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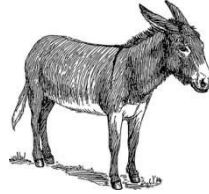


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# Palm Sunday



## Church Flowers

The beautiful Spring flowers placed on the Chancel Table have been graciously given by Jo Durbin, in loving memory of her very dear Eric.

Thank-you, Jo.

## LET'S: 13th April

Because the 3rd Sunday (when we would normally have our 'Let's eat together Sunday') falls on Easter Sunday this year, we will bring it forward to this coming Sunday (Palm Sunday, 13th April).



Bring some food and eat with others, maybe sharing if you wish.

Newcomers are especially welcome: don't worry if you haven't any food - there's usually plenty.



## Holy Week

## Services at St Michael's

- **Maundy Thursday (17th April at 7.00pm)**  
**An Agape Meal with (optional) Washing of Feet.**  
This is a reflective service with music, readings and symbolic actions, when we contemplate the events at the Last Supper. As part of the service we will share a simple 'meal' of bread, cheese, olives, etc.
- **Good Friday**
- \* **Morning service (18th April at 10.30am)**  
Our traditional Good Friday morning worship. Guest speaker: Marion Tugwood
- \* **Afternoon Contemplative Service (2.00pm - 4.00pm)**  
**"The Things He Bore".**

This will comprise readings, poetry, music and silence in four sessions, each 25 minutes long (so you don't need to stay for the full two hours! - you can arrive or leave at changeover times (2.00; 2.25; 2.55; 3.25))

## Eco-tip

Have you considered changing your broadband provider? If not, why not? The magazine Ethical Consumer recently reviewed all providers in categories including climate impact (how they source their energy), working conditions for employees, tax conduct (including any attempts to avoid paying tax) and company ethos. They also looked at price and internet speeds. Best buys were GreenNet, GreenISP - both are not-for-profit providers with a central focus on the environment - and Your Co-op which is owned by Mid counties, a large insurer co-operative.

Most of the big providers, like BT, Three and Vodafone, all performed badly on 3 of the 4 categories. For more details go to [www.ethicalconsumer.org](http://www.ethicalconsumer.org)



## Message (and Visit) from Neil Chaffey



Neil was Director of Music at The King's School in the 60s & 70s and also played the organ at St Mike's for some time. He conducted the KEMS Choir & Orchestra. In 1966, 1969 & 1972 he was Artistic Director of the Macclesfield Arts Festival.

Neil is coming to Macclesfield to celebrate his 88th Birthday on 27th July to play the organ for the morning service in St Michael's Church.

If anyone still remembers him, he would love to meet with them at or after the 10.00 service.

## Choral Evensong



This Sunday (13th) at 6.30pm - a reflective service with beautiful music and the liturgy of the Book of Common Prayer.

## Tenebrae Service



Thursday 17th April, Maundy  
Thursday, 7.30pm at the United Reformed Church at Park Green.

A service of reflection and meditation on the passion of Christ; of shadows and sadness; involving Bible readings, extinguishing candles and hymns of lament.

## Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Lent Palm Sunday

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you  
and love you, that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

Join us for *Worship*



## Sunday Worship

13th April 2025

The Sixth Sunday of Lent: Palm Sunday

### 10:00am: Church Family Worship

Leader: Tricia Atherton (OWL)

Speaker: Paul Simms (OWL)

Bible Reading: Luke 19:28-40

### 6.30pm Choral Evensong

Leader & Speaker: LLM Mike Strutt

Please use the link below to stream this  
(and previous services) on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmikesmacclesfield>

## Start the Week

Every Monday from 7.30am in church  
Morning Prayer at 8.30 am in church and also on Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/stmikesmacclesfield>

## Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

Alternate Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Savage Chapel  
lasting 30-40 minutes.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 16th April**

## Thursday Morning Worship 10:30am (35-40 mins)

Our midweek services follow the order from  
the Book of Common Prayer (traditional language) and  
alternate between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion  
**17th April: no service at St Mike's (Chrism Service at  
Chester instead for those who wish to go)**  
**24th April: Holy Communion**

## Thursday Homegroup

Meeting for Bible study and prayer –  
morning and evening groups

Please contact Eve & David Budgett (431606)  
or David Mayers (420716) for more information



## Contemplative Prayer

Friday mornings from 9.20-9.50.

An opportunity for quiet prayer followed by a cuppa and chat.

## Compline/Night Prayer

Every Friday

Topic: Night Prayer | Time: 8.30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting; [https://](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZ0VXdaZz09)

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**Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476 Passcode: compline**



**Compline**

## Share your Photos with St Mike's Church Family



If you have any photographs of recent  
activities you have been involved in  
which you would like including in the weekly bulletin/newsletter  
or in the Church Family News slot in Sunday services, please  
use this number to WhatsApp them to the relevant people:

+44 7579 820265

You can, of course, also email pictures and text to  
[stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com)

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Elaine's office hours are *usually* Monday, Tuesday and  
Thursday 9:30am – 1:30 pm

Isobel's Office hours are *usually* Monday & Wednesday 9.00-  
3.00; and Thursday & Friday 9.00 - 1.00

## Safeguarding Contact Information



If you have any safeguarding concerns,  
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a limited group of people who will pray for you.

