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... to all who took part in the Nativity Service. I am really grateful that so many of you got involved - especially the children, who did brilliantly. *(Lynne)*

And thanks too to all who helped with the other wonderful services over the Christmas period: what a feast of joy and wonder we have had!

We are very grateful to Martin, the choir, the band, Karen, all those who organised and ran the Crib Service, the Christingle Service, Midnight Communion, and to all our welcomers and platform-movers!

These things don't just happen and we are truly blessed to have such a remarkable team.

The Return of the Film Evening!



We have our usual series of film evenings planned for some of our dark and dreary January/February Fridays.

24th January: 'One Life' based on the true and deeply moving story of Nicholas Winton and his rescue of 669 predominantly Jewish children from the Nazis. Starring Anthony Hopkins, Johnny Flynn and Helena Bonham-Carter. Even if you saw this at the cinema when it was released last year, it's *well* worth another viewing.

7th February: 'Marvellous' - based on the true story of Neil Baldwin who refused to accept the label of learning difficulties and forged an amazing life as circus clown, lay preacher, university welfare officer and kitman for Stoke City FC. Starring Toby Jones. A funny and moving film.

Date yet to be confirmed - by popular demand, **sing-along-a-Mama Mia!**

More details to follow but do get these two dates in your diaries now. A sign-up sheet will be advertised soon with the opportunity to request transport.

The evenings start at 6.30pm and include tea and cakes!



What a Wonderful Christmas Gift!

Here's David M's brother Andrew happily wearing the new scarf he received for Christmas, fresh from wrapping up the church.

But who made it? It didn't have a label.

(Ed.—well it should have had one - I spent hours labelling them all!)

Thanks from Menorah Synagogue Members



Some members of the Menorah synagogue came along to our 'Carols by Candlelight' service. (Some St Michael's members visited the synagogue in the autumn).

Here's a message of thanks from one of the visitors:

Thank you very much for making us feel so welcome last night at the "Carols by Candlelight" service. It was a wonderful and uplifting atmosphere, and we left feeling spiritually nourished. We are grateful also for the physical nourishment! Thank you so much for putting on the reception for us. I enjoyed the mince pies and the tea, but best of all the delicious samosas! Please thank Esther for those.

St Michael's and Menorah now have a connection which we should seek to maintain. As a small token of appreciation, I have made a modest donation to the lighting fund from Jane and me. That seems apt this year as Christmas Day and 1st night Hannukah (Festival of Lights) coincide. That only happens every twenty-five years or so.

Very best wishes to David, Rachel and all at St Michael's for Christmas and the New Year. Andrew

Eco-tip

Try plastic-free loo roll.

Who Gives a Crap?

No, that's the name of the company, not a question. Available from Scoop and Scales; this manufacturer sells recycled paper and bamboo toilet tissue, face tissue and kitchen roll; and donates 50% of profits to improving sanitation in developing countries



Collect for the Second Sunday of Christmas

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

Collect for the Epiphany

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

5th January 2025

The Epiphany

10:00am: Church Family Worship with Holy Communion

Leader & Speaker: Revd Martin Stephens

Bible Reading: Matthew 2:1-12

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.

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

9th January: Morning Prayer
16th January: 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

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://](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:

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Email: safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk



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