

Join us for

Worship



St Michael's Worship 15th May 2022

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

All Together Church Family Worship w. Communion—10:00am

Leader & Speaker: Revd Martin Stephens

Reading: Revelation 21.1-6

Please use the link below to stream the Service on Youtube.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVAzMVgQfoZ9qv0il7rlwEw>

Thursday Morning Worship 10:30AM (35 minutes)

12th May —Midweek Morning Prayer

19th May —Midweek Morning Communion

(and then alternate thereafter...)

Our midweek services follow the order from the book of Common Prayer (the old order)

Start the Week....

.....Every Monday from 7.30am in church

Morning Prayer at 8.30am in church and also on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stmikesmacclesfield>

How to contact the Office...



Phone—Landline—01625 421 984

Mobile— 07579 820 265 (on Thursdays when Porsche is working from home)

Email— clergypa@maccteam.org.uk to contact Porsche

- office@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk to contact Elaine for room bookings and building matters

- stmikesnotices@gmail.com for newsletter items.

- maccteamprinting@gmail.com for all printing enquiries.

In Person—The Office, St Michael's Church, Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY

Please note Porsche is usually in the office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays between 9:30am-2:30pm. Wednesday is her day off

Wednesday Morning Discussion 11.00am to 12 noon

Join Zoom meeting [here](#)

Meeting ID: 971 3599 5784

Passcode: 01625

Theme this week: What is your favourite bible passage, hymn or prayer? Why?



Coffee & Chat

HOUSE GROUPS

Monday HomeGroup

When? 7.30pm - 9pm Monday evenings (Fortnightly)

Where? The Rectory, Beech Lane, SK10 2DY

For more information contact Martin [by email](#) or 01625 426110.

Thursday Homegroup

Meeting for Bible study and prayer in various locations.

Please contact David Mayers (420716) or

Eve and David Budgett (431606) for more information.



Compline/Night Prayer

Every Friday

Topic: Night Prayer

Time: 8.30pm every Friday (join from 8.25pm)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?>



Email any [prayer requests](#) here

DONATIONS: Donating to the church for general purposes has been made simpler.

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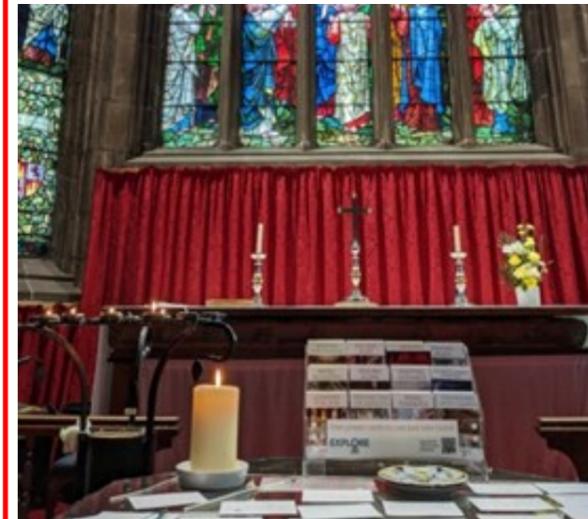
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Prayer Cards and Explore Christianity Booklets.



St Michael's is a House of Prayer, a place where many people come to find a place for quiet reflection and to pray, even those who do not have a Christian faith. We are also a major parish church and, along with cathedrals, have been privileged to be able to benefit from some new resources; prayer cards and booklets.

These have been developed, following extensive research, by a team at York University in consultation with The Church of England. Many people do not know about Christianity, not even knowing or understanding the name Jesus. The prayer cards and booklets use simple, everyday language and pictures and are accessible to all.

The prayer cards are free and cover a variety of needs.

They are displayed in the Savage Chapel on the prayer table. The topics covered are:-

- Feeling alone
- Looking for God
- Grieving
- Struggling with change
- Finding peace
- Wanting guidance



Visitors can take whichever card they feel is appropriate to their situation. We can also use them: send one to someone you know who is in need. As well as a simple prayer there is a verse from a psalm and a website address for them to use if they wish to further explore the Christian faith.

It's always good to question things and work out our own thoughts and beliefs. The little booklets encourage us to ask questions and then explain what Christians believe. There is then the choice to explore further or close the book for the time being.

The questions posed are:-

- Is God Real?
- Where is my life going?
- Am I good enough for God?
- Why do so many bad things happen?
- Will anything happen if I pray?
- Is there something beyond death?



If you, or a visitor, wish to continue exploration of the Christian faith, please visit the website:-

<https://explorechristianity.info/>

Or talk to someone in confidence – contact the office at St Michaels



Or join a small chat group on-line or in person

Or use your talents and get involved with something in church

It's worth the journey, whatever the outcome. Which path are you taking?

Sallie and Tricia

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

15th May 2022

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Church Family Communion

Leader: Rev'd Martin Stephens

Speaker: Rev'd Martin Stephens

David & Sheena's Holiday in Georgia USA.

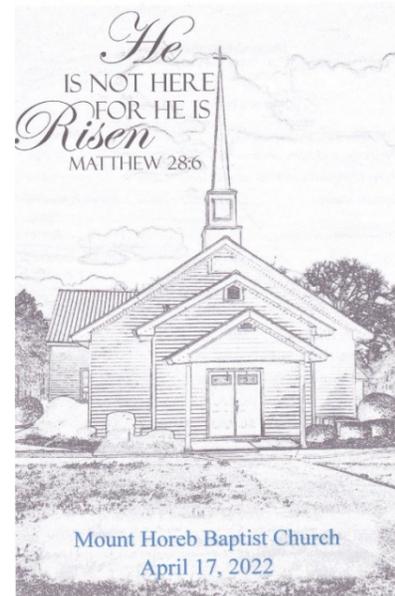
Jesus said "For whoever is not against us is for us" Mark 10.40
 Paul Said "For we are partners working together for God and you are God's field". 1 Corinthians 3.9

On holiday with our American friends over the Easter period Sheena and I were encouraged to sing for a church our friends worship at. We were asked to sing both at a Sunrise Service at 6:50am and for Morning worship 10:00am. as the church did not have a choir.

We were introduced as choristers from England and we chose three pieces :-
 There is a green hill far away without a city wall. The Hymn we knew well.
 Christ the Lord is risen again – A modern piece by Alan Smith (b.1962).
 Irish Blessing – a version by Bob Chilcott (b.1955).

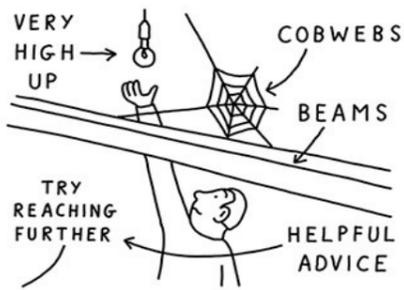
As part of the service we listened to two sermons. (6:50 am & 10:00am). With the exception of two statements (made in the faith of the Baptist Church's ideology) the minister could have been speaking to the congregation at St. Michael's.

After the service I could not but think of Warren Eastwood who moved over from worshipping as a Baptist to join us as an Anglican in St. Michael's Church. May he "Rest in Peace!"



CHURCHWARDEN OF THE YEAR

HOW THE COMPETITION IS DECIDED



ROUND ONE: LIGHT-BULB CHALLENGE



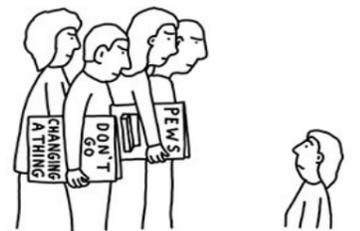
ROUND TWO: FACULTY-REGULATIONS EXAM



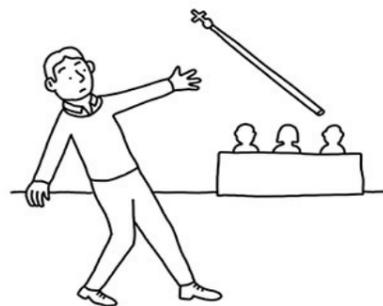
ROUND THREE: EMERGENCY LESSON-READING



ROUND FOUR: KEEPING ORDER IN THE CHURCHYARD



SEMI-FINAL: ABILITY TO WITHSTAND THE MIGHT OF HERITAGE ORGANISATIONS



FINAL: STAVE-TWIRLING



Music@Mike's

Mezzo-Soprano Jess Conway and pianist Philip Sharp.

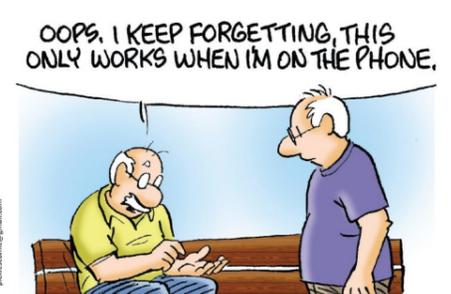
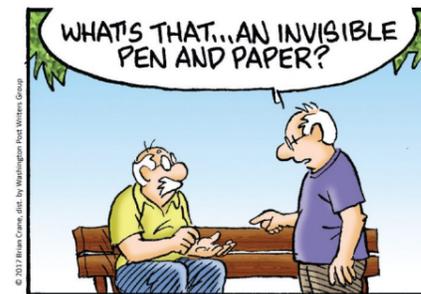
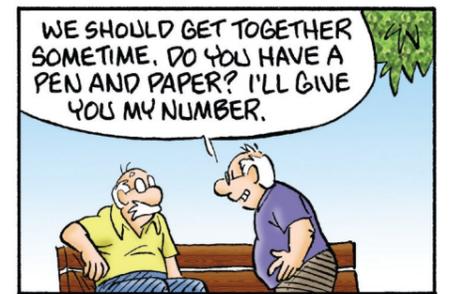
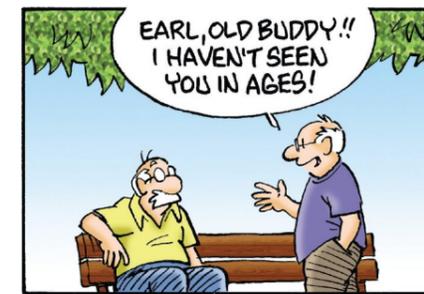
1.15 – 2pm at St. Michael's on Friday 20th May.

As usual entry is free and light refreshments or a hot meal will be available from the Angel At My Table café.



PICKLES

BY BRIAN CRANE



FUNDRAISING EVENT

A Scottish Celebration for Camas

Please join us for an evening of entertainment on the **14th of May, 7-9:30pm** at **United Reform Church** to raise money for our young people's trip to Camas.

Dinner will be provided along with some ceilidh dancing, a quiz, a raffle and performances by our young people and staff!

Suggested donation of £15.



Contact info@cre8macclesfield.org or call **01625503740** to reserve your ticket!



Taking Flight Exhibition

Well done to the team at St Peter's for an excellent art installation!

Taking Flight was an engaging exhibition in support of the people of Ukraine.



A talk from Izzy

Izzy will be doing a gig/talk about her rebuilding trip to Palestine on Tuesday 17th May starting at 7pm.



It will also be live streamed if anyone can't make it.

Thank you very much,

Izzy

Geri Tyler's Funeral

The funeral of the late Geri Tyler is to be held on Wednesday 1st June at 10:15am in church.

Please pray for Andrew, Ann and all the family at this time.

Many of our Home Communion Team miss visiting him and he will be sadly missed by many of our Church Family.

A Helping Hand...

Our stair rail came off the wall recently when too much force was placed on it.

Today (1st May), a kind craftsman came and fixed it for us. He was very well equipped. Some of you may recognize him!

David and Eve Budgett



Scout & Guide Group Bedding Plant Sale

We would like to give our heartfelt apologies for some of the confusion around the bedding plant sale this year

There has been a change in the team who are running the sale, so the delivery of forms to some members of the congregation got missed as we didn't have all the information.

We are doing everything we can to ensure this oversight won't happen next year. If you would like to be on the mailing list to ensure you get the form as soon as they come out then please email Carole.owens2@ntlworld.com and we will add you to the mailing list, or provide your name and address to Hillary Hailiwell and we will drop one off for you.

We thank you for your continued support of the group as it means so much to all the members



Kind regards

Neil Owens

(Group chairman)

PLATINUM JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 4 June 2022
12pm till 3pm
St. Michael's churchyard,
Market Place, SK10 1DY

For all who live, work or visit in the Town Centre



**FREE BARBECUE .
BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC & BLANKET.**

Activities Include:

Bouncy castle

Children's Crafts & Games

Musical entertainment provided by Macclesfield Music Centre

Display of Jubilee Memorabilia



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Angel
at my Table



Platinum Jubilee Garden Party

This is an event organised by St. Michael's for the town centre community.



Thanks to all those who have already volunteered to help; there are still opportunities for others to assist with

stewarding in and out of church, distributing flyers, helping with games/crafts, and helping Ali with the catering.

BUT if you are not able to steward PLEASE do come along and enjoy the occasion.

Everyone is welcome. If you want to get involved in organising the garden party please speak to David Mayers and/or come to a meeting in church at 4pm This Wednesday.

The Town Centre Ministry Team

The Queen's Jubilee Celebration at St Michael's

The Town Centre Ministry Group would like to have a display relating to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Wanted! Memorabilia, photos, accounts of the Queen's Accession, Coronation and reign!

Where were you, did you watch the Coronation on TV with friends? What did you eat on the Day?

Have you a copy of the dish created for the Coronation, Coronation Chicken!

Any newspaper cuttings of the 1950's, the fashions, Ration Books!!?

Children we would love you to draw a picture to decorate the display. Perhaps a picture of the Queen, her Crown, the Palace, her horses or dogs? 🐕 🐶 🐾

Please could you kindly bring to Church by May 20th or contact me on 01625 424531



Thank you
Anne Kite, alias Kitey

Prayer Requests from our Link Chaplain at Styal Prison



As you may know, I recently dropped off several boxes of donations for the women at Styal Prison, from our church family here at St Michael's. We had been able to provide a wide range of Bibles in modern translations, plus some children's Bibles and books of parables and stories from the life of Jesus. In addition, your generous monetary contributions allowed me to buy more of the A5 notebooks which are so helpful to many of the women in recording their feelings and hopes, plus a big batch of something I hadn't come across before – "fidget poppers"! These are apparently very helpful in relieving stress and even in helping some individuals to avoid self-harm.

Thank you so much for your generosity.

Below is the latest Prayer Letter from Louise our link Chaplain at the prison.
Lynne

Dear Friends,

We are so very grateful for your prayers and all the support you provide to us as a chaplaincy team and our residents. I was off for a couple of weeks with covid which was swiftly followed by a grotty cold so I would appreciate prayers for a full and swift recovery.

Thank you

We have received several extraordinarily generous donations and were delighted to be able to supply underwear for women newly arrived in prison with nothing more than the clothes they are wearing. It makes such a difference to their sense of self-worth and dignity. We also received donations of art materials and fidget toys. Some of these are being used in a pilot program run by the psychology team to support women who are most at risk of self-harm and suicide. Initial feedback has been very positive from the women taking part. We have also been able to give full Bibles to some of our women on longer sentences who have been very grateful.

We have been able to restart worship services and are quickly receiving a lot of applications from women who wish to attend. We pray that they will connect with Jesus and that they will know his blessing and peace in their lives.

We are grateful that we received a positive inspection from HMIP (her majesty's inspectorate of prisons) and that great progress has been made in building our new gate house.

Please

All the chaplains are run down and there has been a spate of viruses and illnesses we would appreciate prayers for health and protection

Our new deputy governor is making a real difference, we pray that she and all the governors of the prison would know God's guidance and wisdom as they work together to lead the prison.

We are hoping to be able to reduce our level of covid restrictions to restart all activities. We pray particularly for those involved in planning and preparing these activities and for those who have only worked in the prison under strict social distancing restrictions for who this will be a new experience.

We are currently recruiting new officers and pray that we get exactly the right people, those who have a vocation to support our women and who will be a blessing to them.

As ever, we continue to pray for our prisoners. We pray that they will be healed in mind, body and soul. We pray that they will be equipped with work, housing and support for life on release and we pray that they will embrace the gift of new life in Christ so that their futures are not defined by their past.



Every blessing.

Louise

A friendly Thank you...

Sandie Bevan, Bernice Jones and Heather Smith enjoying a coffee at Angels at My Table! Thank you for your generosity, skills and enthusiastic support to decorate the Church through the year and the Festivals.

Thank you again to Bernice for giving and arranging the posies in the Narthex over the years!

Kitey



Urgent need for Volunteers



Mary-Ann Brooks, the new Manager, has highlighted to me that The Hope Centre **urgently needs some additional volunteers.**

Please do all you can to encourage members of your congregations to consider how they may be able to help. Volunteers can give as little as two hours on each occasion and would be expected to be waiting on and clearing tables, making coffee, doing some light cleaning and handling the cash register. Experience is not essential as appropriate training and support will be provided.

Anyone who is interested in knowing more should contact Mary-Ann at the Hope Centre:
by email: manager@hopecentremacclesfield.org.uk; or by phone: 01625 404384.

Cres Plat Sale

The Plant Sale was an enormous success. Thank you to all who donated or came along and bought on the day. We raised an astonishing £485-00 which will go towards the young people's trip to Camas, the outdoor activity centre on the Isle of Mull in Scotland., run by the Iona community.



The young people were selling refreshments including some very yummy cakes they had made also helping to swell their Camas fund. Jonathan and some members of the Learning Plus team were selling their garden benches- well worth a look.

Thank you again for all your support

Jenny Wild

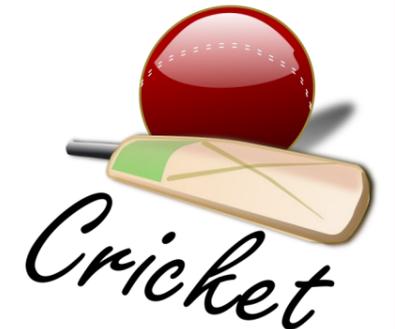
Cricket News

The church also has a cricket team if you weren't already aware!

Our next fixture is the local derby against Tytherington Family Worship at **6pm on Monday 16th May** at Kerridge CC on Clarke Lane.

Spectators welcome.

For more information about the cricket contact David Mayers davidjmayers@btinternet.com



Hope Pilgrimage 2022



Plans are afoot for a pilgrimage in 2022. Some of you will remember the Peak Pilgrimage from Ilam to Eyam that we did over three days in July 2018. Well, the people from St Lawrence church, Eyam, who created that Peak Pilgrimage have devised another called the Hope Pilgrimage from Edale to Eyam. This is 29 miles starting at the church of the 'Holy And Undivided Trinity' in Edale and then passing through Castleton, Bradwell, Hope, Bamford and Hathersage to reach St Lawrence, Eyam, visiting seven other churches on the way.

The plan is to walk this over three days; Thursday 1st September, Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd with shorter sections or easier options for people who don't wish to walk so far.

More details will follow later but this notice is just to make you aware of the outline plan and the dates. We will be inviting wider participation beyond St Michael's congregation.

Paul Simms, Paul Spedding, Taffy Davies



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A Story of Determination



Macclesfield Parish FC – After 22 years without success (apart from 2 losing appearances in cup finals and a couple of fairplay awards) our church football team has finally won promotion from division 3 to division 2 of the South Manchester and Cheshire Christian Football League.

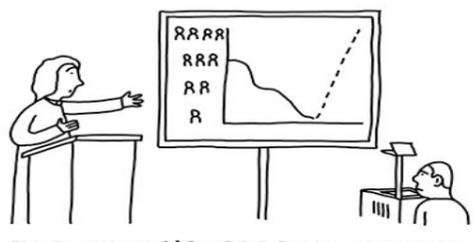
Great was the celebration at the recent club game on the Tip opposite St.Peter's, and in the pub afterwards, – despite the rain.

For more information contact Jonny Porter or David Mayers

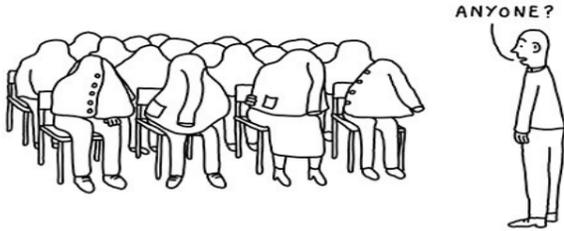
THE ANNUAL MEETING



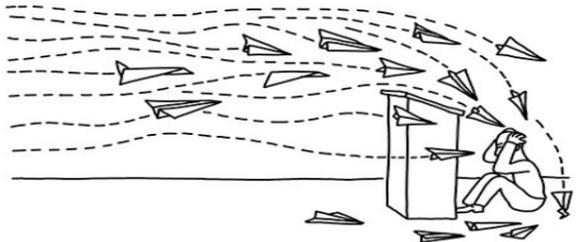
INTERESTING REPORTS ABOUT KEY AREAS OF OUR WORK



THE VICAR'S SPEECH ABOUT THIS YEAR'S ACHIEVEMENTS



THE ELECTION OF A NEW PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL



SOME QUESTIONS FROM CONGREGATION MEMBERS

Prayer and Reader Training

The upcoming Pray-er and Reader training will be held on Thursday 16th June in church. It will start at 7:15pm with refreshments, ready for the training to begin at 7:30pm. Please contact Rachel Mayers for more information or Porsche in the office to sign up to the training.



L.E.T.S

This months Lets Eat Together Sunday will take place this week, straight after the APGM meeting finishes. Come along and bring some food to share, it always ends up being a lovely surprise.

For more information please contact Mark Langham



Congratulations!



Satsuki-Mei recently competed at the Alderley Edge Festival. She obtained 2nd place for her poetry reading and also 2nd place in the Sacred Text Reading Class. She read Luke Chapter 2 Verses 1-19.

Gemma

To every thing there is a Season,
and a time to every purpose
under Heaven.

ECCLESIASTES 3:1



Angel at my Table

Café Bank Holiday Opening Hours

We are please to confirm that The Angel at My Table café will remain open on the Thursday and Friday Bank Holidays in June (2nd and 3rd) with the usual opening hours of 10am til 3pm.

Thank you for Ali and all the wonderful café volunteers for making this happen.

APGM Arrangements

This Sunday is our APGM in church. As a result, the service on Sunday will be shorter than usual at around 35 minutes but will still include Holy Communion.

After the service, there will be a short break for refreshments after which the meeting will start promptly at **10:40am**.

We look forward to welcoming you then.



FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM TRAINING

Turn everyday conversations into chances to share the good news of Jesus!

Poynton 16 May 2022	Bolton 18 May 2022	Wigan 20 May 2022	Rochdale 21 May 2022
Salford 17 May 2022	Sale 19 May 2022	Wythenshawe 21 May 2022	

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