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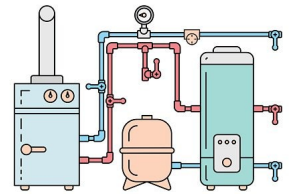
## Baptism

During Sunday morning's service (2nd Feb) we will be celebrating the baptism of Emelia Histed. Please pray for Emelia and her family.



## Heating and the boiler

As you will know, our old boiler broke down recently and you may be wondering what we are doing about this. We have, for a while, had a plan and funding set aside, to replace the old boiler.



The Church of England is keen to reduce the impact of our large buildings on the environment, so now requires us to seek faculty permission before installing a new gas boiler. This meant that we had to show that we have fully evaluated all the lower-carbon alternatives. This is very much in line with our own EcoChurch objectives, and we are well ahead in the process.

Our initial intention was to replace the current boiler with two new ones of comparable power but, after a comprehensive and detailed study by an independent heating consultant, we were advised that our current boiler was over-powered for the demand placed on it and that our replacement boilers should be smaller, so that they would operate nearer their maximum capacity and thereby be significantly more efficient. The updated plan for smaller boilers is less expensive in capital cost and will consume less gas. We were granted agreement in principle from the diocese to do this, but had not yet been granted the full faculty permission.

To repair the current boiler will cost over £3,500 in parts alone, and the parts were not available until the end of January anyway, so we have decided not to go ahead with any repairs but instead to implement the new plan immediately. We have applied for an emergency faculty to do this and work should start in a couple of weeks with completion by the end of February. We have the funds for this project.

Once completed we will have modern, efficient, reliable boilers that will be significantly cheaper to run and maintain. We will also be able to remove all the flue pipes in the flower vestry. We think it is well worth a few weeks of mild discomfort to get our heating problems properly sorted. I hope you agree. In the meantime, please do sit in the front few rows of chairs if you want to feel any benefit from the temporary heaters in church.

For more information about our "Net Zero Plan" see the noticeboard in church.

*Paul Simms*  
Chair, Building & Churchyard Team

## Next Film Evening

Friday 7th Feb. at 6.30pm - 'Marvellous'.

For more information, and to sign up, see the noticeboard in the Welcome Area.



## Collect for Candlemas (2nd Feb.) (The presentation of Christ in the Temple)

Lord Jesus Christ,  
light of the nations and glory of Israel:  
make your home among us,  
and present us pure and holy  
to your heavenly Father,  
your God, and our God.



## Bring on the Swing

**A Concert for the Children's Society**  
St Peter's Church, Windmill Street, Macclesfield  
Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7.30pm

Tickets £10.00 available from Tricia Atherton at St Mike's or email [jhphillipson@googlemail.com](mailto:jhphillipson@googlemail.com) or call 01625 428874

Bring on the Swing is an 8-piece, pint-sized big-band featuring silky vocals, a swinging rhythm section and horns that'll blow your socks off. An evening full of Sinatra classics, Ray Charles dancefloor favourites and more - cracking tunes made popular again by Bubl  and Robbie Williams. Tea and Coffee will be available but bring your own wine/beer if you wish. There will also be a raffle.



## Be Scam Aware!

Martin was recently informed that at least two people received an email purporting to be from him, which asked for the recipient to **'discreetly run an errand for him; reply by email if you're available'**.

Since churches are usually places where people want to be helpful, they can be targeted by scammers.

Please be vigilant to all emails. **Check the sending email ADDRESS** (not just the displayed 'name'), and contact the purported sender by phone (rather than click 'Reply') - especially with messages that don't feel right.



## Services of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness

Dates for services for healing have now been fixed for the year. Heike and Barbara are leading this initiative and would be very pleased to welcome more people onto the team. Please let them know if you feel this is something you are interested in.



The dates are all Fridays: 21st March; 27th June; 12th Sept.; 28th Nov. - all at 11.00am. **See attached flyer.**

## Valentine's Foodie Friday

14th Feb.

Arrive at 6.00pm for a 6.30pm start

**Booking is essential via the caf  or the church office (01625 421984)**



Join us for *Worship*



## Sunday Worship

2nd February 2025

### Candlemas

The Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

**10:00am: Holy Communion  
with Baptism**

**Leader & Speaker:** Revd Martin Stephens

**Bible reading:** Luke 2.22–40

**The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**

Please use the link below to stream this  
(and previous services) on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmikesmacclesfield>

## Start the Week

Every Monday from 7.30am in church

Morning Prayer at 8.30 am in church and also on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stmikesmacclesfield>

## Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

Alternate Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Savage Chapel  
lasting 30-40 minutes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th February

## Thursday Morning Worship 10:30am (35–40 mins)

Our midweek services follow the order from  
the Book of Common Prayer (traditional language) and  
alternate between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion

**6th February: Morning Prayer**  
**13th February: Holy Communion**

## Thursday Homegroup

Meeting for Bible study and prayer –  
morning and evening groups

Please contact Eve & David Budgett (431606)  
or David Mayers (420716) for more information



## Contemplative Prayer

For the duration of the lighting works, we will meet n  
**SATURDAY** mornings (not Friday) from 9.20-9.50.  
An opportunity for quiet prayer followed by a short chat.

## Compline/Night Prayer

Every Friday

Topic: Night Prayer | Time: 8.30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting; [https://](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZzVXdaZz09)

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**Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476** Passcode: **compline**



**Compline**

Most activities during the week at church should be unaffected  
by the lighting works, but please check if you are in doubt.

However, **Contemplative Prayer** will take place on **Saturday**  
mornings rather than Friday (9.20-9.50 in the Savage Chapel).

## Share your Photos with St Mike's Church Family



If you have any photographs of recent  
activities you have been involved in  
which you would like including in the weekly bulletin/newsletter  
or in the Church Family News slot in Sunday services, please  
use this number to WhatsApp them to the relevant people:

+44 7579 820265

You can, of course, also email pictures and text to  
[stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com)

## How to contact the office...



**Phone:** Landline: 01625 421984

**Email addresses:**

- **Isobel** [clergypa@maccteam.org.uk](mailto:clergypa@maccteam.org.uk) for ministry issues
- **Elaine** [office@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk) for bookings and building matters
- **Bulletin/Newsletter** [stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com)
- **Printing** [maccteamprinting@gmail.com](mailto:maccteamprinting@gmail.com)
- **Safeguarding** see box below

**Postal Address:** The Office, St Michael's Church, Market  
Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY

**Elaine's office hours are usually Monday,  
Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am – 1:30 pm**  
**Isobel's Office hours are usually Monday & Wednesday  
9.00-3.00; and Thursday & Friday 9.00 - 1.00**

## Safeguarding Contact Information



If you have any safeguarding concerns,  
please contact the St Michael's  
Safeguarding Officer, Katie Wilcock:

**Phone:** 07438 807213

**Email:** [safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)

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point in the Welcome Area



## Email any prayer requests to:

[prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)

Your request will be circulated confidentially to  
a limited group of people who will pray for you.

