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Church Together Apart



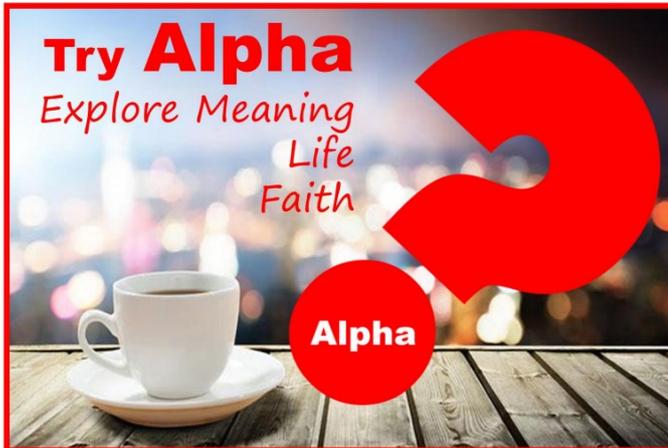
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I hope you've managed a bit of 'down time', if not a full holiday, because we've a lot to look forward to these next few weeks. Here's a run down of some of them:

This month, during this **Season of Creation**, we have plenty of opportunities to focus on the third of our church's



Strategic Objectives, "*Celebrating and Sustaining God's Creation*". There are the daily actions and attitudes (see page 7) to stir, inspire and challenge us, the personal stories displayed in the church grounds, and, on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>, the arrival in Macclesfield of '**Camino to COP**' – pilgrims walking from Bristol to Glasgow ahead of COP26, the UN Conference on Climate Change. That evening there'll be an open meeting to hear and chat with them.

Ways in which we are addressing our other two Strategic Objectives ("*Encountering God through St Michael's*" and "*Exploring and Nurturing Faith*") include **refreshing our worship**, having an overt **Christian presence** during the Treacle Market, and partnering with other churches to deliver an **Alpha Course**.

This week we are delighted to have the additional opportunity to worship together with the welcome return of **Choral Evensong** (6.30pm this Sunday). The following Sunday (10am on 19<sup>th</sup>) will be the first of our **Church Family Worship** services, designed with the explicit intention of being accessible for all ages, with 'something for everyone'.

During August, September and October, seven churches from around the town are joining together to offer free activities and have conversations with people visiting the **Treacle Market**. As well as, where appropriate, offering to pray for people, we've collated a list of the wide range of church-



based activities people may be interested in joining (from singing & bell-ringing to uniformed organisations, gardening, heritage, and so much more). Do pop along at the end of this month to see what's on offer.

And then, on Monday evenings, we're inviting people to find out more about the Christian faith by running **Alpha**. I'm particularly delighted that we're doing this in partnership with other churches and The Hope Centre. Starting with an introductory evening on 20<sup>th</sup> September, **Alpha** will run weekly between October and December, with a break for half term.



**Alpha** is very suitable for Christians wanting 'a faith refresher' course. **Alpha** is also globally recognised as very good at introducing people to Jesus and what it means to be a Christian. If you'd like to know more about **Alpha**, speak to Martin or Catherine. If you'd like to attend, for whatever reason, you can just turn up at **The Hope Centre on 20<sup>th</sup> September**. If you need a lift then let us know. The evening sessions run from 7.30-9pm.

Mark

### The Collect for the 15th Sunday after Trinity

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity Green Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**12th September 2021**  
**Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
**Merged Service**  
**Leader:** Racehel Mayers  
**Speaker:** Lynne Spedding  
**Reading:** Mark 8:27-38

## Enjoyment of the Middlewood Way – Perhaps?

I regularly walk the Middlewood Way with Jazz our Tibetan Terrier dog who is now in the twilight of his life.

He is over 14 years old and in his youth he was well trained to be off the lead so that he could run freely for exercise. Recently and partially because of his age, he now has to remain on the lead. Yes he is almost blind, partially deaf and as he got older he is now "set in his ways"! However, being old is only part of the reason as to why I now have to keep our pet on a lead.



What used to be three fields alongside the Middlewood Way emanating from the Tesco /river Bollin bridge to Clarke lane is now only a paved corridor

The bottom field behind Tytherington School has been left to grow as a wildlife area with tall grass brambles and weeds making it un-walkable.

The middle field is now a privately funded football area, with two pitches fenced right up to the narrow pathway. It is presumed this "community field" will soon become exclusive to football inside the perimeter fence?

The upper field, once a flood plain for the Bollington valley and the river Bollin is now a housing estate with pavements around closely built houses.

So what was previously open fields have now become a walkway corridor in which some cyclists without a bell (not all I might add as I am a cyclist as well and there are many like me) zoom past at 15 to 20 miles per hour. Without warning, they come from behind so quickly, nearly hitting my shoulder as they pass without warning at great speed.

So what is the enjoyment for Jazz, our lifelong pet? He's now permanently on a lead not able to run free. Walking on tarmac pathways and protected from errant cyclists by me because he can't see or hear properly, he still enjoys his walks – but then again, he always did!

*David Smith*

## More than just a coffee and a chat!



Some members of the Wednesday Morning Discussion group decided to try out the "Angel at my table" café and were very well pleased with what they saw and ate! Highly recommended although if you are planning to go with a group it's best to let Ali know beforehand.

**For groups of 4+, please contact Porsche in the office via email or phone.**

*Tricia*

## Repair Café

**Rather than throw it away, repair it! Find out how at Macclesfield's first repair café at the Heritage centre on Roe Street from 10am – 2pm on Saturday 11th September. Here is what's on offer, but I understand that cycle repair is also available.**

### Repair Cafe Rota



**ELECTRONIC REPAIR**



**MECHANICAL REPAIR**



**TEXTILE REPAIR**



**UPCYCLING  
ADVICE**



SEPTEMBER 11, 2021 10AM - 2PM

## Silklife Foodbank

We have a box in the Welcome Area for Silklife Foodbank contributions. Would YOU be willing to take responsibility for our link with the Foodbank? If so, please can you let Rachel know.

We need someone who:

1. Collects donations from the box in church (can be done any time)
2. Delivers our donations to the Foodbank on George St (Tuesday 9.30-11.30)
3. Keeps in touch with the Foodbank every so often, to find out if there are any specific needs, and to keep St Michael's informed about their work.

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## Wednesday Morning Coffee and a Chat



### The Ear of a Spy – John Chapter 18.

There is an incident written down in all 4 gospels when Jesus is being arrested and a disciple attacks one of the guards and doesn't manage to kill him but he does cut off his ear. Who knows the name of the character who has such an injury? No, it isn't Vincent Van Gogh!

I didn't know his name either until I read John's gospel account, **John 18, verse 10**, and if you read the account in Dr Luke's Gospel you will read that Jesus healed the injury. **Luke chapter 22.50-51**. The name of the man who was healed is Malchus and the impetuous disciple who caused the injury is Simon Peter.

But who is this Malchus? This question formed the basis of our discussion on Wednesday. Heather was interested in the details of the injury!! And in what way did Jesus heal the ear? We concluded that Simon Peter acted in a moment of anger to try to protect his friend Jesus and lashed out with his sword at the nearest target. Malchus saw it coming and dodged so that the injury was relatively minor, but he would still have been in great pain, languishing on the floor covered in blood. Helen pointed out that the whole group was surrounded and would've felt threatened. There could have been quite a skirmish but Jesus put a stop to this by bending down and talking to Malchus, looking at him with the love of a saviour and healing his injury.

Why did Jesus heal Malchus? Some think it could be to avoid Simon Peter being arrested and almost certainly killed.

We don't know what type of character Malchus was. We do know that he was a servant of the High Priest, Caiaphas, who organised the plot against Jesus and sent out his spies to collect evidence against him, leading up to this arrest. Malchus could have been a spy just doing his job, he could have been a man who was aggressive and odious, we don't know. We do know that he had family working for the High Priest – see **chapter 18. 26**.

There is no further reference to Malchus in any of the writings, so we can let our imaginations run wild. How did this man respond to the amazing thing that had happened to him? Did he just carry on as if nothing had happened? Or did it change his life forever? What were his thoughts and reactions when he heard what was happening to Jesus? Did he regret his part in the arrest? Or did he agree with the verdict and the killing of Jesus? Did he remember the soft kindness in the eyes of the man who had healed him?

It's your call – you can imagine for yourself. But one thing is certain – Malchus had an encounter with the living Jesus and it was good!

Next week Heather is going to read a gospel all the way through and choose a character we haven't yet explored. Please join us if you're free. See the back of the newsletter for the zoom link.

*Tricia Atherton*



*St Michael  
& All Angels Church,  
Macclesfield*

# Choral Evensong

This Sunday  
at 6.30 p.m.



*Reflective worship  
sung by St Michael's choir  
using traditional words from  
the Book of Common Prayer*

## Home for Good



Do you know anyone who might be interested in working for Home for Good in Greater Manchester?

Could you help us find a home for every child who needs one in Greater Manchester? We are looking for a strategic leader with a breadth of communication skills, and with a proven track record of pioneering new work with church and commissioning stakeholders to initiate, coordinate, and oversee the work of Home for Good related to our partnership with Festival Manchester.

Please see the application pack for more information. The closing date for this role is **9am on Monday 27 September 2021**. To apply please submit a CV and covering letter, illustrating how you meet the requirements of the role. If you have any questions or would like an informal chat about the role please email Hannah at [hannah.fillier@homeforgood.org.uk](mailto:hannah.fillier@homeforgood.org.uk) or phone 020 8057 4966.

Use this link to find out more information. <https://homeforgood.org.uk/festival-manchester-lead>

## Shorter walk Pilgrimage information

### St Michael's Pilgrimage 2021

This is to provide a bit more information about the shorter walk options on the pilgrimage (**22nd to 26th September**) for those who don't feel they can walk the whole way



Everyone is more than welcome to meet up in Chester Cathedral on **Wednesday 22nd Sept** for a brief service at 10.45 after which the long walkers will be setting off to walk to Delamere. The shorter walk option is to join us for the service in the cathedral then search out one of Chester's finer tea rooms or find a pleasant watering hole for lunch.

On Day 2, **Thursday 23rd**, the short walk option starts at Northwich railway station at 1:00pm for a walk of 5½ miles around the Anderton Nature Park and the Boat Lift on the Trent and Mersey Canal, meeting the longer walkers at St Helen's church for a service at 4:30.

On Day 3, **Friday 24th**, the short walk is 5 miles from Plumley railway station to Knutsford with a service at St John the Baptist church, Knutsford, at about 4:30pm. For this walk catch the 1:25 train from Knutsford and start at Plumley at 1:30.

On Day 4, **Saturday 25th**, the short walk is from Wilmslow to reach Prestbury, St Peter's, for a service at 5:00pm starting at the car park near the Café Azul at the eastern end of Carr's Park at 2:30pm..

On the final day, **Sunday 26th**, we hope as many people as possible will join us at Prestbury starting at 9:00am for the 2½ miles to reach St Michael's by about 10:30, bringing the church to the building.

We are also planning to have a meal together on the evening of **Saturday 25th**.

If you're interested in taking part, please have a chat with either of the Paul S's.

Paul Spedding, paulspedding@gmail.com, 07747622765

Paul Simms, paul@lowerbeechfarm.co.uk, 07879336906

## Toy Bags

Our sincere thanks to all those wonderful people who have made toy bags in readiness for our new "Church Family Worship", which starts on 19<sup>th</sup> September.

Also many thanks to those who have donated an abundance of children's books and toys to fill these bags.

You are all marvellous!

Lynne and the "Going Back Better" Group



## How to contact the Office...



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Email— [clergypa@maccteam.org.uk](mailto:clergypa@maccteam.org.uk) to contact Porsche  
- [office@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk) to contact Rachel for room bookings and building matters  
- [stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com) for newsletter items.  
- [maccteamprinting@gmail.com](mailto: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 and **Thursday** she works from home between the same hours.

Rachel's office hours are not set so please make a prior appointment if you wish to meet with Rachel in person.

## Can you Volunteer?

On Tuesday 28th Sept the Camino to COP26 pilgrimage will be staying at St Michael's church.



Angel at my Table will be offering them a meal using surplus food and we need volunteers to help cook, serve and clear up.

If you can spare a couple of hours between 4 and 8pm please let Ali Griffen know (07763770026) or drop into the cafe to have a chat.

## Church Flowers

The bright sunflowers and roses have been graciously given by Vicky and Gordon Darlington on the occasion of their Anniversary and arranged so beautifully by Heather Smith.

Congratulations and thank you Vicky and Gordon from all the Church family.

Kitey



The flowers in church have been kindly donated by John Wood in memory of his dear mother Mrs Jenny Wood.

Thank you to Sandie Bevan for arranging them.

Catherine

## Cricket report

last Sunday the church cricket team played its final game of the season, against old friends Macclesfield Occasionals at Kerridge CC. On a glorious afternoon we lost the toss and were asked, politely, to field. MOs are a very strong batting side, and after their 30 overs had amassed the impressive total of 222 for 6. We never wilted and bowled and fielded enthusiastically – led by our 3 debutants Tim Laughton, Vidya and Soura (apologies for any incorrect spelling!).



We needed to score at almost 8 an over, and for the first 10 we were pretty well up with the rate with a rapid 30 from Tim backed up by a steady 29 from Russell. But gradually we fell behind the required rate, closing on 175 for 9 – a very good effort in the circumstances.



The photographs show a happy XI (including Zak the dog) and Andy Mannion in full flight pulling the ball to the boundary.

So ended an enjoyable and successful season – successful in that we had some fun, made some good friends

and talked a lot rather than the usual sense of the word. We did win twice (and lost 6!). But given that we were bowled out for 14 by St. George's Leeds in our first match that represents a good result!

Thanks to Brian Gleaves for his enigmatic umpiring, and to all those at Kerridge CC for making us so welcome

David Mayers

A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE NOW GOING  
BACK TO CHURCH ONCE AGAIN



THIS IS USUALLY BECAUSE THEY  
HAVE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING LIKE  
THEIR KEYS OR JACKET OR GLASSES

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This week there has been a pair of ladies sunglasses and a walking cane left behind in the café. If you have lost either, please contact Porsche in the office.

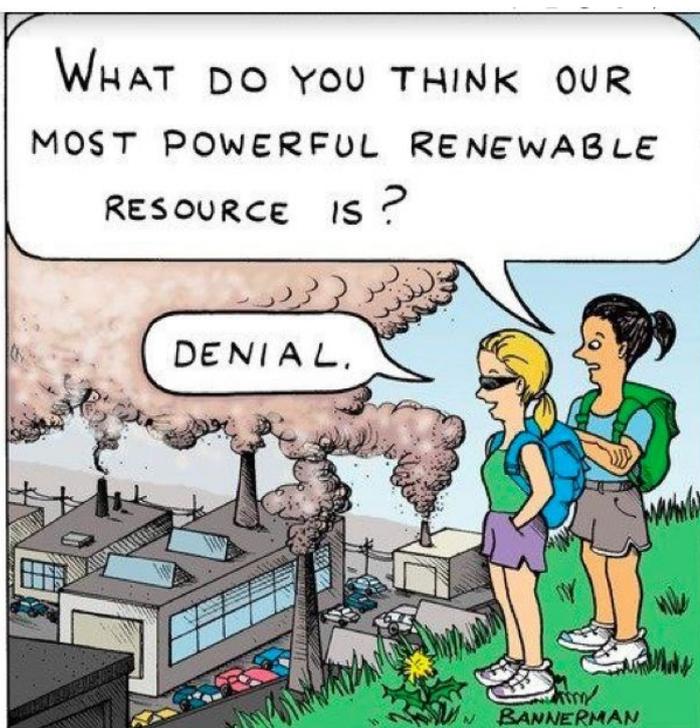
Would you like a free concert ticket???

It's great that our lovely church building is used by the community as a venue for their events; it is the largest venue in Macclesfield and many groups say they love to come here because it such a wonderful space. Perhaps we take it for granted sometimes?

We love to share the building with others, but when there is an evening event we usually need someone to be a steward representing the church community. If you would like to be on a list of people who might do this occasionally (and it might be only once or twice per year) please let Rachel know via the office. The reward is a free ticket to the event!

The first such event is a special concert to celebrate 50 years of the Macclesfield Majestic Theatre group, being held on TWO evenings, Friday and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> September. Unfortunately this clashes with our Pilgrimage, so if you are not going to be a pilgrim this time, would you please consider if you could help to steward the event. Please contact Rachel as soon as possible [office@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk) or leave

a message on the office phone.



Here are a few of the current scams our volunteers, partners and readers have alerted us to:



**Online pet scams**

You may be considering a new pet for company or to get you out of the house walking everyday.

However, beware if you are considering buying a pet online. Action Fraud's recent campaign has revealed that over £2.6million was lost by prospective pet owners in the year ending March 2021, where they had paid a deposit for a pet after seeing an advert online, but the pet did not exist.

It's always best to use recommended, reputable breeders and view any pet in person, or at least by video call, before parting with your money.



**Scammers warning of scams!**

People have received emails pretending to be from high street banks asking them to

click on a link to update contact details, as they have been trying to contact them about their online banking security.

Knowing that we're getting wise to phishing emails, the scammers include information about how to protect yourself from fraud and scams! They even include links to the fraud page on the genuine bank's website, to make people believe it's all above board.

As usual, don't click on links in emails. Contact the genuine company through an independent search.



**Bogus tradesmen alert**

The police in the Sandbach, Elworth and Brereton area have received

reports of individuals jet washing a small part of a driveway without the home occupants' permission, then pressuring them to have the rest cleaned at an extortionate price. There have also been sightings in the Holmes Chapel area.

Police are advising not to engage with these individuals and notify them by calling 101 as soon as possible.



**COVID vaccine passport scams continue**

We alerted people to this scam last month. However, with more recent changes to the safe

country travel list, and further discussions about when a COVID passport may be required in the autumn, scammers will be taking advantage of this to bamboozle us with scam emails, texts and calls offering a COVID passport, but at a price.

Remember, get the genuine information about COVID passports at [NHS COVID Pass](#) or by calling 119.

**Season of Creation**

**3 events to watch out for this week as we**



**continue to reflect, enjoy and act as stewards of Our Common Home**

- **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September Family Cycle Ride, Meet at Tesco car park SK10 2AB at 12 noon to cycle to Nelson Pit for a picnic**
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September – Song of the Prophets – a Requiem for the Climate. Featuring the Chineke! orchestra and an array of gifted and committed speakers (including Rowan Williams), this recording of an event held earlier this year will provide much food for thought for the following discussion**

- **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2pm. A Creation Walk at Tegg's Nose country park, SK11 0AP**

**For more details refer to the programmes available in the welcome area, and don't forget to read the reflections on the churchyard railings – and maybe contribute one yourself?**



**Street Angels Macclesfield**

Street Angels Macclesfield was established in June 2012. We work successfully with the management of the Town Centre, the CCTV Operations, the Police and the Hospital for nearly a decade! A team of four people are on duty every Saturday evening from 10.30pm to about 3.00am providing a calming presence on the streets of Macclesfield Town Centre. We do all we can for those leaving the bars, clubs, pubs and restaurants who become vulnerable, helping them to get home safely.

I joined Street Angels in 2016 as a way to give back to my community. When I tell others I'm a Street Angel it can sometimes feel like I've just told them I'm a space explorer or a zoo keeper. Responses are often a mix of fascination, polite distaste, and curiosity. "Oh wow, that must be really hard work – I could never do that!" I always feel a little guilty about this because I'm about the least 'qualified' to be a Street Angel. I'm a middle-aged American woman who prefers an evening knitting and watching BBC dramas. I've never been a bouncer or spent my youth clubbing or at raves. In fact, Street Angels isn't about anything exciting like breaking up drunken brawls or lovers' spats!

It is, however, about being a calming presence in Macclesfield-at-night. For me this means showing God's love in a place where light is not always found, but is nearly always most welcome.

It is also an opportunity to receive God's love as much as it is to offer it. When I started with Street Angels, I mistakenly assumed that it would be a one-way relationship – I was sharing God's love with others, I was showing them a better way, I was serving the 'poor and lost' of the community. But I was very much mistaken! Macclesfield-at-night holds its own beauty and joy. Its cast of characters are complex but kind and caring – especially the young people.

**"You Street Angels do great work – thank you!"**

**"Please, my friend is in a bad way – can you come help us? We'll make sure she gets home."**

**"Can I sit here with you for a while? I don't feel well. Thank you."**

As a Street Angel I've had the pleasure of getting to know others, many who are brothers and sisters in Christ, who volunteer to provide shelter for the members of community in need. We drink tea together and share stories and learn from one another. We work with others on watch: CCTV operators, the police, bouncers and pub owners, church leaders and other community workers who are committed to keeping Macclesfield-at-night a safe place for all.

It's a long night and by 3:00am I'm tired! But I am also encouraged and my spirit is encouraged by the time I have spent with the people I had to pleasure to connect with.

Street Angels is looking for new volunteers! Why not come for a 'taster' evening and see for yourself? Just contact Pip Mosscrop, the Co-ordinator, at [pipmosscrop2@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pipmosscrop2@yahoo.co.uk) or call him on 07715 495701.

**Pam Simpson**

**Season of Creation 2021 - A Home for All? What can you do to care for our Common Home and make it a Home for All?**

# SEPTEMBER 2021

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
		<p><b>1</b> World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Join in a global on line prayer service at <a href="https://seasonofcreation.org/">https://seasonofcreation.org/</a></p>	<p><b>2</b> Take a jar and collect a piece of creation each day to put in, e.g. leaf, twig, pebble. As you do this thank God for His creation and ask for his help to be good stewards of all His gifts.</p>	<p><b>3</b> Have a meatless or vegan meal, if possible shared with others. Meat and cheese both have a large carbon footprint. Could you do this more often during the Season?</p>	<p><b>4</b> Make time to sit and think about God's creation for a few moments – what do you do in your life to take care of people and the environment?</p>	<p><b>5</b> <b>Climate Change Sunday</b> Join in our Eco Service this week at 10am at St Michael's to focus on taking action on climate change.</p>
<p><b>6</b> Consider how many bottles of water or soft drinks you buy. Could you replace these with tap water in a reusable bottle? You can find out more <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p><b>7</b> Reduce food waste by planning your meals and buying just what you need.</p> 	<p><b>8</b> Remember to say Grace before eating your meal today, and throughout the Season, thanking God for creating the food and for the people who have helped produce it.</p>	<p><b>9</b> Remember we are part of God's creation and to take care of ourselves in the way God intended with compassion and care.</p>	<p><b>10</b> Make do and mend. Find something that could be repaired e.g. bikes, clothes, electronics and tools. Bring it <i>tomorrow</i> to the first <b>Repair Café</b> at the Heritage Centre, Find out more <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p><b>11</b> Join the <a href="#">CAFOD Faith in Action Day</a> from 11.00am. An online talk and prayer to learn more about COP26 and Pope Francis's call to action to care for our common home.</p>	<p><b>12</b> Join in a Family Cycle Ride along the Middlewood Way. Meet at 12.00 noon at <b>Tesco Car Park SK10 2AB</b> to cycle to Nelson Pit for a picnic. <a href="#">Bring a packed lunch</a>.</p>
<p><b>13</b> Think about how you travel each day during the Season. Could any of your journeys be walked, cycled or by bus to reduce the use of our cars? Its good for our health too.</p>	<p><b>14</b> Turn off the electronics and spend half an hour going for a walk or other activity in God's natural world. Invite your family or others to join you.</p>	<p><b>15</b> Pray for those who have been affected by natural disasters or the Coronavirus pandemic through illness, injury, death of loved ones, loss of their homes or livelihoods.</p>	<p><b>16</b> Switch electricity suppliers to a green source. You can find out more at: <a href="https://www.moneysupermarket.com/gas-and-electricity/green-energy/">https://www.moneysupermarket.com/gas-and-electricity/green-energy/</a></p>	<p><b>17</b> Join the showing of <b>Songs of the Prophets—A Requiem for the Climate</b> at 7.30pm at St. Michael's Church.</p>	<p><b>18</b> Take stock of what you've done so far in the Season of Creation. How are you getting on with making it a home for all? What more could you do to take better care of God's creation?</p>	<p><b>19</b> Join in the Creation Walk at <b>2.00pm</b>. An easy 3 mile walk to appreciate God's creation followed by a picnic of drinks and cakes. <b>Teggs Nose Country Park</b> (SK11 0AP)</p>
<p><b>20</b> Take a break from consuming and buy nothing today.</p> 	<p><b>21</b> <b>COP26 - the Time is Now to Act on Climate Change</b> join the online talk by Ellen Teague at 7.30pm. Contact <a href="mailto:skeithtay12@outlook.com">skeithtay12@outlook.com</a> for Zoom link.</p>	<p><b>22</b> As we uphold the human right to food, clean drinking water and safe sanitation for all. Pray today for the people in the world who don't have access to these.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Review your use of electricity at home. Are all your light bulbs LED or energy saving? Turn off some of your electrical items more often or overnight.</p>	<p><b>24</b> When doing your shopping select Fairtrade products and those without plastic packaging.</p> 	<p><b>25</b> Sign the <a href="#">CAFOD Reclaim our Common Home Petition</a> to the Prime Minister on line at: <a href="https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1">https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1</a></p>	<p><b>26</b> Join the Family Litter Pick at St. Alban's after the 9.30am Mass or gather at 10.15am. Prize for the family that collects the biggest bag. Lead by 3rd Macc Scouts.</p>
<p><b>27</b> Buy items from charity shops online, buy and sell adverts, local papers or notice boards to reduce new purchases which use up the world resources.</p>	<p><b>28</b> "Meet the Pilgrims" on the Camino to COP26 at 8.00pm at St. Michael's. Join the pilgrims on one of their walks. <a href="https://caminotocop.com/">https://caminotocop.com/</a></p>	<p><b>29</b> Take time to listen to the cry of the poor with your heart. Pray for those "Forgotten People" who share our common home, e.g. those living in poverty, homeless, refugees, migrants.</p>	<p><b>30</b> Shop more locally, e.g. green grocers, butchers, bakers to reduce the food miles and plastic packaging. Visit <a href="#">Scoop and Scales</a> at the Heritage Centre.</p>	<p><i>Things you can keep doing....</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remember the 3 R's Reduce, Reuse and Recycle</li> <li>Buy local and without plastic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Buy Fairtrade products</li> <li>Make do and mend</li> <li>Pray for world leaders to make decisions that protect our Common Home</li> </ul>	<p><i>Thereafter.....</i> <b>Continue to live as good stewards of God's creation taking care of yourself, people, animals and the environment that He has blessed us with.</b></p>

Join us for  
*Sunday Worship*

**Wednesday Morning Discussion**  
11.00am to 12 noon

Join Zoom meeting [here](#)  
Meeting ID: 971 3599 5784  
Passcode: 01625



**St Michael's Worship 12th September 2021**

**Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
Merged service at 10.00am:  
live in church / streamed later on Youtube

Youtube link will be sent out via email after the Service

Service Leader: Rachel Mayers

Talk: Lynne Spedding

Reading: by Mark 8:27-38

**Eventually (once any hiccups have been ironed out) the Youtube stream will be live and the link will be posted here so watch this space!**



**Monday HomeGroup**

When? 7.30pm - 9pm Monday evenings

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)  
Meeting ID: 910 4838 5228  
Password: Monday

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

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**READY TO LISTEN!**




**Thursday Homegroup Restarting!**

Hooray!

On Thursday 9 September at 8 pm there will be a planning meeting at the home of Enid Skirvin, 5 Brynton Rd (Phone 01625 428 691) Looking forward to seeing old members and hopefully some new ones

Many thanks

Enid




Email any [prayer requests](#) here

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**Compline/Night Prayer**

Every Friday

Topic: Night Prayer  
Time: 8.30pm every Friday (join from 8.25pm)  
Join Zoom Meeting  
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Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476  
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