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## Church Flowers

Thank-you, Mark, for the glorious flowers in the Worship Area, given in loving memory of your twin sister, Anne.

## Music@Mike's

The autumn programme begins on **Friday 12th September at 1.15pm** with a piano recital by Simon Conning. Simon will be playing Twenty-four Preludes, Op. 28 by Chopin



Entry is free; donations to St Michael's and the Hospice are welcomed.

The Angel at my Table café will be open for light refreshments.

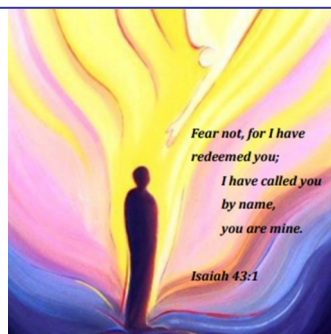
## Service of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness

The next Healing Service is on:

**Friday 12th September  
11.00am in the Savage Chapel**

The service will last approximately 30 minutes

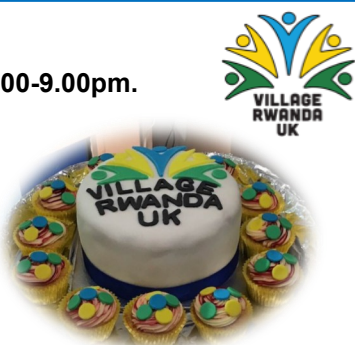
All are welcome.



## Save the Date

**Saturday 25th October, 7.00-9.00pm.**

A party in St Michael's Church to celebrate 10 years of Village Rwanda UK being a registered charity.



Everyone is welcome.

## Calling all Gardeners!

Please can you spare any flowers and interesting seed heads I can dry for using in church when fresh flowers are difficult to find? Any foliage you might be able to share would be very welcome too!

Please contact me 01625 424531 or leave in a bucket in the Flower Vestry.

Anne K.



## Homemakers

The new Homemakers programme begins with a service of Holy Communion, celebrant the Reverend Anne Freestone.

The meeting will be held on Thursday 11th September at 7:30pm, at the home of Enid Skirvin. Tel 428691

## Season of Creation - 1st Sept to 4th Oct

The season began last Sunday with a lovely service in the rewilded area behind the Leisure Centre (see pictures on next page). Here are some highlights of next week's programme



- **Sunday 7th Sept** - a family cycle ride; meet 12.30pm on Middlewood Way next to Tesco's
- **Bible Study** - Making Peace With Creation, led by Marion Tugwood in the chapel at East Cheshire Hospice; 11.00am on Mondays and 7.00pm on Wednesdays - an opportunity to be inspired by theologian Loren Wilkinson and discover more about the relationship between God, mankind and Creation. If you missed the first week you can catch up by watching the video at <https://vimeo.com/575954115>
- **Saturday 13th Sept** - Repair cafe in the Community Centre on Duke St
- **Saturday 13th Sept** - Creation Walk 10.00 meet at Holy Trinity Hursfield
- **Sunday 14th Sept** - Big Trees and Mini-beasts; family fun in West Park 12 noon - 2.00pm
- **Sunday 14th Sept** - Reflective Service in the Monastery Garden at St Peter's Prestbury

More details of these and many other events are in the calendar - please pick one up from the welcome area.

## World Harvest Festival

Please see the poster on page 3 and attached as a separate flier for a range of celebratory activities and events.

## Collect for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

God of constant mercy,  
who sent your Son to save us:  
remind us of your goodness,  
increase your grace within us,  
that our thankfulness may grow,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



## Prayer Service to Begin the Season of Creation

A special service of worship & prayer was held last Sunday afternoon to mark the start of the Season of Creation. It took place in the orchard next to the Leisure Centre.

The service was led by Rev. Simon Bessant and included children's activities for the younger attendees.

It was a lovely occasion, in the open air, surrounded by nature and birdsong, in what is a wonderful place - an area of common land being managed by the charitable trust, Macc Wild, who have planted hundreds of trees there, including about 40 fruit trees.

After the service we were given a guided tour of the area - who knew there was such a beautiful place at the back of the Leisure Centre?! Do check it out: it's wonderful (and you can eat any apples you find on the trees!).



## Supporting Christ the King Catholic & CoE Primary School

Christ the King (CtK), a small primary school on the edge of the Moss, is one of the two schools linked to our Team Ministry. As a joint Catholic and Anglican school, CtK is quite pioneering as it weaves two traditions into its culture and practice. Of course what matters above all is that our children know they are loved and valued whatever their tradition- and with English as a second language for over half - we embrace many communities.

It is fair to say that as part of the big Catholic Academy (Our Lady Help of Christians) the Catholic element is probably stronger but there are two clear ways in which Anglicanism is represented. Firstly Johnny Aiken and the team at St Barnabas host and visit school throughout the year, sharing Christingle and other worship events. School really values their presence and input. Secondly Judith Gibson from St Peter's is a Foundation Governor i.e. appointed by the Anglican Diocese. The Local Governing Body (LGB) currently comprises just three folk and there is space for more so if this is something you feel you might explore please can get in touch with Judith via email: [judithgibson2@btinternet.com](mailto:judithgibson2@btinternet.com).

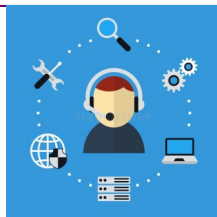
If the formality of governorship is not for you there may be other ways you could support this Christian witness - helping with gardening, music, listening to readers, cooking or coming in to talk about how your faith has shaped your life. School would love to know they are embraced by our wider Parish.

Most recently we are delighted to have been designated 'good' following our Ofsted and Catholic Schools Inspectorate visits, some elements of which were outstanding. This is an amazing achievement for the whole team and we are extremely proud of everyone's contribution. Ofsted described the school as 'a place where children thrive' and this is definitely the sense you experience on a visit as children are nurtured, and inspired to learn, despite the disadvantages they may face through poverty, disability or learning in a new language. And you are welcome to visit, as our local Open the Book team regularly do!

So you might feel inspired to support school more by governing, helping or visiting CtK as a potential school for your family and if you do please get in touch to find out more.

## IT Support - Can You Help?

Are you reasonably IT savvy? We occasionally need help with IT support, mainly with administering our Microsoft 365 accounts. The person who has helped us on a voluntary basis for a number of years has other commitments now and needs to hand over to someone else.



If not you, do you know someone who could offer their skills in this way? They would not be called upon often, but need to be available occasionally on an *ad hoc* basis, during working hours.

Contact Rachel or the office.

## St Michael's Building for Hire

### Do you need to hire a space?

St Michael's has meeting rooms of various sizes to meet your needs, and our large Worship Area with its giant screen and AV system is suitable for presentations, concerts, etc.

Email Elaine: [bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)

Tel: 01625 421984

## 'On This Day' - 7th September

**1533:** the birth of Elizabeth !

**1665:** the death of George Viccars, the first person to die of the plague in the village of Eyam in Derbyshire

**1838** Grace Darling and her father rescued the crew of the Forfarshire, a steamer wrecked off the Northumberland coast, close to the Longstone Lighthouse

**1895:** the first game of what would become known as rugby league football, was played in England

**1940:** Germany started its Blitz on London; the first of 57 consecutive nights of bombing.







## Sustainable Church Flowers

About 20 people enjoyed a wonderful evening on Tuesday this week at St Mike's, when Anne K and Sue R led a session on sustainable flower arranging - one of the Season of Creation events.

The attendees (who were all women!) came from a wide range of churches around Macclesfield and beyond, to learn about St Mike's practice on using local and sustainably produced flowers and foliage as far as possible, and vetoing the use of 'floral foam' (known as 'oasis').

Sue and Anne were bold enough to demonstrate their techniques live in front of the audience, and the results were (of course!) stunning.

It was a thoroughly wonderful experience and I, who am not known for any floral skill, will certainly attempt to put their ideas into practice!

*Note the pumpkin - just picked from the raised bed outside the Youth Centre!*

*It attempted to take centre-stage during the event!*



## Choral Evensong

Please note that our monthly service of Choral Evensong returns next week (14th September) at 6.30pm, after the choir's summer break. This is a reflective service with beautiful music and the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer.

Do come along.



## WORLD HARVEST FESTIVAL

SEPTEMBER 2025 MACCLESFIELD

Celebrate the World with Us!

Join the festive gathering of music, dance, art and crafts from cultures across the globe. A vibrant festival of unity, creativity and community.

6th September & 20th September 12:30 - 4pm  
Silk Museum Macclesfield SK11 6TJ  
Creative Cultural Workshops

6th September 12:30 - 4pm  
St Michaels Church Grounds Macclesfield SK10 1DY  
Street Dance  
Multicultural Maker's Stalls  
Traditional Multicultural Performances

13th September 2-6pm  
The United Reformed Church Macclesfield SK11 7NA  
Musical Performances  
Live Cultural Music & Song  
Multicultural Maker's Stalls



LIVE CULTURAL MUSIC, TRADITIONAL DANCE DISPLAYS  
PERFORMANCES, MULTICULTURAL MAKER'S STALLS  
BRING A DISH TO SHARE



Contribute a dish to our shared table at the main event on 13th September

worldharvestfestivalmacc@gmail.com  
worldharvestfestival.org.uk

## Revisiting last Sunday's message

(Hebrews 13:1-8,15-16)

Are we 'practising' Christians (in both senses of the word)?

In these verses, the writer to the Hebrews identifies the following aspects as being those of a healthy and effective church fellowship:

1. Show brotherly/sisterly love to one another;
2. Offer hospitality to strangers;
3. Pray for & support practically those whose lives are difficult;
4. Make sure your home life reflects your Christian values;
5. Be generous with your money.

Does this describe our St Michael's Church Fellowship?

And he gives us, in these verses, one abiding assurance:

**Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever**

Join us for *Worship*



## Sunday Worship

7th September 2025  
The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10:00am: Worship for All with Holy Communion

**Leaders/Speakers:** Martin Bancroft & David Mayers  
**Celebrant:** Revd Vivien Gisby

**Theme:** The Season of Creation

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 17th September**

## 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

**11th September: Holy Communion**  
**18th September: 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

Friday mornings from 9.20-9.50.  
An opportunity for quiet prayer followed by a cuppa and chat.

## Compline/Night Prayer

Every Friday

Topic: Night Prayer | Time: 8.30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting; [https://](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZ0VXdaZz09)

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[pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZ0VXdaZz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZ0VXdaZz09)

**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](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** [bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk) for bookings and building matters
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- **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 9.00-2.45; and Thursday 9.00 - 1.00 & Friday 8.30 - 1.00

## Safeguarding Contact Information



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

**Phone:** 07435 568 729

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



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## 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.

