

# Sunday 1 – Saturday 7 August

## Holiday Time

*“When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars which you have set in place, what are mere mortals that you are mindful of them, human beings that you care for them” (Psalm 8:3-4)*

Our prayer diary over the next two months will be reflecting on the Psalms. As you reflect on the highlighted verses, I'd like to encourage you to read the whole of that particular Psalm. My hope and prayer is just as the Psalms helped the Jewish people to worship, pray and share with God what is on their hearts, the Psalms may help us in our own prayers to God, as we seek to lift our borough and our churches before Him.

As you read this now, it may be that you're enjoying yourself on holiday. Perhaps you are basking in the sun by the Caribbean Sea, or you are marvelling at the splendour of the North Wales mountains. Often when we are on holiday, we have time to enjoy and be blessed by God's wonderful creation.

Psalm 8 refers to how God's creation points to God himself, and testifies to how majestic He is. As we enjoy, or look forward to our holiday, let's thank God for the blessings he gives us through his creation, and let's take time out to reflect on how wonderful God is.

### **Please pray in particular for:**

- \* Give thanks for the opportunities we have during holiday time to enjoy God's creation, and to have time to reflect on God.
- \* Pray that these holidays may be refreshing for us all, as we take time out of our often busy lives to just be.
- \* Give thanks for the recreational spaces we have in St Helens and the borough; for parks, beauty spots, swimming pools, bowling greens and fields. Give thanks for those who maintain these places for us, so that we can use our free time wisely.
- \* Thank God for those running Christian holidays during this period. Thank God for the work of Soul Survivor, New Wine, Keswick, Greenbelt and other Christian holidays, which give people not only a holiday, but spiritual input too.
- \* We pray for those whom we know from our churches who are going on these events – pray for them that their holiday away will be a real time of refreshment.
- \* Pray for those organisations who lead children's and youths' Christian summer camps. We pray for the work of CPAS Venture holidays, Scripture Union camps, Beach Missions and other organisations who run hundreds of holidays for children and young people, where they too will hear the Gospel.
- \* Pray that as we all travel to different places to enjoy our holidays, God will keep us safe.

## **Sunday 8 – Saturday 14 August**

### **The Local Church Part 1**

*“How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty. My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God” (Psalm 84:1-2)*

As Christians, we share a wonderful hope, with the Psalmist of Psalm 84, that in the future, we will be with God in his dwelling place. Yet of course, we already experience glimpses of our future now through God’s Kingdom on earth, and through the Church.

Let us thank God for our churches, and take time this week to pray for them. Let’s thank God that through our churches, we can meet with God to worship and experience Him together. Let us also pray that our churches may be places where others, too, come to meet the living God.

#### **Rev Janet Roberts from St Paul’s Church Blackbrook has asked us to pray for:**

- \* Please pray for our Tiddlers group (for tots age 0 - 5 years old and their carers). Due to high demand we will be opening on a Tuesday afternoon as well as Wednesday from September – please pray for those leaders who volunteer their time and their talents to run this successful group.
- \* Please pray for our new intake at our Playgroup starting in September – we pray for the children and their families and for the relationships that will be built.

#### **Mike Kerry, from Billinge Family Church, has asked us to pray for:**

- \* Please pray for the Belarusian children that we will have with us from the Chernobyl area at the beginning of August. Please pray that they will have a great time with good weather.
- \* Pray also for the families who are hosting them and that they will all have an encounter with Jesus.

#### **Please also pray for:**

- \* Give thanks for the summer holidays, as many of our church activities take a break over the summer. Pray that this may be a time of reflection over the past year, and of discernment and planning for the next academic year ahead.
- \* Pray for those churches this summer in our area who are without a minister. Pray for the people in those churches who are responsible for the church’s running whilst

there is no minister – especially at this difficult time of the year as they seek to get ministers to cover services.

### **Please pray for the town centre churches**

*8<sup>th</sup> August – Christian Life Centre and the Salvation Army Hostel*

*9<sup>th</sup> August – Barton Street Mission and Bethel Mission*

*10<sup>th</sup> August – St Helens Baptist Church and Wesley Methodist Church*

*11<sup>th</sup> August – Holy Cross and St Mary's Lowe House*

*12<sup>th</sup> August – St Helens United Reformed Church (Ormskirk Street)*

*13<sup>th</sup> August – St Helens Parish Church, St Mark's North Road and  
St Thomas' Eccleston*

*14<sup>th</sup> August – Redeemed Church of God*

## **Sunday 15 – Saturday 21 August**

### **Education**

*"I lift my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip-he who watches over you will not slumber" (Psalm 12:1-3)*

This famous Psalm provides us with a great reminder, that when we are in need of help – we are to lift our eyes up to God – the maker of heaven and earth. This week we will be taking time to pray for education issues in our Borough. As we do this let us remember to call on God for his help; for the teachers and staff of schools who work so hard, for the children and young people, and for Christians who go into schools and help teach our children and young people to lift their eyes up to God.

### **Brian and Margaret Jones, from the Gideons, have asked us to pray for:**

\* Please pray for our work as the Gideons, as we hope to give out the Gideon New Testament to Yr 7 pupils in the following schools, during September, October and November this year:

De La Salle High School,

St Cuthberts Catholic Community College for Business and Enterprise,

St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic High School,

Haydock Sports College,

Rainford High Technology College,

Rainhill High School Media Arts College,

Sutton High Sports College,

Cowley Language College,

Tower College,

Newton-le-Willows Community High School,  
St Aelreds Catholic Technology College,  
Kirkby Sports College,  
All Saints Catholic Centre for Learning,  
Knowsley Park Centre for Learning,  
St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Centre for Learning,  
Upholland HighSchool  
St Peter's Catholic High School, Orrell,  
Lansbury Bridge School.

\* Pray that the head teachers will remain favourable to us going into their schools and be encouraging to us as we go into their schools.

**Paul and Jeanette Caine, from the Seedlings Trust, have asked us to pray for their work in schools:**

\* The schools diary is now planned for September to December so please pray for the new school term and in particular for St Anne's C of E primary Rainhill, as Paul begins leading assemblies there fortnightly from 14th September.

\* Please pray for Paul as he is going to be part of a team leading an after school event at St Anne's school "Laugh Out Loud (LOL)" to be held once a month for children and their families. This takes the number of schools visited to 17.

\* Give thanks that Sta's4All (Billinge) is still going and growing and in addition to the fourth Sunday event, we have just run our first 'Journeys' course for adults who came along to Sta's and wanted to explore more about God. This has been such an encouragement and lovely to see people excited about their journey.

\* Give thanks that 'Jake's Journey', Paul's novel has been well received and copies are still available from Paul by e-mailing [pjcaine@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:pjcaine@blueyonder.co.uk)

\* The planned 20th Celebration of Seedlings had to be cancelled, please pray as the Trustees rearrange this event.

\* Please pray for staff and children in Primary schools as they begin a new school term in September, for children starting school for the first time, for those who are starting high school and the transition from one school to the next. Pray, too, for parents and their relationship with the schools their children attend. Pray for headteachers who have the responsibility of getting the new school year started effectively. Please pray also for school office managers, secretaries and other administrative staff. Without them, schools would be under even more pressure and they are often the forgotten ones.

**Paul Johnson, Lead Chaplain at St Helens College, has written the following and asked us to pray for the college:**

August is all about preparation and planning for new and returning students.

\*Please pray that all of the work will go very smoothly and that we can create an environment where people feel at home very quickly and will feel able to flourish in their education.

\*Please pray for members of staff who are taking on new roles and for whom this will be a stressful time.

\*Please pray for a smooth transition for people who are moving staff rooms and even to different campuses.

\*Pray that people will make new friends quickly and that they will soon settle into their new places of work.

\*Results days come along at the end of August so please pray that people will be happy with their grades and will see a way through to the next step in their lives.

### **Finally please pray for:**

Those students who this week who get their A Level/A2 Level results. Pray for those students who get the grades they need for their university course or for their job as they prepare to move on to a new chapter in their life. Pray for those who did not get the grades they needed – that God would be with them during this difficult period and for discernment as they think about what to do next.

### **Please pray for the churches in Billinge, Blackbrook, Haresfinch and Carr Mill**

*15<sup>th</sup> August – Billinge Family Church*

*16<sup>th</sup> August – St Aidan's Billinge and St Mary's RC Church*

*17<sup>th</sup> August – St David's Carr Mill*

*18<sup>th</sup> August – St Patrick, Clinkham Wood and St Peter & St Paul RC Church*

*19<sup>th</sup> August – Haresfinch United Reformed Church*

*20<sup>th</sup> August – St Mary's Blackbrook*

*21<sup>st</sup> August – St Paul's Blackbrook*

## **Sunday 22 – Saturday 28 August**

### **Families and Parenting**

*"Father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families ..."* (Psalm 68: 5-6a)

The Psalmist here speaks about God's concern for families, and in particular those who have little or no family. As God's family, we share God's concern for families and in particular those who have little or no family. So this week let us focus our prayers on families.

### **Barbara Jones has asked us to pray for:**

\* Families to have fun and enjoy each others' company; getting a better balance between work and time spent with each other.

- \* The many holiday clubs running during the summer and especially church clubs where children will have the opportunity to hear about Jesus. Pray, too, for the contacts made with parents.
- \* The safety of children over the summer holidays and patience for parents as they cope with children at home all day.
- \* More foster carers in St. Helens to cope with the increasing number of children needing short and long-term foster care, and for the children to experience a loving environment where their needs can be met.
- \* Our extended families, particularly where sick or elderly relatives may need our care and attention.
- \* Families where parents have separated and there are feelings of anger or resentment. Ask God to help parents to put their children's feelings above their own.
- \* Thank God for the many families in St. Helens who love and care for each other and often extend that love and care to others.

**Finally please pray for:**

All the young people across our Borough who on Thursday will receive their GCSE results. Pray for all the young people, whether they are pleased with their results or facing disappointment, that God would be with them and guide them in their futures.

**Please pray for the churches in Eccleston and Windle**

*22<sup>nd</sup> August – Christ Church Eccleston and St Luke's Eccleston*

*23<sup>rd</sup> August – Eccleston Methodist Church*

*24<sup>th</sup> August – St Julie's*

*25<sup>th</sup> August – St Andrew's*

*26<sup>th</sup> August – St Teresa's*

*27<sup>th</sup> August – Newtown United Reformed Church*

*28<sup>th</sup> August – St Thomas of Canterbury.*

**Sunday 29 August – Saturday 4 September**

**Local Government**

*"You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you; I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water" (Psalm 63:1)*

As you have read in the papers, and seen in the media, we are currently living in challenging economic times, which is already having a huge impact on our Council, other statutory agencies and the decisions that they make each week. Certainly

these are tough times and that is why this week we are focusing on praying for our Council.

We thank God that in St. Helens we have a Council who want to listen to faith groups, and involve them in key strategic decision making Councils. As we pray for the Council, we also pray for our Local Strategic Partnership Group (LSP) representatives, that they may seek God, as the Psalmist says, and that God may guide them in their roles.

**Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Thematic Group Faith Reps:**

\* Please pray for the following people and the groups as a whole as they make strategic decisions regarding our area:

- Children and Young People – Mike Balmford (e-mail: office@shine.org.uk)
- Crime and Disorder Reduction – Tim Hyde  
(e-mail: office@sthelensbaptist.co.uk)
- Healthier Communities and Older People – John Draycott  
(e-mail: john.draycott@sky.com)
- Communities and Neighbourhoods – Angela Metcalfe  
(e-mail: office@shine.org.uk)
- Economic Development and Enterprise – Richard Bennett  
(e-mail: r.a.bennett61@btinternet.com)

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**LSP Reps**

*We have included the LSP faith representative e-mail addresses because their role is to represent us all as a faith community across the Borough of St Helens. Therefore, if you have an issue or opinion that you'd like raised up at the LSP groups, then feel free to e-mail them and they would be happy to represent your views at those groups.*

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**Mike Balmford, our Children and Young People LSP rep, would like us to pray for:**

- \* Recently the funding behind the new school buildings project has been cut. Please pray for the schools which are affected by this. (New builds have been cancelled, Rainford High Technology College and De La Salle High School refurbishments may go ahead, and Hope Academy in Newton will go ahead).
- \* Give thanks that we passed Safeguarding Children Review by Ofsted...but the cost of looked after children within our Borough is enormous.
- \* Give thanks that we have a full team of social workers working in the area now.
- \* Give thanks that key stage 2 results across the Borough for those about to transfer to secondary schools have improved again

**Tim Hyde, our Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership LSP rep, would like us to pray for:**

\* Please pray for Councillor Susan Murphy, the new chair of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and generally for changes since 5 May 5, when the political situation changed.

\* Give thanks for the good work that has been done by various partners in recent years in combating crime in our Borough. Statistics show that crime is down in our area.

\* Please pray for the continuing work of the Safer Schools Programme and the good relationships that have been built between pupils and police officers attached to all our senior schools.

**Please pray for the churches in Haydock and Earlestown**

*29<sup>th</sup> August – Earlestown Baptist Church*

*30<sup>th</sup> August – Blessed English Martyrs RC Church*

*31<sup>st</sup> August – St James the Great, Haydock*

*1<sup>st</sup> September – St Mark's Haydock*

*2<sup>nd</sup> September – Christ Church United Reformed Church*

*3<sup>rd</sup> September – Haydock Independent Methodist Church*

*4<sup>th</sup> September – Haydock Methodist Church*

## **Sunday 5 – Saturday 11 September**

### **The Local Economy**

*“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin” (Psalm 51:1-2)*

Psalm 51 was a Psalm written by David after he made a big mistake by having an affair with Bathsheba. In the Psalm David cries to God for mercy. For David, and for us, we have a God who is merciful and full of grace, and who accepts us even when we make mistakes.

This week we're focusing on praying for the local economy. As we see on the news, our economy at the moment is fragile, and business mistakes can be hugely costly, affecting many people's lives – as we saw with the collapse of Woolworths. So this week let's seek God's guidance, and pray for our economy. Pray also for Majorie Conroy, our Town Centre Chaplain, who seeks to offer Christian support to retailers in our town centre.

**Marjorie Conroy, Town Centre Chaplain, Mission in the Economy (MitE), has asked us to pray for:**

- \* Please pray for Rev Fran Lovett our MitE co-ordinator, who is looking to retire at the end of August/early September, for all the hard work still to do before she passes the baton over to someone else. Pray that God would give her the energy and health and all that she needs at this time. Please thank God for her heart, hard work, insight and complete commitment to all those within the economy, all people, groups and the Town Hall, for the amazing input and valuable relationships she has built up over last 6 or 7 years.
- \* Please pray for peace in all the coming changes which are linked with Rev Fran Lovett's departure.
- \* Please pray for Marjorie and Lynda Briody that they may continue her vision and heart and for the team to grow, so we can build even more relationships with many more.
- \* If you feel inspired to give just two or three hours a week to come alongside people in their workplace, to be a listening ear, support and to encourage, please pray, and if this touches your heart, please contact Marjorie or Lynda or the Shine Office.
- \* Please pray for our Chief-Executive of St Helens Council, Carol Hudson, and her team and all the local Counsellors; give them strength, wisdom and courage to implement all the cash cuts to local government, etc. It's a daunting task ahead and not just for this year only.
- \* Pray that people's hearts will be turned to help those who may get cuts to cash or services. Pray that all may hold the commandment 'Love thy Neighbour' even more than ever. Let's walk the talk and show the love of Christ at these difficult times.

**Please also pray for:**

- \* All local businesses, that in these difficult times they may flourish, and that local jobs would be kept safe.
- \* Pray that local businesses, particularly those in the town centre, would be supported by the local people.
- \* Pray for new investment by companies in St Helens and the local area, so that more jobs will be created for those who are currently unemployed.

**Please pray for the churches in Newton-Le-Willows**

*5<sup>th</sup> September – All Saints C of E Church and Emmanuel, Wargrave*

*6<sup>th</sup> September – Newton Christian Fellowship*

*7<sup>th</sup> September – St David's RC Church and St Patrick's RC Church.*

*8<sup>th</sup> September – St Johns' C of E Church*

*9<sup>th</sup> September – St Peter's C of E Church*

*10<sup>th</sup> September – St Mary and St John RC Church*

*11<sup>th</sup> September – Newton Methodist Church*

## **Sunday 12 – Saturday 18 September**

### **Children and Young People**

*“Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who has made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture” (Psalm 100:1-3)*

Across the town, through the work of Youth Aflame, and of local churches, we as Christians are engaging with children and young people who are learning more about Christ. It is all too easy to just pray about our needs, the needs of others, and to forget to praise and thank God for what he is doing.

The Psalmist in Psalm 100 cannot help but praise God for all the things that He has done. This week as we pray for our children and young people of the town, may we take time out to thank our awesome God for the way in which children and young people are coming to know him.

#### **Please pray for:**

- \* Give thanks for Youth Aflame, for Joe and Craig and all who are involved in Youth Aflame. Give thanks that through their hard work, young people are coming to know God through the events that Youth Aflame put on.
- \* Give thanks for the many other Sunday schools, mid week kids clubs and youth clubs which are being run by churches each week. Give thanks for the relationships which are developing between churches and young people.
- \* Give thanks for the many uniformed organisations; Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, and Beavers, Cubs and Scout groups that exist in our borough. Give thanks for the opportunities which these groups give to our children and young people.
- \* Give thanks for the many volunteers who give up their time to run these groups. Thank God for their commitment and willingness to take on such roles.
- \* Please pray that the churches would continue to be able to engage with children and young people, and reach out to more young people in the area.
- \* Please pray for wisdom for these groups, when they have to deal with children and young people who are in need.
- \* Pray for us all as churches, that we would not just welcome children when we do clubs, but that we would welcome children and young people and be open to them during our services too.

#### **Please pray for the churches of Parr and Rainford**

*12<sup>th</sup> September – Holy Trinity, Parr Mount*

*13<sup>th</sup> September – Parr Methodist Church and the Salvation Army, Tickle Avenue*

*14<sup>th</sup> September – St Vincent de Paul RC Church*

15<sup>th</sup> September – St Peter's Parr and St Philip's Derbyshire Hill

16<sup>th</sup> September – Corpus Christi RC Church, Rainford

17<sup>th</sup> September – All Saints Rainford

18<sup>th</sup> September – Rainford United Reformed Church and Rainford Methodist Church

## **Sunday 19 – Saturday 25 September**

### **Our Town**

*“To you, Lord, I call; you are my Rock, do not turn a deaf ear to me. For if you remain silent, I shall be like those who go down to the pit. Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help, as I lift up my hands towards your Most Holy Place” (Psalm 28:1-2)*

In Psalm 28, the Psalmist turns to God, who is described as a rock, and the Psalmist cries to God for help. I love the picture of God as a rock. When we are tossed and turned in the constantly changing waters of life – we can be assured that God is never changing, and is always constant. God is always there for us – an anchor for us in our lives.

This week we're praying for our town; in particular the Rugby League chaplaincy, the college, the police and the council. These important parts of our town are often affected by the constantly changing waters of life – as we pray for these institutions – may God become an anchor and a source of help to our town.

**Paul Johnson, Lead Chaplain at St Helens College, has written the following and asked us to pray for the college:**

Thank you for your prayer support over the last few months at St Helens College. It has been a difficult period with some staff leaving, alongside a high profile bereavement within College. The Chaplaincy Team has been heavily involved in supporting staff and students and we know that this would have been even more difficult without the back up of your prayers.

The spring and early summer period has been tough with many staff losing their jobs as a result of external pressures on funding. This is a sector-wide issue and all Further Education Colleges have had to make some very tough decisions. Please pray for those individuals who have lost their jobs and are currently looking for new employment. Pray for peace of mind and for provision. Please also pray for people who have been involved with breaking bad news to individuals. This has, obviously, been very stressful and they have carried out their task with utmost dignity and professionalism. Please pray for peace for those people and pray for a restful summer for them. Please also pray for managers who have had to make the decisions. Pray for peace of mind and for strength to carry on despite the difficulty of the last few months.

September will see an influx of new students. Please pray that they will feel a part of College life very quickly and that they will adapt well to a different style of teaching and learning. Pray for staff at this stressful and very busy time - that we will have the patience and professionalism to deal with each individual in a way that they will feel valued and encouraged. Pray that students will choose their programmes of study wisely and that they will achieve all that they can as they prepare for life in the worlds of Further and Higher Education and the world of work.

The autumn term will see the Chaplaincy Team offering a new staff drop-in service. Please pray that staff will take the opportunity to access support and pray that we will have times when we can show God's love in very practical ways. We will also be running the 'Journeys' course again. This was very successful last term and we hope that many people will explore their faith with us and hopefully take steps toward Jesus.

Thanks, as ever, for your continued support and prayers – we don't take it for granted and we really appreciate it.

**Gaz Tracey, one of the St Helens Rugby League Club Chaplains, has asked us to pray for the Saints, and the chaplaincy at the club:**

- \* Please pray that the good, positive and supportive relationship that is shared between chaplains Gaz Tracey and Paul Day continues to develop and deepen.
- \* Pray for all involved at the club as they enter a time of transition, especially praying for those members of staff who are either moving on or who are involved in the project to deliver the new stadium plus all of the interim plans.
- \* Thank God that the ministry of the chaplains is both well received and supported at all levels within the club.
- \* Pray for the service which is at a planning stage to formally remember the significance of Knowsley Road, especially for those who have scattered the ashes of loved ones on the pitch. Pray that this will provide a fitting tribute.

**Carole Hudson, Chief Executive of St Helens Council, has asked us to pray for:**

- \* Please pray about the current impact on people's lives, who have lost their jobs and are unable to find new ones.
- \* Please pray for our young people who are leaving school and university with good qualifications, yet are unable to find work.

**Please also pray for:**

- \* Please pray for Chief Superintendent Chris Armitt and the Police Force in St Helens as they seek to maintain their level of service to the community despite cuts to their

budget.

### **Please pray for the churches of Prescot and Thatto Heath**

*19<sup>th</sup> September – Our Lady Help of Christians RC Church and St James, Eccleston Park*

*20<sup>th</sup> September – Prescot Methodist Church and Whiston Methodist Church*

*21<sup>st</sup> September – Prescot Salvation Army and Prescot Community Church*

*22<sup>nd</sup> September – Balmer Street Methodist Church, Nutgrove Methodist Church and  
West Street Independent Methodist Church*

*23<sup>rd</sup> September – St John's Ravenhead and St Matthew's Thatto Heath*

*24<sup>th</sup> September – St Austin's*

*25<sup>th</sup> September – Toll Bar with Prescot United Reformed Church*

## **Sunday 26 September – Saturday 2 October**

### **The Local Church Part 2**

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live in unity!" (Psalm 133:1)*

In St Helens we are incredibly blessed that we live in a town where as, Christians, we can live in unity with one another. At the last SHINE 'Bond of Peace' lunch (a lunch for all church leaders across the Borough) over 30 leaders from many different churches across the Borough came together for fellowship and sharing. Throughout the town churches are working together, regardless of denomination.

And of course one of the main ways in which we share unity is by praying for each other. In this prayer diary we pray for more than sixty churches in our Borough over two months. May all our churches continue to live in unity with one another, and may we constantly hold each other up in prayer.

### **SHINE would like you to pray for us, please pray for:**

- \* Please pray that SHINE would continue to be an instrument; working for unity between all our churches
- \* Please pray for the church leaders lunches (Bond of Peace Events), and the prayer events which SHINE holds; that these may be places where churches come together and form relationships
- \* Please pray for Mike Kerry, as our newly elected SHINE chairman, as he takes on the role of leading SHINE for the future.

### **Please also pray for:**

- \* Give thanks for the many other ecumenical links between churches across the Borough
- \* Please pray, that as churches, we may support those churches who are struggling in any way or facing difficulties. Pray that as churches we are mindful and caring of each other.
- \* Please pray that as the churches work together in unity, the wider community would see this, and that the way we they see us would be more favourable, and our mission would be furthered as a result of our unity with one another.
- \* Pray that God would continue to guide us as churches, as we seek to make St Helens a place where God's Kingdom grows.

**Please pray for the churches of Sutton and Rainhill**

- 26<sup>th</sup> September – All Saints Sutton, St Michael's Sutton and St Nicholas' Sutton*
- 27<sup>th</sup> September – Clock Face Methodist Church, Sutton Methodist Church and Sutton Village Church*
- 28<sup>th</sup> September – Church of the Nazarene and Peasley Cross United Reformed Church*
- 29<sup>th</sup> September – St Ann and Blessed Dominic and St Theresa.*
- 30<sup>th</sup> September – St Bartholomew's RC Church and St Anne's Rainhill*
- 1<sup>st</sup> October – Rainhill Pentecostal Church and Trinity Church Rainhill*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October – St James' Methodist Church, Rainhill*

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**Church Prayer Requests**

One of the goals of SHINE is to get churches to meet and pray for one another. As you will have noticed – we do put individual church prayer requests into this diary so that we can pray for each other. In particular – if there are any specific events which your church is organising and you'd like prayer for that event – then please e-mail us at [office@shine.org.uk](mailto:office@shine.org.uk). The next prayer diary is our October/November edition – please e-mail us your prayer requests by **Friday 3 September**.

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