

## Events for the week 16th –22nd December

Mon 17th	6.00pm	Bollinbrook Carol Service	St Michael's
Wed 19th	6.30pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice	Choir Vestry Choir Vestry
Thu 20th	10.30am 7.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion Bell ringing Town Carol Service	Savage Chapel St Michael's Bell Tower St Michael's
Fri 21st	9.10am 7.00pm	Contemplative Prayer ROAR Christmas Concert	Savage Chapel St Michael's

## Services for Sunday 23rd December (Fourth Sunday of Advent)

- 9.30am Storytelling Service
- 11.00am Treacle Carol Service
- 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight



### 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)



### 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.



### 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)



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.

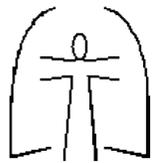
## The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent

God for whom we watch and wait,  
you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son:  
give us courage to speak the truth,  
to hunger for justice,  
and to suffer for the cause of right,  
with 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 16th December 2018

The Third Sunday of Advent

10.30am

# Nativity 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.



**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.



**Large Print:** We have a number of hymn books and notice sheets in large print format.



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



**Induction loop:** St Michael's is fitted with an induction loop; please speak to a Warden if you need assistance with this.



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



**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.



### 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

### WRITE FOR RIGHTS

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL

#### Write for Rights

Please pick up from the table in the welcome area a Christmas card plus information sheet and

write to one (or more) of Amnesty International's chosen prisoners of conscience. This year they are all women who do extraordinary things to protect human rights. Sending a letter or card shows that we care and support them in their struggle for justice.

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#### Team Service on 30<sup>th</sup> December

There will be one service only in the Team on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec: 10.30am at St Peter's. This Covenant service with Holy Communion invites us to reconsider

our relationship with God and commit our lives afresh at the start of 2019. This is an opportunity to worship with members from the other churches of Macclesfield Team Ministry. Please come along.

SILKLIFE  
**foodbank**

#### Foodbank

Urgent request for tins of meat or any main meals in a tin.

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#### Can You Help?

Items of Clothes Needed

Yvonne Yates,

one of the Chaplains from Styal Prison gave a moving talk at Church last Sunday. She said that they would be most grateful for donations of socks and knickers for the women in Styal Prison and, at this festive time, any donations of Selection Boxes. Donations can be left with either Tricia Atherton or Anne Kite.

**ROAR**  
REACH OUT & RECOVER

#### ROAR Christmas Concert

The ROAR

(Reach Out and Recover) Christmas concert will be held in St Michael's on 21st December, 7.00 - 8.30pm. Coffee, tea and cakes will be served. Please come along to support our friends at ROAR and to help an excellent cause.

The concert is to raise money for the ROAR Christmas Day Lunch at the United Reformed Church, Park Green at 2.00pm. This is for the elderly, homeless, lonely and vulnerable, with the request being that no one be under UNDER THE INFLUENCE.

Items for the raffle gratefully received. Please contact Anne Kite.



#### Contemplative Prayer & Christmas Party

The Contemplative Prayer group will be meeting for reflection and, afterwards, a Christmas party, at 5 Gloucester Close, **this evening, Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> at 6.30pm** (please note the earlier than usual start). David Mayers is leading our time of contemplation with the topic: **The sound of the angels.**

A contribution of £5.00 is requested towards the cost of the refreshments. All are welcome.

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Take Note

#### Extraordinary Church Council Meeting

**TODAY** (16th December) at 12 noon, after the Nativity Service.



#### Advent Response

This week's response at the lighting of Advent Candles is:

*For John the Baptist, preparing the way: Praise you, Lord.*

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#### This Week's Eco-Tips

1. Use the board in church to send one Christmas card to all your friends at St Michael's.

Save paper and money – and pass the money on to *Crisis at Christmas* or a similar charity

2. Struggling to buy Christmas presents for the person who has everything? What about a goat or a toilet? Available from Oxfam or Christian Aid along with many other virtual gifts which cost you little but benefit those in need massively. And show what a thoughtful and sensitive person you are!

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#### Carols by Candlelight

Next Sunday evening (23rd) at 6.30pm. Do come along for this

traditional service of readings and carols to usher in the season of Christmas.



#### Other Christmas Services

##### Town Carol Service

7.30pm on Thursday 20th December at St Michael's

- **Crib Service**  
4.00pm on Christmas Eve, Monday 24th December at St Michael's.

- **Midnight Communion**  
Christmas Eve 11.30pm at St Michael's.

- **Christmas Day Family Communion**  
Tuesday 25th December, 10.30am at St Michael's.

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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.

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