

## Events for the week 15<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup> October 2017

Sun 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice	Choir Vestry Choir Vestry
Thu 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 10.30am 7.00pm 7.30pm 8.00pm 8.00pm	Toddler Group Holy Communion Baby Loss Service Bell ringing Homegroup Homemakers	St Michael's St Michael's Savage Chapel Bell Tower 12 Sunningdale Road 64 Lansdowne Street
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Contemplative Prayer	Savage Chapel

### Services next Sunday (22<sup>nd</sup> October: Nineteenth after Trinity)

- 9.30am Storytelling Service
- 11.00am Morning Prayer



#### Electronic version of church notice sheet

If you wish to receive the church notice sheet electronically each week, please email [stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com). The notice sheet is also available on the church website: [www.stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](http://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](http://www.mpcsg.co.uk) or email [enquiries@mpcsg.co.uk](mailto: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.

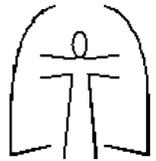
### The Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



# 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 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017

#### 9.30am Storytelling Service with Holy Communion

**Leader** Martin  
**Storyteller** Heike

**Story** Jesus and the Tax-Collectors

**Songs** For God so loved the world  
We thank you, Jesus



### Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

#### 11.00am Holy Communion

**Leader** Lynne Spedding  
**Speaker** Revd Martin Stephens

**Bible Readings** Isaiah 25:1-9  
Matthew 22:1-14

**Hymns**  
MP 400 Lead us, heavenly Father  
Song Book 38 The Lord's my shepherd  
MP 673 There is a redeemer  
MP 560 Praise, my soul

**Roots Leaders** Ruth & David

#### 4.00pm Remembering Service



**Refreshments** are served on Sundays between the 9.30 & 11.00 services, after the 11.00 service, and also after our monthly Choral Evensong.



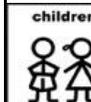
**We are a Fairtrade Church** committed to using only Fairtrade tea & coffee.



**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.



**Sunbeams:** on the first & third Sunday of the month, the Sunbeams group meets during the 11.00am service. This is for children aged 2½ - 6 years.



**Gluten-free wafers** are available at all Communion services at this church. If you require these, please say "gluten-free" when you take communion.



#### 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

## Take Note



**Joint Treacle Service**  
For a trial six-month period, there will be **just one, joint service on Treacle Sundays**, starting with October's Treacle Service (29<sup>th</sup> October). This will start at **10.30am**. **No 9.30 or 11.00 services on Treacle Sundays!**



**Homegroup**  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm, at 12 Sunningdale Road. All welcome.



**Youth Group**  
Youth Group for our secondary school age children is on this Sunday at St Michael's between 6.00pm and 7.30pm.



## Macclesfield & District Lions Club Swimathon 2017

This takes place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November at Macclesfield Leisure Centre and in the past St Michael's has had a team of people enter. The event raises money for BBC Children in Need, Middlewood Riding for the Disabled and Lions charitable causes. For information and an application form contact Arthur Clenton on 01625 829438 [arthur.clenton@gmail.com](mailto:arthur.clenton@gmail.com)



## Contemplative Prayer

The next Sunday meeting of the Contemplative Prayer Group is this evening, Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00pm, at 5 Gloucester Close. Ruth Simms will lead

some thoughts on a favourite poem: "Missing God" by Dennis O'Driscoll. All are welcome.



## Homemakers

Homemakers' next meeting is on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 8.00pm, at 64 Lansdowne Street, when Lynne Spedding will be talking about children's literature. All welcome.



Samaritan's Purse  
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF

## Shoe Box Appeal

St Michael's is once again a drop-off point for the Samaritan's Purse shoe box appeal. Leaflets are now available with details of what to do. The gift filled shoe boxes

can be dropped off at St Michael's between 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> November.

For more information about the appeal please visit their website: [samaritans-purse.org.uk](http://samaritans-purse.org.uk)



## Village Rwanda Meal

Macclesfield College Catering students are planning and preparing a meal to raise funds for Village Rwanda UK on Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> at 6.15 for a 6.30 start. There

will be drinks on arrival followed by a three course meal. The bar will be available. Tickets are £25 and the profits will go to the charity. Tricia will be talking about some of her experiences living in rural Rwanda. It will be an inspiring evening in good company. Please speak to David Mayers or Tricia Atherton to secure your ticket.



## Baby Loss Service: Change of Date

The Baby Loss Service mistakenly advertised last week for 12<sup>th</sup> October will in fact take place on **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Savage Chapel, at 7.00pm**



## Sacred Pathways: a different approach to prayer

David Wightman will be leading three sessions

following on from his article in the September Link. The dates for these are Tuesday: 21<sup>st</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November and 5<sup>th</sup> December 7.00pm to 8.30pm at St Michael's Church. Further details to follow shortly.



## Workshop to seek your views – Sat 4<sup>th</sup> November at St Michael's

Having now seen one year through in Macclesfield, I feel in a good position to understand

our churches and their seasons better, and to suggest possible areas of development to help our churches grow in faith, in confidence, and in numbers. One of my first suggestions is for us to utilise fully "The Pastoral Services Diary" – a facility offered by the Church of England to help parishes make the most of occasional offices (baptisms, weddings, funerals). For instance, last month, in the space of just four days I took a wedding, baptised two children during the main Sunday service, and officiated at a funeral. Given that something like 250 distinct people were present across these three occasions, if only 2% were moved to explore the Christian faith further ... that's 5 people in 4 days. From 10.00am until 12noon on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November at St Michael's Church, I'd like to talk through the motivation of the Church of England and explain the behind-the-scenes work being implemented within the Team Office to make use of the Pastoral Services Diary. Some of this is about working more smartly; it's also about sharing the ministry with more people. Although I have ideas how this might be implemented locally, I'd welcome your views and experiences. The invitation is to everyone from our Team who is involved in any way with preparation, delivery and/or follow-up to baptisms, weddings and funerals. So as well as considering whether you can come along, please do invite others I may be unaware of whom you think 'ought' to be there. Martin Stephens



The Children's Society

## Charities Bazaar: Toiletries Needed

The Charities Bazaar will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec. at St Michael's Church, 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Once again the Children's Society are running a toiletries stall. We are on the scrounge, as of previous years, for your unused and unwanted toiletries. Thank you for all your support in the past. We are hoping that once more you will dig deeply and help us to raise some funds for our charity.

Any contributions to Jenny Wild, Hilary Halliwell or just pop it into the office.



## "Don't Ditch Fairtrade" Sainsbury's Fairtrade petition

St Michael's has been a supporter of Fairtrade for many years. We are very concerned that Sainsbury's, in the past one of the first supermarkets to show

their concern for small-scale farmers in developing countries by selling Fairtrade certified products, has begun to withdraw some of its products from the independent Fairtrade system. Please sign a letter (available at the back of church) to be delivered to the manager at the Macclesfield branch to show your support for the independent Fairtrade Mark. More info at <http://www.fairtrade.org.uk/Media-Centre/Blog/2017/May/FAQs-about-Sainsburys-Foundation-and-Fairtrade>

Deadline for contributions to the notice sheet: 12 noon the preceding Wednesday.  
E-mail: [stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com) or hand in to the Team Office. Thank you.

## To contact us:

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