

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: Sylvia Irene Hurst

Years Mind: Margaret Longbourne, Alan Parfitt, Margaret(Maggie) Carnie, Margaret Fricker.

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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**2nd Sunday after Trinity
St Michael's, Mere
9th June , 2024**

Next week's services at St Michael's – 16th June 2024

8am: Holy Communion (BCP)

10.30am : Holy Communion

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 01747-22960

Great news from Penny Fraser that £614 was raised for church funds from the Plant & Cake stalls on 1st June. Well done everyone who contributed.

Job 29. 11-16

When the ear heard, it commended me, and when the eye saw, it approved; because I delivered the poor who cried, and the orphan who had no helper. The blessing of the wretched came upon me, and I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy. I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban. I was eyes to the blind, and feet to the lame. I was a father to the needy, and I championed the cause of the stranger.

Acts 11.19-30

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that took place over Stephen travelled as far as Phoenicia, Cyprus, and Antioch, and they spoke the word to no one except Jews. But among them were some men of Cyprus and Cyrene who, on coming to Antioch, spoke to the Hellenists also, proclaiming the Lord Jesus. The hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number became believers and turned to the Lord. News of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast devotion; for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were brought to the Lord. Then Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. So it was that for an entire year they associated with the church and taught a great many people, and it was in Antioch that the disciples were first called 'Christians'. At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

John 15.12-17

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not

choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Collect

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts,

Who poured your Spirit upon your servant Barnabas

And gave him grace to encourage others:

Help us, by his example,

To be generous in our judgements

And unselfish in our service;

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.

Post Communion

Lord God, the source of truth and love,

Keep us faithful to the apostles teaching and fellowship,

united in prayer and the breaking of bread,

and one in joy and simplicity of heart,

In Jesus Christ our Lord