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Opportunities for Prayer

As Christians we believe that prayer should underpin all aspects of our lives. To pray with and for someone else is a great privilege. In doing so, we build up one another and the wider fellowship.



At St Michael's we have a prayer chain - a group of people who will pray for those sending a prayer request to our email address (prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk) or who click on the link in the bulletin.

We are now planning to start a new prayer initiative, where we offer to pray in person with people after the Sunday service. Initially, this would not be every week, but for this to happen we need a group of volunteers willing to pray for the needs of others. Those in the team would receive training, guidance, and support.

Please contact Paul Mummery, Catherine or Martin Stephens, or Isobel in the church office, if you have any questions, or you would like to join either the existing prayer chain and/or the proposed new prayer ministry team.

Pilgrimage '24

Over the Friday and Saturday leading up to Michaelmas Sunday we had a local pilgrimage taking in half a dozen churches in excellent weather.

In total some 23 people and Kez, the dog, participated in one way or another and two hardy pilgrims walked every step of the way.



On the first day we visited the churches at North Rode, Eaton, Marton and Siddington with services at Eaton and Siddington, and tea and excellent cakes, vital to sustain pilgrims on their quest, at Eaton.

On the second day, fortified by bacon butties from Rainow church's breakfast café, we headed into the hills up to Jenkin Chapel and on to Forest Chapel with services in both and more tea and cakes at Forest. We were accompanied by Simon Gowler, the Vicar of Rainow, Jenkin and Forest, and his young daughter who dramatically reduced the average age of the pilgrim band. On the final day, four of us walked from Sutton to reach St Michael's in time for our service on Michaelmas morning.

Many thanks to all those who took part, walking or joining us for services or just coming along for the bacon butties, and especially to those who lead the four services.

Note that The Three Musketeers have already scheduled a meeting to begin planning Pilgrimage '25.



Collect for the 19th Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Harvest Thanksgiving

Our harvest service will be on **Sunday 13th October**.

Please bring donations of non-perishable foodstuffs: pasta, rice, tins of veg, tins of fruit, tinned soup, tinned tuna, tinned meat (ham/stew/chicken curry...). All need to have at least 3 months before their 'best before' date.

No cakes or biscuits and no home-made preserves (jams, chutneys, etc), please.



Thank you to everyone who came to the Silver Party on September 21st.

Matt, Ruth, James & Anne had a great time with dancing, wonderful company, and shared feast.

Thank you for all your donations to St Mike's: we raised over £200 for the church from envelopes on the night and more from electronic and direct contributions.

(Ed. And our sincere thanks to James, Anne, Matt and Ruth for inviting us all to such a wonderful party)



Baby Loss Service

Monday 14th October

7:30pm

St Michael's Church.

The service will be led by Marion Tugwood and Alice Swain.



Thank-you

My sincere thanks to all who assisted last Sunday with the ridiculous idea of wrapping up the church in one enormous scarf.

What a wonderful group of people you are!

I had nightmares beforehand imagining that it would be me and a couple of reluctant helpers trying desperately to grapple with 150m of scarf - but no, a whole battalion turned out and made it a lovely celebration.

Below are a few pictures of the event. I do have some videos which give a better overall idea, but I have no idea how to make them accessible to you all! Be grateful for small mercies.

The individual scarves will be displayed in church and will be available for purchase both through church and at the October and November Treacle Markets. What fabulous Christmas presents they will make for all your family and friends!



Lynne

Down the north side of church



More lovely helpers round the south side



Lynne & Rachel grapple with one pile of sewn-together scarves (there were 4 or 5 such piles altogether!)

Use this QR code to donate on the JustGiving page



Deadline for Next Week's Bulletin

12 noon on Wednesday 9th Oct.



Consultation on Town Centre Parking Charges - extended deadline



Consultation closes on **9th October** (not 1st as previously printed - apologies). Please submit a response!

Your response should be entitled "Variation 12" and say whether it is an objection or a general comment. Reply by email (link on the website cheshireeast.gov.uk/car-parks-and-parking/reviews_and_consultations/reviews_and_consultations.aspx) or by post to Cheshire East Council, Delamere House, Delamere Street, Crewe, Cheshire, CW1 2JZ – marked "For the attention of the Parking Services Manager"

Parking Outside St Michael's

Yellow parking "permits"

Just a reminder that the yellow parking "permits" issued by St Michael's are for those on church business only, and should be displayed if you park in the church parking spaces.

This helps us to monitor who is parking there, and identify any cars that belong to a member of the general public.

Please would you return the permit to the basket in the welcome area when your church business is done and not take it away with you (unless you have a specific "named" one as an employee). These are not official and do not authorise you to park anywhere else, even in the Market Place.

On Sundays please leave the spaces outside church for anyone less mobile who finds it difficult to walk from the Town Hall car park.



Baptisms this Sunday

In Sunday's service, Martin will be baptising twin boys: Theodore James Catlow-Scott and Alfie Jay Catlow-Scott (aka Ted and Alf!).

Please pray for the family, godparents and friends who will be attending this special service, and particularly for the boys themselves as they are welcomed into the family of the church.



Talk About Your Future

('Death Cafe')

Thursday 10th Oct

7.00pm

East Cheshire Hospice

"A Thoughtful Conversation about Death, Dying & Bereavement".

At the Hospice's Sunflower Living Well Centre
See attached flier



Music@Mike's

Forthcoming concerts

- Saturday 5th October**

Kontaani djembe (West African) drumming group.

Guaranteed to get your feet tapping and hips swaying!

- Thursday 10th October**

Songs from our very own Sarah Wilkes (alto) accompanied by Neil Taylor on piano

Concerts are from 1.15 – 2.00pm.

Entry is free with voluntary donations jointly in aid of the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's

The Angel at my Table café is open for refreshments before and after.



Magic Voices Concert

Saturday 19th October

7.30pm

St Michael's

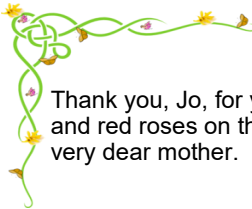
A concert of songs to please all tastes by the amazing 70-strong Magic Voices.

Tickets £5 available on the door, but please book online if possible at <https://bit.ly/47ynNhP>.

All proceeds will go to the St Michael's building fund. Please support - and bring your friends!



Church Flowers



Thank you, Jo, for your gracious gift of the beautiful pink and red roses on the Chancel Table, in memory of your very dear mother.

Community Crafts at the URC

Macclesfield and Bollington United Reformed Church are excited about their new initiative:

Frankie Seabrook is hosting a monthly Community Crafts space in their Bollington Room on Townley Street, Macclesfield, SK11 6HZ on 3rd Wednesdays, 2.00-4.00pm:

- 16th October
- 20th November
- 18th December

Everyone is welcome to go along to meet new people and make new friends. There will also be jigsaw puzzles and board games for the breaks!

A poster is attached with this bulletin.

Please make a free booking with Frankie: 07444 205168 or frankie87seabrook@gmail.com



"Tea with God"

Reminder about our new small group

There is a new small group starting on **Tuesday 8th October at 3.00pm.**

We will be getting to know each other and studying the Bible together.

It is at the home of Tricia Atherton.

There will be tea and cake, so it's **Tea With God.** Please contact the office for further details.



Remembering Service

Sunday 20th October at 4.00pm.

An opportunity to quietly remember those who were dear to us who have died, either recently or at any time in past years, and to bring their names before God.



Tuesday Evening Contemplative Prayer

Please note that the Tuesday evening session for Contemplative Prayer will be this coming Tuesday (8th October) instead of last week.

We meet at Bernice's home (64 Lansdowne Street) at 7.00pm, for 30 mins of silent contemplation followed by tea and a chat.



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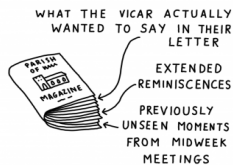
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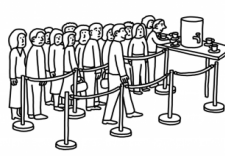
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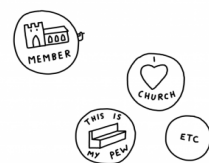
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PRIORITY LANE AT AFTER-SERVICE COFFEE



A BADGE, AND SOME STICKERS

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Macclesfield Symphony Orchestra Concert (KEMS) Macclesfield Symphony Orchestra

The next concert by the Macclesfield Symphony Orchestra is on Saturday 26th October at St Michael's, at 7.30pm.

The programme comprises music by Rossini (*The Thieving Magpie*); Dodgson (world premiere of *Essay no 9*); Copland (*Clarinet Concerto for string orchestra, harp and piano*: soloist Mark Wang); Franck (*Symphony in D*).

Tickets are available from Margin Music, the Visitor Information Centre or online via Yapsody: click [here](#)

Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

6th October 2024

19th Sunday after Trinity

10:00am: Church Family Worship
with Holy Communion

Baptism of Theodore and Alfie Catlow-Scott
Leader, Speaker & Celebrant : Revd Martin Stephens

Theme: The Cost of Discipleship

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 taking place on 16th October

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

10th October: Holy Communion
17th October: Morning Prayer

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

Every Friday at 9:20am in the Savage Chapel, lasting half an
hour. 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://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09)

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Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476 Passcode: compline



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

How to contact
the office...



Phone: Landline: 01625 421984

Email addresses:

- Isobel clergypa@maccteam.org.uk for ministry issues
- Elaine office@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk for bookings and building matters
- Bulletin/Newsletter stmikesnotices@gmail.com
- Printing 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



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confidentially to a limited group of people
who will pray for you)

