



A newsletter brought to you during Covid-19

Church Together Apart



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## Goodbye Zoom Service, thanks for all the fun!



As many people will know the new AV equipment was installed recently and two training sessions held. This new equipment enables us to stream services directly to YouTube but it uses the existing speakers which makes it effectively impossible to have a service on Zoom and streamed at the same time. This means we had to decide when the last Zoomed service will be and when the first streamed service will be.

It was decided that the last Zoom service will be held on **Sunday August 29<sup>th</sup>**. From then on, the Sunday morning service will normally be available live on YouTube streamed through the new AV equipment. Alternatively, later in the day you will be able to watch the recorded event. This new equipment will also enable us to stream other services including Choral Evensong, weddings and funerals.

Of course, you will also have the option of going into the church building to take part in worship with others, if you are able. The current Zoom link to the Merged Worship service will be deactivated after Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Like all new technology, there will be teething problems as we learn how to get the best from the equipment. Please bear with us as we get to grips with this new kit.

*"Thank you to those who have joined the Home Congregation during the last 15 months, giving us an insight into your real-life home situation. I have thoroughly enjoyed interacting in this more intimate way, proving that the Church of Christ is more than the building." Tricia Atherton (Zoom Host)*

*"And a huge "Thank You" to Tricia, Helen, Sallie and Beth for being Zoom hosts and making the Zoom services work so successfully over the last several months. You have contributed enormously to holding the people of St Michael's together through this difficult time." Paul Simms*

# THANK YOU!

## Live streamed services using the new kit

Our new kit enables us to stream worship "live", and a small team of people will begin to use it on Sunday 5th September, for our Sunday Morning Worship. This is a big learning experience for all of us so, although the recording and live stream will normally be available on YouTube, we plan a gradual introduction.

In order for our team to review their work before it is available publicly, we do not plan to stream the service on Sunday 5th September live, but to upload later in the day. We plan to do the same on Sunday 19th September when we anticipate that there will be more children present in the building.



So, on Sunday 5th and 19th September it will not be possible to take part in the service live from home. We apologise for this, but hope you understand that it is in everyone's best interest long-term. You may view the service later, or take the opportunity to join an alternative online congregation using the following link. <https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/church-online>

Please bear with us as we get to grips with the new kit. Eventually it will make our worship accessible to those who are exploring "church", those who are unable to worship on Sunday morning, and those who are physically unable to get to St Michael's.

*Tricia Atherton, Paul Simms, Rachel Mayers*

## The Collect for the 11th Sunday after Trinity

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**15th August 2021**

**Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

**Sunday Morning Worship**

**Leader:** Lynne Spedding

**Speaker:** Sue Reid

**Bible Reading:** John 6:51-58

## Caption This...



We had a good response to our Caption Competition with the following entries;

- "The pints of beer they promised haven't arrived – WE ARE ON STRIKE" - **Grace Edgar**
- "Now we've filled it, where do you want us to put it?!" - **The Munro's**
- "David Mayers saying: 'Has anyone seen Rachel?'" - **Garrie Naden**

Well done Garrie with the Caption that made me chuckle the most and thank for to all those who responded, we will look to do another caption competition soon!

"Let's eat Grandma!"



"Let's eat, Grandma!"

**PUNCTUATION  
SAVES LIVES.**

## Music@Mike's begins with a bang!



Percussionist Steven Moore launches the autumn season of M@M on **Thursday 9th September at 7.30pm** when he visits Macclesfield as part of his national tour "Preludes and Encores". His 1 hour performance will include pieces by Bach, Piazzolla, Sejourne and others.

As usual entrance is free, but donations are appreciated.

## Pre-concert supper

Treat yourself to the complete night out! On Thursday 9th September at 6.30pm the



new church café - "**An angel at your table**" - is offering a 2 course supper to enjoy before the concert at 7.30pm by the percussionist Steven Moore. As always the dishes, with a choice of meat and vegetarian main courses, will be home-made and delicious. All dishes are made using mostly donated ingredients, reducing food waste and carbon emissions, and offered on a "pay what you feel" basis. Bookings are essential; please leave a message on the church office phone **01625 421984** by 7th September at the latest.

*David Mayers*

**STEVEN MOORE**  
**Preludes & Encores**  
Repertoire from  
J.S. Bach, A. Piazzolla,  
E. Sejourne & others.

Concerts are on a  
'Pay what you can' basis  
Tickets are not required

**Thursday 9th September 7:30pm**  
**St Michaels & All Angels' Church**

Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY

[www.StevenMoorePercussionist.com](http://www.StevenMoorePercussionist.com)

## Our First Baptism! (Post-Covid)



It was wonderful to welcome Allana and Dan along with their darling daughters, Daise and Lila for the beautiful service that was Daise's baptism!

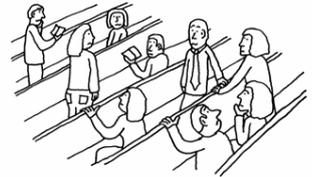
It has been a long time coming as it had unfortunately been postponed several times due to covid-19 and although less guests were in attendance than were originally

planned, it all worked out perfectly. We ask for your prayers for Daise as she begins her journey into faith and would like for you all to welcome the family at future Sunday Services.

## STANDING AND SITTING



SEE WHETHER IT SAYS ANYTHING IN THE SERVICE BOOK



WATCH TO SEE WHAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE DOING



LOOK OUT FOR SUBTLE HINTS GIVEN BY THE CLERGY



IF IN DOUBT ADOPT A 'MID WAY' POSITION

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## A great review for the Café!



I couldn't wait to try the new cafe on its opening day. A warm welcome was provided by Ali? and fellow volunteer David Mayers. I had a tasty tomato pasta topped with cheese and unexpectedly accompanied with slices of soft focaccia. All washed down with a pot of tea. I was sorely tempted by cinnamon swirls for dessert.

And the damage? Very reasonably priced according to the list of suggested charges, though ultimately you pay what you can afford. This is an offering we should be proud of!

**Chris Huband**

## A tall tale from the Reverend...



During a church service, the pastor asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express praise for answered prayers.

Suzie stood and walked to the podium. She said, "Two months ago, my husband, Phil, had a terrible bicycle accident and his scrotum was crushed." There was a muffled gasp from the men in the congregation.

"Phil was unable to hold me or the children," she went on, "and every move caused him terrible pain. We prayed as the doctors performed a delicate operation, and they were able to reconstruct the crushed remnants of Phil's scrotum, using wire to reinforce and shape it."

The men in the congregation cringed and squirmed uncomfortably.

"Now," she announced in a quivering voice, "thank the Lord, Phil is out of the hospital and the doctors say that with time, his scrotum should recover completely." All the men sighed with relief.

The pastor rose and asked if anyone else had something to say.

A man stood up and walked slowly to the podium. He said, "I'm Phil."

The entire congregation held its breath.

"I just want to tell my wife the word is sternum."

*Thank you for that Martin although I'm sure we are all glad this is just an anecdote and not based on true events!*

## THE SOUND DESK OPERATOR

### RESPONSIBILITIES

MOVING THE SLIDER UP A BIT

MOVING THE SLIDER DOWN A BIT

MOVING THE SLIDER BACK UP A BIT

EVERY NOW AND THEN PRESSING THE 'SUDDEN UNEXPECTED FEEDBACK' BUTTON

### PERKS OF THE JOB

BEING ABLE TO HAVE MINTS DURING THE SERMON



HAVING SOLE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE 'WIRES AND CABLES' BOX



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Join us for  
*Sunday Worship*



**St Michael's Worship 15th August 2021**  
**Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**  
**Merged service this week at 10.00am:**  
**live in church / from home on Zoom**

To join by Zoom click on the image or use  
 Meeting ID: 939 7279 7379  
 Password: 01625

Service Leader: Lynne Spedding  
 Talk: Sue Reid  
 Reading: John 6:51-58

**Can't join us live?** Watch the recording of our morning worship service on Zoom at a time to suit you after Sunday lunchtime [here](#)

**Wednesday Morning Discussion**  
**11.00am to 12 noon**  
 Join Zoom meeting [here](#)  
 Meeting ID: 971 3599 5784  
 Passcode: 01625



**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.

**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: 939 7279 7379]**

When prompted, enter #

**Thursday Homegroup**

All are welcome to join for Bible Study, prayer and fellowship.  
 During August the Thursday evening homegroup will not be meeting on Zoom. Please contact David Mayers by [email](#) or phone 01625 420716 or 07963 802659 for details of future meetings.

We are studying *The Prayer Course* at the moment.

Email any [prayer requests](#) here

**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?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09>  
 Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476  
 Passcode: compline

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