

Events for the week 10th —16th March

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| Mon 11th | 11.00am 8.00pm | Lent Discussion Group Lent Discussion Group | St Michael's 4 Mount Pleasant |
| Tue 12th | 7.00pm 7.30pm | Contemplative Prayer Lent Discussion Group | 64 Lansdowne Street 12 Ryles Park Road |
| Wed 13th | 6.30pm 7.30pm | Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice | Choir Vestry Choir Vestry |
| Thu 14th | 10.00am 10.30am 7.30pm | Toddler Group Holy Communion Bell ringing | St Michael's Savage Chapel St Michael's Bell Tower |
| Fri 15th | 9.10am 1.15pm | Contemplative Prayer Music at Mike's | Savage Chapel St Michael's |

Services next Sunday (17th March) Second Sunday of Lent

- 9.30am Storytelling Service with Holy Communion
- 11.00am Holy Communion



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



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.



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



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.

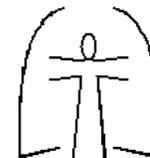
The Collect for the first Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



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 March 2019

First Sunday of Lent

9.30am Storytelling Service

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| Leader | Mike |
| Storyteller | Heike |
| Story | Jesus and the children |
| Songs | Lord, I come to you Gospel Greeting (new) |
| Roots Leader | Sue |
| Adult Leader | Mike |

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| Bible Readings | 1 Corinthians 1:3-18 Matthew 8:21-28 |
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| Hymns | MP 160 Forty days and forty nights Psalm 103 (p. 3 yellow section of Song Book) Bless the Lord, my soul |
| MP 494 | O for a closer walk with God |
| MP 583 | Safe in the shadow of the Lord |
| Song Book p.22 | In Christ alone |

11.00am Morning Prayer

Theme: Vision—a Healthy Church develops and communicates a shared sense of where it is going

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| Leader | Lynne Spedding |
| Speaker | Mike Strutt |

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| Roots Leaders | Mo & Rachel |
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| 6.30pm Choral Evensong | Please see separate order of service |
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Today's Roots Passage: Luke 4:1-13



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



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.



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



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



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



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



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.



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

Church Flowers

Vicky Darlington has kindly given the flowers in the Worship Area in loving memory of her dear mother and father. Thank-you Vicky.



Contemplative Prayer

The monthly meeting for contemplative prayer which was postponed from last Tuesday (5th), owing to

the Church Council clash, **will take place this coming Tuesday (12th).**

All are welcome to join us at 7.00pm Tuesday 12th at 64 Lansdowne Street, the home of Bernice Jones.



Rev'd Karen's Graduation Walk Saturday, 23rd March

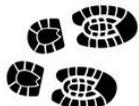
You are cordially invited to celebrate Karen's Graduation for her

Masters Degree in Theology by joining her on a "Graduation Walk" (more like a gentle stroll) along the Bollin Valley starting at 2.00pm from the Riverside Car Park, Beech Lane and finishing at St Peter's Church, Prestbury, where tea and cakes will be served in the Parish Hall.

Even if you don't manage the walk, do join Karen for the Afternoon Tea from 3.00pm onwards.

If anyone can help with baking cakes, scones or biscuits, or need more details about the day and also, the parking, please get in touch with either Ruth Parker (613068) or Hilary Halliwell (420616).

If you would like to join us, please sign the sheet at the back of church. Whether you are able to come along or not - please pray for fine weather!



Homemakers

The next meeting of Homemakers is on Thursday 14th March, 8.00pm, at 5 Brynton Road (the home of Enid Skirvin) and will take the form of a Lent meditation. All welcome.



Macctastic

The next meeting of the community movement dedicated to making Macclesfield more sustainable, and a better place to live in, is on **Monday 18th March 7.30pm in**

St. Michael's. Tea and coffee served from 7.00pm. Featuring a speaker from the Canals and Rivers Trust on how our waterways can be part of a more sustainable town and ecosystem, and plans for the *The Great British Spring Clean*.



Music at Mike's

The next concert in our Music at Mike's programme is on **Friday 15th March**, and will feature King's School musicians. The concert begins at 1.15pm, is free of charge and lasts about 30

minutes. Light refreshments will be served at the end (donations to East Cheshire Hospice).



Phyllis Chapman Funeral Details

A reminder that Phyllis's funeral will be held in St Michael's at 2.15pm on Tues 12th March. Phyllis's niece, Sue Grindey, would like to thank everyone at St

Michael's for all your prayers during this time and she invites you to stay behind after the service for refreshments, served in church.



Lent Discussion Groups

For those studying the Church of England LentPilgrim daily reflections, remember there are various follow-up, weekly discussion groups you can attend:

Mondays: 11.00am at St Michael's;

Mondays: 8.00pm at 4 Mount Pleasant, Prestbury Rd (home of David & Rachel Mayers);

Tuesdays: 7.30pm at 12 Ryles Park Rd (home of Chris Wightman).

Update: Tricia is meeting up with some folk in Costa Coffee to chat through our experiences of the 'Pilgrim Journey'. Please ask her for further details.

These all start week beginning Mon 11th March.

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Second Sunday Discussion

This morning (10th March), there will be the usual discussion after the 11.00 service of Morning Prayer, when we meet to reflect

on the day's Bible readings and sermon. All are welcome to join us in the Savage Chapel. Bring you tea/coffee. The discussion finishes at 1.00pm at the latest.



Contemplative Prayer

The next Sunday evening meeting for Contemplative Prayer and discussion is next week, 17th March,

7.00pm. More details next week.



Fairtrade Stall

Karen Downard from Holy Trinity Hurdfield will be holding her annual Fairtrade stall in the Welcome Area **TODAY**, before and after the two morning services. Please support this stall.



St Michael's Family Sunday Lunch

12.30 on Sunday 17th March. The eco-church group invites you to a

hearty, tasty, nutritious and sustainable lunch. Don't eat alone, join your friends! Everybody welcome! **Please sign up TODAY.** The sign-up list is on the notice-board at the back of church.



This Week's Eco Tip

Keep your shower to more no more than 5 minutes. Any longer wastes water.



Church Annual Meeting (APCM)

This will take place in St Michael's on Sun 24th at 10:30am as part of the (single) service that

day. More information and a nomination form for churchwardens and church council members are at the back of church.

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

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