

Events for the weeks 11th —17th February 2018

Sun 11 th	10.00am	Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
Mon 12 th	7.30pm	Homegroup	85 Beech Lane (The Rectory)
Tue 13 th	4.30-6.30	Pancake Party	St Michael's
Wed 14 th	6.30pm 7.30pm 7.00pm	Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice Ash Wednesday Service	Choir Vestry Choir Vestry Methodist Church
Thu 15 th	10.00am 10.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Group Holy Communion Bell ringing	St Michael's Savage Chapel Bell Tower
Fri 16 th	9.10am	Contemplative Prayer	Savage Chapel

Services next Sunday (18th February: First 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

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.

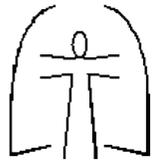
The Collect for Eco-Sunday

Lord God, we thank you for the gift of life; and for the mystery of creation. Help us to understand your will and purpose in the world. Guide us in our efforts to use the resources you have so generously provided more sustainably, and to hand on the earth intact to future generations. Teach us to live in peace and harmony with all creation. In Jesus' name, Amen



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 11th February 2018

Sunday next before Lent

9.30am Storytelling Service

Leader Sue
Storyteller Heike
Story Jesus calls the twelve disciples
Songs Lord, the light of your love
All around me, Lord

Adult Leader David
Roots Leader Jenny

11.00am Morning Prayer

Leader David Mayers
Speaker James Booth

Bible Readings

Genesis 1 and Psalm 65:9-13

Hymns

MP7 All creatures of our God and King
Psalm 103 Bless the Lord (Song Bk yellow 3)
Song Book 4 Beauty for brokenness

MP 506 O Lord my God
MP 200 Great is Thy faithfulness
Choir Anthem Touch the earth lightly
Responses Take, O take (Song Bk blue 6)

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Leader Martin Bancroft
Speaker Revd Martin Stephens
Bible Readings Psalm 104
Romans 11:33-12:5.

Hymns MP 93 Come let us join
MP 359 Jesus calls us
MP 187 God is love

Psalm 46 (page 329)

Introit Holy is the true light (Harris)

Anthem For the beauty (Rutter)

Magnificat & Nunc Dimittis Walmisley D min



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



Eco-Sunday Today has been designated as one of our eco-Sundays, when the services will focus at least in part on our twin commitments as an "eco-church": (a) to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the earth (the 5th mark of mission); and (b) to live more simply, and in so doing help our less fortunate neighbours living in poverty.



Contemplative Prayer

Next Sunday evening (18th) at 7.00pm the Contemplative Prayer group

will meet at 56 Fence Avenue (the home of Lynne and Paul Spedding). The theme will be "Praying the Bible with Luther" led by Bernice Jones. All are welcome to come along.



Get ready! Lent is on the way!

For our Lent Course this year we will be using 'Everybody Welcome', a four-session series to help our church community become even

more welcoming. The weekly sessions are at 10.30am on Mondays, 7.30pm on Tuesdays, and 1.30pm on Thursdays, each starting week beginning 25th February, and all to be held at St Michael's Church.



Visit to the Jewish Museum, Manchester

There will be a visit to the above Museum on Tuesday 17th April. Transport is by coach at a cost of £10.00, and

entry to Museum, coffee/tea-on arrival, tour and lecture £3.50. The lecture covers history of the Jewish Community: faith, worship, opportunity look at the scrolls and ancient texts.

At 12.45 we will experience *Beyond the Bagel*, a brunch that allows us to learn about Jewish Festivals and the foods eaten on these occasions - e.g. bagels with cream cheese and salmon, apple cake. Total cost of day £22.50. Limited to 25 places. There is a list at back of the Church to sign if you would like to go. For details please contact Anne Kite 424531



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Sunday Coffee—Help Needed

We are looking for volunteers to help with coffee on a Sunday morning. If you would like to help occasionally please contact Mark Langham on 511839.



My Soul Thirsts

7.30pm Saturday 3rd March
Come to an evening of Christian Art at The Hope Centre, 14-16 Park Green. Hear Catherine Stephens share her journey of faith

through painting. Enjoy chat, light bites & a soft drink. Tickets £10, from The Hope Centre (404384) and Catherine Stephens (426110)



Second Sunday Discussion

This morning (11th), after the 11.00 service—a chance to discuss the day's bible

readings and sermon.



Welcome Box Contributions

Our new Team Vicar, Andy, and his wife,

Louise, will be moving into the Vicarage in a few weeks' time. If you would like to contribute something to a 'Welcome Box' for them, please can you let your churchwardens have these or drop into the Church Office. Many thanks.



Pancake Party

We are holding our Pancake Party once again on Tuesday 13th February. Drop in between 4.30pm and 6.30pm for pancakes, fun and conversation.



Ash Wednesday Service at Macclesfield Methodist Church

This will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday 14th February.

A Live Simply Commitment

On this eco-Sunday, the Church Council encourages all of us to make this pledge:

We, the people of St Michael's, accept that everyone on this planet is equal in the eyes of God; and that, as members of God's family on earth, we are called to help our brothers and sisters living in poverty both here and in the less developed nations of the world.

This help we will give by:

- trying to live more simply, enjoying what we have and not wasting money on things we do not need
- trying to live more sustainably, not using more than our fair share of the shrinking resources of the world, which are there for all
- living in solidarity with those who live in poverty, supporting them with our prayers, our action and our giving

In making this commitment we ask for God's blessing on our church community, as we work and pray together for the coming of the Kingdom



Homegroup

There will be a homegroup tomorrow evening (Monday 12th), 7.30-9.15pm at the Rectory, 85 Beech Lane. All are welcome.



Open Door Extended Hours

We would love to have our church open for longer on weekdays; as an experiment we have been opening from 1230 – 1430 on an occasional basis and have welcomed lots of new visitors. Some have come to say a prayer, others have been visitors from outside the town who have been delighted to find the church open, and some have been local people interested in times of services and other activities. We need 2 people to volunteer for each 1 hour slot. Please sign up on the list on the notice-board at the back of church.

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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