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Open Door

St Michael's Worship At Home

Have you joined us yet?



Is it just me, or do Ruth and Paul look like they could be daytime TV presenters? Ed

As you know, we have now switched from a pre-recorded service online to a live service late Sunday morning by Zoom, enabling us to have the pleasure of seeing each other's faces for those online, and allowing those offline to join by telephone. It also gives us the opportunity to chat to others in breakout rooms at the end of the service as we would over coffee in the Welcome Area.

Since lockdown started we have been on a steep learning curve to develop a form of worship that as many people as possible can engage with. The recorded service worked well but was heavily reliant on one person: Martin, and created a huge amount of work for him.

So, we have now moved to a live online service by Zoom, still involving input from members across the church doing readings, prayers, the Creed, the talk and the Godly Play story that we are familiar with at the 9.30 service.

The downside of the live service is that it is at a fixed time around 11.15am which may not suit every household and some of you may have enjoyed the ability to watch the prerecorded service at a time to suit you and your family, perhaps in the evening when the children are in bed, or even on Mondays.

This will now be possible as the live service will be recorded and uploaded to our [A Church Near You website](#) immediately after the service and our [Youtube Channel](#). Having the recording available also helps us to meet the needs of those who have become part of our church community from a distance, via Facebook, Instagram and our website, who may be geographically distant from

Macclesfield but who have been accessing our previous recorded services. (35% of our Facebook followers are outside Macclesfield.) If you haven't yet had a chance to see the service from last Sunday (7th June) click on Ruth and Paul's image. Please let us know your feedback. We hope our whole church community is able to link into some form of worship at some point in the week. Let us know what you're enjoying engaging with; is there something you've seen which is good that we could try locally? If you like it, chances are others in our church family might like it. It really would be lovely to hear your thoughts. It is likely to be some time before we can hold worship services in church.

[Sue, Editor](#) [email me](#) or call 01625 421984

Reopening of the church

Updated guidance from the government and from the Church Of England means that we can open St Michael's church building from Monday June 15th. This is great news. Many people in Macclesfield are anxious or distressed and we want to open our doors on to the Market Place as soon as possible to welcome people in. Initially, this will be for **private prayer and contemplation only**; it may well be some time yet before we are able to hold normal services. Plans are being put in place to open the building so that people can sit in the Savage Chapel which has traditionally been a prayerful place. The usual guidance about social distancing, hand-sanitising and disinfecting will apply. We will not be opening the kitchen or the café or the toilets yet. We expect to be able to open between 11am-1pm and 3pm-5pm Monday to Friday. We will need volunteers to act as stewards with a pair of stewards on duty at any one time. Volunteers cannot be over 70 or with any existing health conditions, nor can they come from households in which there are people vulnerable to Covid-19. Anyone out there who would be willing to volunteer and is not disqualified by age or health then please contact [Paul Spedding](#) who is preparing a rota.
Thanks, [Paul Simms, Churchwarden](#)



St Michael's at Home LIVE 14th June 2020

When? 11.00am for 11.15am

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

Meeting ID: 999 6611 2203 Password: 01625

Service Leader: Lynne Spedding Talk: Martin Stephens
Reading: **Matthew 9:35-10:8**

We meet again for our Sunday worship together on Zoom. You can **enter from 11am** and the **service will start at 11.15am**.

You will have the opportunity to talk to a smaller group in a break out room at the end of the service.

When you see the invitation in a blue box on your screen, please just follow the instruction on the screen and click to join, or end the meeting if you need to go at this point.

Wednesday Morning Discussion

Join Zoom meeting [here](#)

Meeting ID: 911 712 4669 Pass-
word: Vruk116200

Hosted by Tricia & Martin

Save these details for
next week



Men's Meet-up Meeting:

When? 8pm for 75 minutes on alternate
Wednesday evenings

Dates: 24th June & 8th July

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)



Meeting ID: 912 6715 2374
Password: 980944

*Particularly aimed at those of working age
(whether on furlough, unemployed or working flat
-out). Nothing heavy – at least not at this stage –
but just the opportunity to share life and faith
with others in a similar situation.*

Save these details for next time

No Computer? No problem!

**You can still join any of these Zoom meetings and
services with your landline phone**

If phoning:



Dial **0330 088 5830**.

When prompted, enter the **Meeting ID**
from any of these boxes **followed by #**

[For Sunday's service: 999 6611 2203]

When prompted, enter #



Email any **prayer requests** here:
office@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

Roots Family Time Sheet [here](#)

This week's lectionary readings:-

Resources for adults:

www.rootsontheweb.com/adultsathome14jun

Resources for families:

www.rootsontheweb.com/familiesathome14jun

Listen Course

**If you have expressed an interest in volunteering as
a listener the remaining second training session is:**

When? Thursday 18th Jun 2020 7:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting [here](#)

Meeting ID: 983 1009 5401
Password: 546355

Dates
for your Diary

Bible stories for strange times

Our children have been hugely affected by this virus. Helping them to understand the pandemic and their feelings about how life has changed for them is really important for us as parents to do. The Care for the Family team have recommended a list of Bible stories that might help our children and young people find solid truth and wisdom in the Bible to help them to navigate the coronavirus pandemic well, whatever they are feeling.

Rather than looking at biblical stories of pandemics and plagues (which aren't usually very helpful!), helping our children to explore Bible stories that match the emotions they are feeling might be more effective. When we do this, we show them that God cares about how they are feeling or what they are asking right now, and we can help them take their next steps with God in that. Below are some stories that might help...



Struggling with isolation and not knowing when things will end

Try the story of Noah waiting for the waters to go down (Genesis chapter 8). Wonder about what Noah was thinking, what he might have been saying to God, how he spent his time; and about where God was and what he was doing.

Missing your friends

All the New Testament letters, written to friends they loved and weren't able to be with. For example, look at the beginning of Philippians and chat about what Paul said to his friends. Where was God and what was he doing?

Frightened by the bigness of coronavirus

Read the story of King Jehoshaphat in 2 Chronicles 20 when a whole army was coming to kill everyone. Look at how the whole community stood together to ask God to do something, and then discovered what God was already doing. Wonder together about how they felt and what kept them strong, and wonder what God might be doing that we can't see yet.

Wishing you could do more

Look at the story of Nehemiah and the people rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem. It was a job done by a bunch of ordinary people each doing the little bit they could: God used a whole community. How can you see that happening now? What is God asking you to do?

Feeling anxious

The story of the disciples in the ten days between Jesus ascending to heaven and Pentecost (Acts 1:1-14). Jesus, their hope for the future, had just disappeared and just them to wait until the Holy Spirit came. Wonder how they felt in that inbetween time; what they might have said or done to encourage each other. What might they have felt anxious about? Where was God and what was he doing?

Finding being with your family all the time difficult

Share the story of Joseph and his family (Genesis 37, 42-47). Chat about the best bits and the worst bits in their relationships. Wonder why God made them a family, and how God felt about the things that happened. How can you see God working in families now? What is he doing in your family?

Wondering where God is in all of this

Read the story of Jesus walking on the water (Matthew 14). The disciples find themselves feeling alone and in trouble, being battered by the waves for a whole night. How might they have felt about Jesus leaving them? Wonder about what questions they might have asked God during that long night, and what God was doing? What sort of questions might you have for God at the moment?

1. How did the fungus find a place to grow?
2. What kind of vegetable can you grow in your basement?
3. Why did the people dance to the vegetable song?
4. Why are radishes smart?
5. What horror movie do all vegetables like?
6. What is Michelle Obama's favourite vegetable?
7. What do leafy vegetables say to kick off a holiday feast?
8. Why didn't the vegetable take the job?
9. What is a taxi driver's favourite vegetable?
10. What do you call an angry pea?
11. Did you hear about the little bean who looked just like his dad?
12. Why shouldn't you tell secrets in a corn field?
13. I'd tell you a joke about a potato...
14. What is a couregtte's favourite sport?
15. What's the best vegetable to feed to a captive animal?
16. What is a chicken's favourite kind of vegetable?
17. Why is it so easy to make puns about onions?
18. What is the corn on the cob's favourite vegetable?

Answers: see bottom of page



CAN YOU PICK THE PUNCHLINE
to complete each vegetable pun?



- A A-maize-ing Grace. B A cab-bage. C An egg-plant. D Barackoli.
- E Because it had a good beet. F Because they're so well red. G Because they're so pun-gent.
- H Cellar-y. I Grump-pea. J I just don't know where to starch. K Lettuce eat.
- L Like fava, like son. M Oh, it doesn't need mushroom. N Silence of the Yams. O Squash.
- P The celery was too low. Q There are too many ears. R Zoo-cchini.

Walnut and Mushroom Bolognese (serves 4)

- ½ cup walnuts
- 1 onion
- 1 stem celery
- 1 finely chopped red chilli
- 1 carrot
- 3 finely chopped garlic
- Tbsp thyme, chopped
- Tbsp oregano, chopped
- Bay leaf
- Tbsp tomato puree
- Tbsp cider vinegar
- 14 oz can chopped tomatoes
- 350 g mushrooms
- Seasoning
- Oil for frying
- Pasta of choice

Roast chopped walnuts in a dry pan until slightly coloured
Fry chopped onion, celery, carrot until well coloured; add chilli, garlic, thyme, bay leaf and oregano and fry briefly. Add tomato puree, fry briefly, add cider vinegar and fry briefly to bring out all the flavours. Add chopped tomatoes and simmer covered for 20 minutes. Cook pasta, fry mushrooms. Mix walnuts and mushrooms into the tomato sauce and serve with cheese (could be vegan?) of choice on top of pasta.

And to keep single-use plastic to a minimum buy your walnuts and tinned tomatoes from **Scoop and Scales**; the Macclesfield cooperative which provides most of your dry groceries, cereals, pulses etc plus many toiletries, with **zero-waste!**

[Email them](#) at or go to their [facebook page](#)

The new Church Office Recruits are making a start on our vegan Church Cookbook that we mentioned last week: *The Hairy Barkers' Big Missed Steak*. Here's the unreleased images from the front cover photo shoot.



Vegetable Pun Answers
1.M 2.H 3.E 4.F 5.N 6.D 7.K 8.P 9.B
10.I 11.L 12.Q 13.J 14.O 15.R 16.G 17.G 18.A

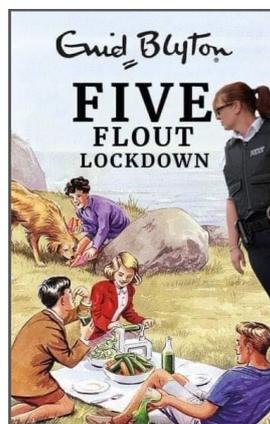


“When I want your opinion, I’ll give it to you...!”

Here is David Black modelling the face coverings that Mo has been making at home. Well done Mo.

Clapping for the NHS

Every Thursday since lockdown we, on our close, have been privileged to hear some super trumpet playing by our talented neighbour Grant Whitten and his lovely roadie, Jenny! Thank you for making clapping for the NHS special. Looking forward to some more playing when we have our street party. To hear Grant playing and see the neighbours on Thursday night, watch the file attached to the email with this newsletter. Hilary



BEST FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION

Proud of your front garden? Why not enter our competition

Categories:

- Best hanging basket
- Best window box
- Best small front garden (up to 25sq m)
- Best large front garden (over 20sq m)

How to enter: email a photo of your garden to admin@macclesfield-tc.gov.uk

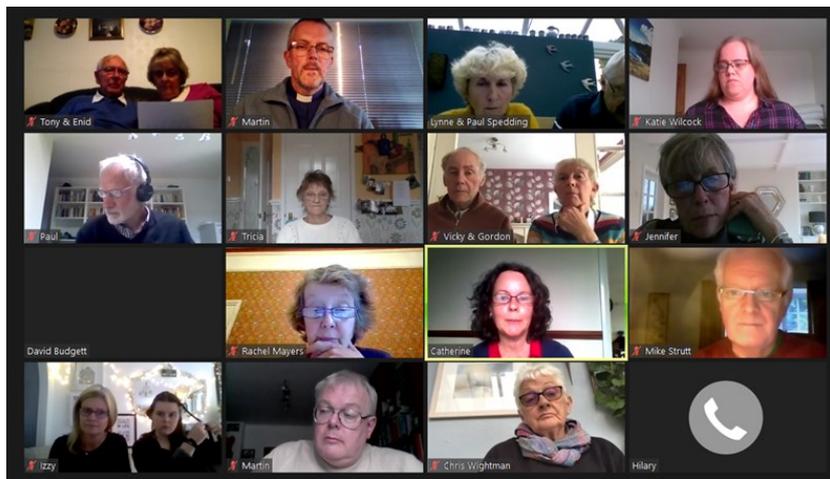
Four best entries for each category will be circulated on social media so people can vote. Trophy for the winners

Closing date: Monday 13th July

Stay alert, Wilson.
 What should I be alert for, Sir?
 Hidden threats.
 How will I spot them if they are hidden sir?
 Don't let's have any of that sort of talk, Wilson. I want you to go out on patrol as normal, and if you spot anything invisible that doesn't look right, shoot it.



Our Church Council on Zoom 9th June



Next Church Council Meeting: 21st July 2020

SEE BARNABY DIFFERENTLY

Everyone's rethinking what they do and Macclesfield's Barnaby Festival is no exception.

Saturday June 20

Our Future is Ancient: livestream
Simon Buckley

Homemade Parade: in your home
11.30am warm up and watch party
12 midday #homemadeparade

Disco-In-Furlough: side 1
4.00 pm – 5.00 pm

Sunday June 21

Our Future is Ancient: Q & A
Simon Buckley

Funny Vision: Marc Jackson
11.00 am workshop 1
2.00 pm workshop 2

Disco-In-Furlough: side 2
4.00 pm – 5.00 pm



The Granada Foundation

MACCLESFIELD BARNABY FESTIVAL

Barnaby was all set to return to Macclesfield's unique town centre venues and spaces this June, including our church. While they aren't able to deliver the Festival as normal, they are delighted to announce that a reimagined digital programme will be launched over the weekend of June 20 & 21 (see above).

BARNABY HOMEMADE PARADE

DATE: Saturday 20 June
TIME: 12 midday
VENUE: Your home and garden!

Get involved at barnabyfestival.org.uk

Homemade Parade Day 20th June
From 11.30am we invite you to join our 'virtual watch party' here at barnabyfestival.org.uk
We will warm up for the start of the parade with parade makers, music and maybe some dancing! There will be time for some last minute making and to get excited for the parade! Then at 12 midday we'll ask you to start parading in your homes and gardens. You can stay tuned in to the watch party for a great parade playlist! **We're also inviting you to capture the moment on film which will then be edited together to make a film.**

Your Home is Your Parade Float
On Saturday June 20 parade makers and artists are asking residents to create a parade entry in their homes and gardens along the theme of VISION.

Over the next two weeks, there will be online workshops to inspire people making flags, giant spectacles and banners. We want you to decorate windows, front door or garden or balcony for parade day to celebrate our theme of VISION. We will be asking people to film their entry and submit it so that it can be edited together to make a film.

We ask everyone taking part to observe the government guidelines on safety. All activity is to take place in your own home & garden.

FUNNY VISION!

Live DRAWING WITH CARTOONIST MARC JACKSON
SUNDAY 21ST JUNE
11-11.45AM / 2-2.45PM
BARNABYFESTIVAL.ORG.UK

Funny Vision
Comic artist, Marc Jackson, will be hosting two online cartoon drawing sessions, Funny Vision, where he'll be showing participants young and old how to create a crazy character of the future. Click on image to take you to booking details.

Disco InFurlough
We are delighted to be partnering with the Silent Adventures UK team for their unique Disco InFurloughs, which will celebrate our Vision theme with a playlist of specially selected music. The aim is to get you off that sofa and showing off your unique repertoire of dance moves, with the addition of family-friendly games and classic banter! The discos will be held online so you can boogie from the comfort of your own home whilst joining others, creating a party atmosphere. Sign up [here](#)

Create your parade!
The big Macc 'make-a-long'
Looking for some creative inspiration? Make-along with four virtual creative workshops at time that suits you. The videos will go live at 11am on this page, on these dates – you can watch and create live, or on demand!

- 11th June: Making eye-catching flags & banners
- 13th June: Macc Visionaries – Words to make the future with
- 16th June: Eye spy! Make Barnaby Binoculars
- 18th June: The eyes have it! Get ready to parade!



"Then, one day, the lockdown restrictions were lifted People went back to the places they had missed and spent time with friends and family there. They had picnics, played games and drank into the night. They were happy again.

. . . . and the Earth wept"

Karen's Institution Service



Here is our former Curate, Karen Brady, at her Zoom Institution Service on Wednesday 10th June, conducted by Bishop Keith, Bishop of Birkenhead. She is now officially Vicar of St Michael & All Angels' Runcorn. We wish her every blessing for her future ministry which she richly deserves. Karen says "I definitely felt God's peace and all of your prayers last night – despite it being on Zoom, it felt very special." Karen's first service is pre-recorded going online via the church's website this Sunday at 10am.

We hope she will soon be able to hold her Induction Service in her new church and move into the Vicarage once the work is complete.

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Our Next Bishop

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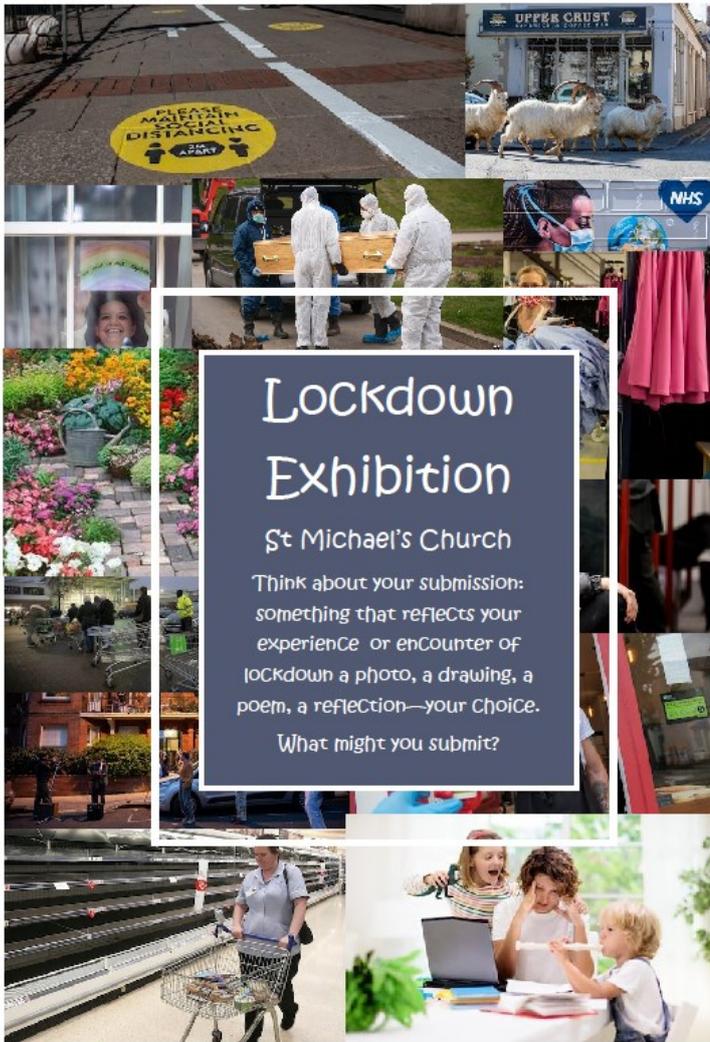


Members of our Youth Group: Tara and Aidan (pictured here) and Izzy attended the peaceful and socially distanced 'Kneel' at 6pm on Friday 5th June kneeling for 8 minutes and 46 seconds in solidarity with the Black Lives Matter movement in response to the murder of George Floyd and systemic racism in the police and other institutions. Click on the image below (right) to see some video footage of the protest. **I wonder where Jesus would be in this story?**



Young people are no longer accepting the things they cannot change. They are changing the things they cannot accept.





Lockdown Exhibition

St Michael's Church

Think about your submission: something that reflects your experience or encounter of lockdown a photo, a drawing, a poem, a reflection—your choice.

What might you submit?

In a crisis?

Anxious? Worried? Stressed?
Get 24/7 help from our team of Crisis Volunteers

TEXT 85258

Shout offers a free mental health text support service for young people. There have been a number of recent reports of young people taking their own lives following anxieties over the effect lockdown would have on their GCSEs or A-Levels, please ensure that all of your young people have access to and know about 'Shout UK'.

Anyone can **text 85258** for support.

Find out more about shout [here](#)



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The Hope Centre
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07958181927

10am - 4pm every day



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Do you have creative talents that you are hiding under a bushel?

Yes?

We need your help...

We are currently reviewing our church website. Can you help us to:

- build a new one?
- review existing one?
- take up to date photos etc.?

Perhaps you can make recommendations on web platforms, or have seen examples of good websites you can signpost us to, or maybe you even know someone who could help. [Please get in touch.](#)