

Events for the week 10th—16th December 2017

Sun 10 th	10.00am	Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
Tue 12 th	7.00pm	Contemplative Prayer	64 Lansdowne Street
Wed 13 th	6.30pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice	Choir Vestry Choir Vestry
Thu 14 th	10.00am 10.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Group Holy Communion Bell ringing	St Michael's St Michael's Bell Tower
Fri 15 th	9.10am	Contemplative Prayer	Savage Chapel

Services next Sunday (17th December: Third Sunday of Advent)

One joint morning service

- 10.30am Nativity Service
- 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Electronic version of church notice sheet

If you wish to receive the church notice sheet electronically each week, please email stmikesnotices@gmail.com. The notice sheet is also available on the church website: www.stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk



Scout and Guide Groups

Macclesfield Parish Church Scout and Guide Group provides youth activities throughout the week for young people aged from 5 - 26 as well as flexible volunteering opportunities for adults. For more details visit www.mpcsg.co.uk or email enquiries@mpcsg.co.uk



Planned Giving Scheme

St Michael's operates a Planned Giving Scheme, whereby people are encouraged to make a pledge to contribute financially to the work and mission of the Church, making our budgeting easier. It is possible to do this either by using a bank standing order or by using special envelopes which can be given in during the Sunday service. If you would like to join the scheme, please see the Treasurer, Mike Strutt, or any one of the sidespeople.

Please remember these activities in your prayers this week. For more information about any of them, please speak to one of the wardens who should be able to help you.

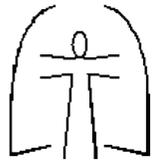
The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,
purify our hearts and minds,
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as
judge and saviour
we may be ready to receive him,
who is our Lord and our God.



St Michael & All Angels

Macclesfield Team Ministry



Our Purpose

To journey inward and upward to God, whom we know in Jesus,
To journey outward to other people and to all creation.

Welcome

If you are visiting, we hope you feel at home. A welcome card is available near the entrance or from a sides-person. If you are new, please complete one and hand it to a sides-person, so that we can keep in touch.

Sunday 10th December 2017

9.30am Storytelling Service

Leader Lynne
Storyteller Judith
Story Joseph & Mary, & the Magi
Songs Like a candle flame
Go serve the Lord

Roots Leader Ruth
Adult Leader Lynne

11.00am Morning Prayer

Leader Mike Strutt
Speaker Lynne Spedding
Bible Readings
Isaiah 40:1-11
Mark 1:1-8

The Second Sunday of Advent

Hymns

MP 102 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
Psalm 98 (Song Book p.9 yellow section)
Sing a new song of joy
MP 249 How lovely on the mountains
MP 457 Make way
MP 424 Lo! He comes

Roots Leaders Chris & Jonny
Roots Passage Mark 1:1-8

4.00pm Christingle



 **Refreshments** are served on Sundays between the 9.30 & 11.00 services, after the 11.00 service, and also after our monthly Choral Evensong.

 **Large Print:** We have a number of hymn books and notice sheets in large print format.

 **Induction loop:** St Michael's is fitted with an induction loop; please speak to a Warden if you need assistance with this.

 **A children's area is available** in the Legh Chapel (on RH side as you come into the church) for children under supervision, during services and at other times. There are bags with books and toys for small children.

 **Roots:** Our young people's groups in the 9.30 and 11.00am services are known as "Roots". The young people leave and return to the main service at given points.

 **Gluten-free wafers** are available at all Communion services at this church. If you require these, please say "gluten-free" when you take communion.

 **We are a Fairtrade Church** committed to using only Fairtrade tea & coffee.

 **Tokens of Giving**
As a sign that you give by Standing Order to the cost of mission & ministry at St Michael's, you are encouraged to pick up a glass pebble on your way into Church, and add it to the basket as the Offertory is taken.

Key Events and Notices



A huge thank you from everyone who attended the Christmas Lunch last Friday to the Social Committee and their

extended helpers for making it such a joyous and festive occasion. The food was wonderful, the tables were dressed beautifully and the entertainment of singing carols and the festive snowman (beetle) drive was great fun. We thoroughly enjoyed Karen's talk too. Everyone worked so hard to give us a lovely time and we wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

NEW



Contemplative Prayer

Sunday evening meeting

There will be a Contemplative Prayer meeting this evening, 6.30pm, at 5 Gloucester

Close. Three people will tell a true story, for us to reflect upon. Then we will all celebrate with our Christmas party! Please let Dave Black know (613629) if you will be attending (for catering purposes).



NEW



Tuesday evening meeting

There will be a Contemplative Prayer meeting **this Tuesday, 12th**

December, 7.00pm, at 64 Lansdowne Street (postponed from last week). All are welcome.

NEW



Children's Society Christingle Service

Our Christingle Service is today at 4.00pm. Don't forget to bring your coin-candles to the service, if you have been filling one at home.

NEW



Marathon Fundraising!

Andy Devine is about to complete his **25th** (yes

his twenty-fifth) half-marathon of 2017, to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK. If you would like to make a donation, you can do so online: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/andydevine> or by sending a text to 70070 containing ADHM71 £10/£5/£3/£2/£1 as applicable, eg ADHM71 £10 to donate a tenner. Alternatively, hand some dosh to Dawn if you see her in church!

NEW



Toddler Group Dates

Toddler Group last session before Christmas: 14th Dec. Restarts on Thurs 11th Jan.



Nativity

Next Sunday there will be just one morning service: **our Nativity Service at 10.30am.**

No-one is too old for dressing up! Angels, shepherds, wise men and women without number are invited. Let's revisit the miracle of Christ's birth with shared joy, fellowship—and no little chaos.

NEW



Carols by Candlelight

Next Sunday (17th) also sees our service of Carols by Candlelight,

at 6.30pm. Come along for the traditional nine lessons and choir carols, plus some familiar congregational carol singing.

NEW



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Wanted!

Volunteers to serve coffee before and after Sunday morning services. No more often than once a month.

Please see Mark Langham (511839).

NEW



Toys Needed

Members of ROAR (Reach Out and Recover) will be hosting a Christmas dinner on Christmas Day, for the lonely or vulnerable. This

year the refugee families will also be invited, including children. Gifts are provided for all guests—and toys in particular are requested for the children (suitability toddlers-teenagers). These should be safe and as new. If you are able to provide a gift, please let Lynne Spedding or David Wightman know, or pass to Emma/Sue in the Office.

NEW



Write for Rights

Thanks to all those who wrote letters and signed cards to people facing persecution and imprisonment for their beliefs last Sunday as part of Amnesty International's campaign; 25

actions were completed on the day, and a number of you took cards home to complete. Every card or letter will give courage and encouragement to a prisoner of conscience

NEW



Treacle Market Thanks

A sincere thank you to all those people who have

contributed their time as stewards, bakers or helping in the kitchen serving refreshments, etc., over the past 12 months on Treacle Sundays.

Help requested

The next Treacle Market is next week, Sunday 17th December. On this occasion we will be open after the morning service **only until 2.30pm**. We will be serving mince pies or biscuits. If anyone can help in baking or providing mince pies or biscuits, or can help on the day, please sign up on the list at the back of church. Many thanks, again. Vicky Darlington (428215)



Church Flowers

Joyce Millard has graciously donated the flowers in the Nave in loving memory of her beloved husband Ron. Thank you.

NEW



Second Sunday Discussion

This morning (10th), after the 11.00am service—an

opportunity to discuss the day's readings and sermon. Bring your tea/coffee along to the Savage Chapel.

Deadline for contributions to the notice sheet: 12 noon the preceding Wednesday.
E-mail: stmikesnotices@gmail.com or hand in to the Team Office. Thank you.

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