, is as vital as ever. Please make a special donation in one of the tins/boxes this or next Sunday or make a donation direct to Christian Aid, 35/41 Lower Marsh, SE1 7RL or call 020-7523 2269 to donate by phone or visit their website.

Hidden Gardens of Mere: 15th/16th June. Proceeds to The Friends of St Michaels, The Garden Club and local charities. Help needed for the tea rota and cakes. Please see the clipboard in the Church or contact Mary Wilson on 01747-229609

Acts 1.15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.' So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

1 John 5.9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

John 17.6-19

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect

them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Collect

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord.