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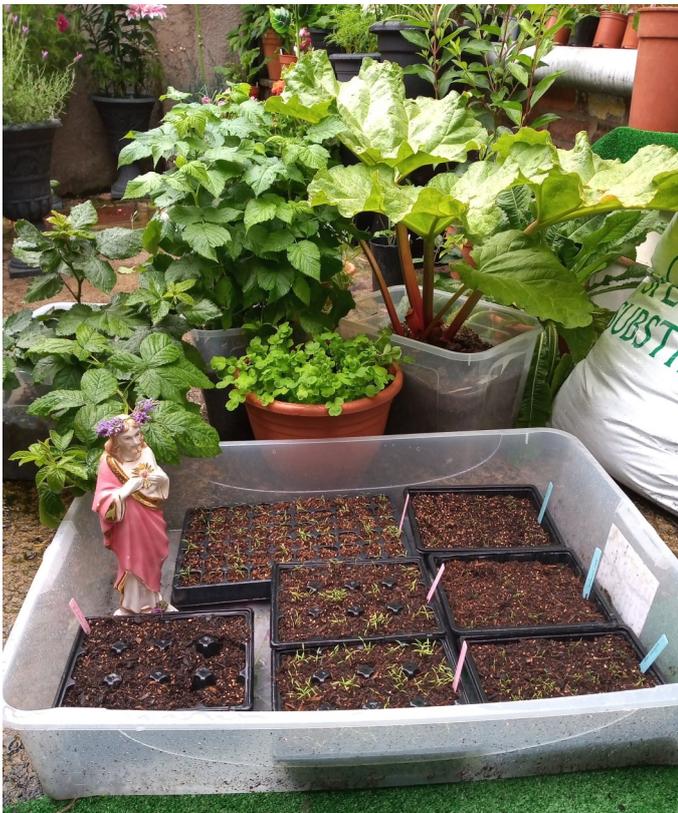
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## Sarah's Lockdown Garden

**I** moved to Macclesfield from Wales as lockdown began, I was desperate to get gardening and everything was shut. All I had was a tiny backyard with not a single plant or pot.

I decided to overcome adversity and fill my packing boxes with compost I ordered online and make that my lockdown garden. I ordered plants from the shopping channel. I found a few going free at the end of people's drives and I took a few ladies mantle cuttings from an overgrown courtyard. Before lockdown someone had left free rhubarb on the church steps and I took one home. It's now happily growing in my moving box and normally holds my bin lid down in the wind.

I grew vegetables for key workers which supermarket drivers handed out to people and some of your church members dropped me off their unwanted plant pots and seed trays. It was really appreciated. Courgettes and tomatoes sent all over Macclesfield now!

I had no shed or green house so I invented a potting shed from plastic draws and left over plastic boxes. If it's heavy rain, I put my seedlings in the drawers and sometimes they go in the draws to keep away from slugs at night.

I had found a Jesus statue in a charity shop; he was glued together but I just had to bring him home. He's been moving around the garden with me as I took photos

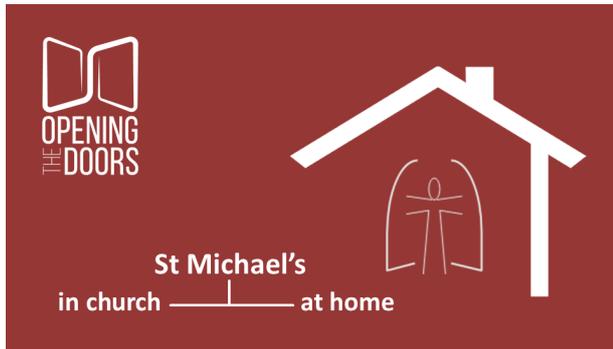
For weeks I have had no flowers open and only yesterday they began to open; the first were rose lillies then the lavenders. The rose lilly is amazing and it's called Sarah and smells beautiful.

As I was photographing I started to think about tithing and how people gave some of their first crops to God. I decided to give Jesus my first flowers and I made him a flower crown and laid them by his feet. It felt symbolic.

I now have ornamental winter cabbages growing and some poppies called lady bird, they are supposed to have a cross in the middle. I'm looking forward to seeing them open.

*Sarah Hewitt*

St Michael's Merged Worship 16th Aug 2020  
at 10.00am Join in person in church or by  
clicking on the image below from 9.45am



Meeting ID: 939 7279 7379 Password: 01625

Service Leader: Rachel Mayers  
Preaching: Lynne Spedding  
Reading: Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28  
Order of Service: [here](#)

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

**Can't join us live either in church or on Zoom?**

Watch the recording at a time to suit you after Sunday  
lunchtime [here](#)

### 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 #



Email any [prayer requests](#) here:  
[Click here for more info](#)

Based on this week's lectionary readings:

Resources: click [here](#)

**NEW Summer Club for families:**

[Parents Notes](#) and Resources for [16th Aug](#)

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# JOIN US ON Zoom

CONNECT WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

### Wednesday Morning Discussion

11.00am to 12 noon

Join Zoom meeting [here](#)



Meeting ID: 982 3541  
9798

Password: 382502

Hosted by Tricia & Martin

Coffee & Chat



### Men's Meet-up Meeting:

When? 8pm for 75 minutes on alternate  
Wednesday evenings

Dates: 19th Aug & 2nd Sept

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.*

### Thursday Homegroup

We are meeting via Zoom at 7.30pm. We are  
continuing with our study of Luke's Gospel. Any  
one is welcome to join for Bible Study, prayer and  
fellowship, including by phone. For details,  
including the Zoom link, please contact David  
Mayers by [email](#) or by phone 01625 420716 or  
07963 802 659

### Contemplative Prayer

9.10am to 9.40am Savage Chapel every Friday.

# Dates for your Diary

# Chip's 6th Birthday Pool Party



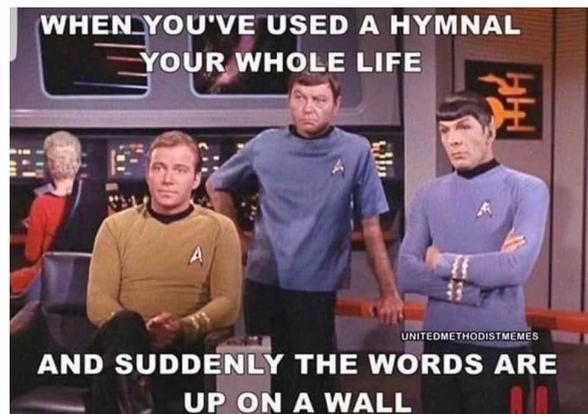
## A Masking Prayer

@RevCBeckett

Lord as I put on my mask, let it be a filter  
 For my words to pass through as well as my breathing.  
 Let through only those words which are helpful breathings of love  
 and stop those things in my speech that will be harmful to others.  
 Protect me also, O Lord, from the harmful things others may say to me.  
 Help me to realise that I may be a carrier of bitterness,  
 thoughtlessness, judgement and prejudice without realising,  
 and that some people are more word-vulnerable than others.  
 Give me grace to love those who cannot or will not filter to protect others  
 and special grace to them, because they go through the world unprotected.  
 Help me to be prepared to adapt and be brave and transparent  
 so that all may have chance to hear.  
 Lord, be a mask to my mouth  
 and pin my ears forward for listening.  
 Amen.



Did you get it? Say it out loud..!



Fingers crossed it's hummus

Giving to the work and worship of St Michael's

Click here to donate towards our church's ministry



# Fighting Food Waste



We're in need of more people to help us run the Grocery.

Tasks will involve things like carrying boxes and crates, sorting food, tidying and cleaning and serving our customers. It can be hard physical work but it's great fun!

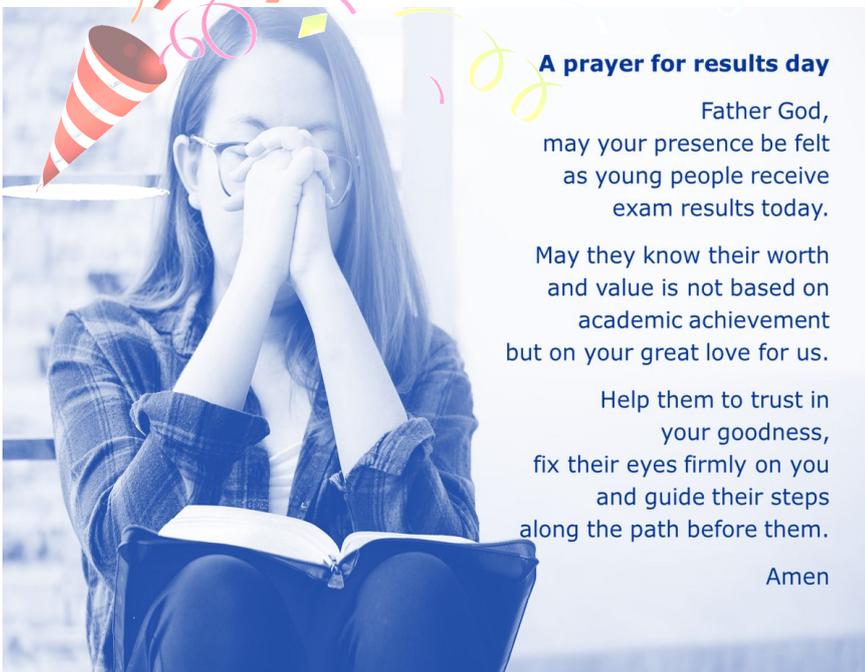
We need people in the mornings and afternoons most week days. If you'd like to find out more and want an application form, [please get in touch](#).

From all of us at St Michael's

## CONGRATULATIONS

to Molly and Duncan on their results received on Thursday.

Molly has got into her first choice university - Nottingham University - to study physiotherapy and Duncan has got excellent results from the end of his first year of a two year BTech course in Public Health at Macclesfield College.



### A prayer for results day

Father God,  
may your presence be felt  
as young people receive  
exam results today.

May they know their worth  
and value is not based on  
academic achievement  
but on your great love for us.

Help them to trust in  
your goodness,  
fix their eyes firmly on you  
and guide their steps  
along the path before them.

Amen



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## REFILL SHOP

**SAT 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

**OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
HERITAGE CENTRE, ROE STREET SK11 6UT  
MACCLESFIELD

**10AM-4PM**

Come along to browse and purchase a wide range of plastic free products from us. You are invited to bring your own containers to take products away in.

Visit [www.scoopandscales.co.uk](http://www.scoopandscales.co.uk) for further details



**SAT, 15 AUG AT 10:00 - 16:00**

## Refill Shop #2

Macclesfield, England

If you missed this last weekend? Here's a second chance to visit Scoop and Scales pop up shop at the Heritage Centre next to Cinemac.



# Blue Peter Badges for Satsuki-Mei

I just thought I would share that Satsuki-Mei has this month received her fourth Blue Peter badge; this time her Sports badge for her basketball skills she has been working on whilst her usual gymnastics and cheerleading classes were closed. Here's a picture of her very happily wearing all four!

*Gemma Shepherd-Etchells*



*Anyone else got a BP badge and what did you do to get it?*

PS: Thank you both for your wonderful storytelling we have been enjoying in our Sunday Merged Worship.



## Sad News

Marion Porter's mum, Joan Wright, died aged 92, at 4.15am on Monday 10th August, at Weston Park NH. Attended by daughters Marion & Helen.

Her funeral: 2.40pm on Friday 28th August at Macclesfield Crem. Please remember the Porter family in your prayers.



Here is Martin pictured with one of his lockdown projects: a beautiful bird table crafted from a branch that had come off the very large trees in his garden.

Martin has a number of feeding stations and bird boxes in his garden to encourage different birds to the garden and both he and Catherine take great pleasure watching them. He also has a wildlife hotel in his front garden.

We are generally being encouraged to do this and many of us have taken great pleasure from watching wildlife in lockdown.

*What wildlife are you getting in your garden?*

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A changing Church in a changed world



## Dame Wanda Leg 3

### Update

As we go to publication, Garrie and Adrian are in the middle of the last leg of Dame Wanda's journey, this part from Braunston to Macclesfield, via Birmingham,.

A full report will follow next week but here are a few photos from the trip they have done so far.

What a hot week you've had for all those locks!



## Professional Telephone Listening Service

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Registered Charity 1140845

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**Open Every day**



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**DailyHOPE**

A free phone line of hymns,  
reflections and prayers

REJOICE  
IN HOPE,  
BE PATIENT  
IN TRIBULATION,  
BE CONSTANT  
IN PRAYER.

ROMANS 12:12



## Girlguiding Comfort Bags Scheme



A Guide Leader from Greater Manchester West initiated the idea of Comfort Bags to be made and given to those in need at local hospitals in North West England. The idea snowballed and to date over 10,000 bags have been distributed and so greatly appreciated by the recipients - often they could be a lifeline for an extremely ill patient or a relative visiting suddenly and staying overnight. They could be for a homeless person who is in hospital. The list of recipients is endless.

Macclesfield Trefoil Guild in Cheshire Border County have already made and filled over 200 bags. Brownies and Guides throughout our County have been very busy collecting toiletries and filling bags. They also made cards for each recipient.

As a member of Macclesfield Guild I have sewn 50 bags during lockdown and wonder if anyone would like to contribute SMALL TOILETRIES to fill these bags ready for distribution.

### Suggestions include:-

- Shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Hand soap
- Shower Gel
- Deodorant
- Hand cream
- Packet Tissues
- Comb
- Notebook and pencil ( Small)
- Holiday sized items will be ideal

Items could be given to Rachel Mayers or me or left in the box outside the Church Office door. Thank you for your kindness.

Stay safe

Tricia Wilson B.E.M.

email [tricia.guiding@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.guiding@gmail.com)

**faith**  
in ACTION  
BE THE CHURCH

**CHURCH IN THE COMMUNITY,  
SERVING THE COMMUNITY,  
CHANGING ONE LIFE AT A TIME.**

### National Allotment Week

(10-16 August) celebrates how important allotments and other open spaces are for you and your local community. Allotments have many benefits. They bring people together and unite them through their shared love of low-cost, healthy fresh fruit and vegetables, physical exercise and social interaction. Did you know that there are powers available that can help you and others in your local community shape and improve the neighbourhood in which you live? These powers, known as Community Rights, give recognition to valuable community assets such as allotments, pubs, local shops and community centres and can help ensure that these assets continue to be of benefit to local people. If you're involved in your local area, you can also join the My Community Network to chat to experts and connect with others who are also passionate about their community. Find out more [here](#)



## Tip of the Week

# Get On Yer Bike

Have you thought about cycling to church, or anywhere? Many of us enjoyed the extra freedom to cycle on quiet streets during lockdown, and are reluctant to lose it. The Middlewood Way is on our doorstep, and the council is shortly announcing more initiatives to make cycling in Macclesfield safer. Garrie Naden (see photo) has joined the increasing number leaving their bikes in the churchyard on the convenient brackets – we hope we'll need proper bike racks soon.

David Mayers



## David & Rachel's Veggie Recipes

This one is really just glorified baked beans, but it's wonderful! And it's very simple.

### Hot Boston Beans

225g haricot beans soaked overnight/tin of whatever beans are in the cupboard

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|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Oil                   | 2 onions chopped    |
| 4 tbs clear honey     | 3 tbs soy sauce     |
| ½ tsp Tabasco         | 3 tbs wine vinegar  |
| 1 tsp mustard powder  | 1 tsp chilli powder |
| 1 tsp paprika         | 4 tbs tomato puree  |
| 450 mls hot veg stock | 4 tbs orange juice  |
| 2 tsp flour           | 2 tbs water         |

2 red peppers chopped

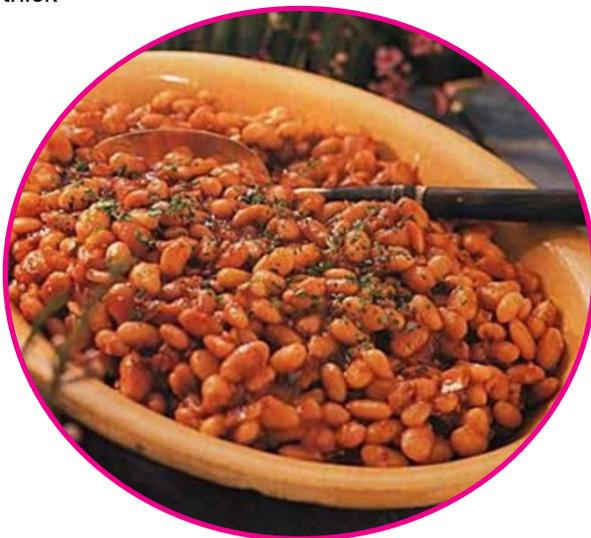
Rinse beans and bring to boil and simmer 30 mins (unless using tinned). Tip into casserole

Fry onions until golden. Stir in honey, Tabasco, soy sauce, vinegar, mustard, chilli, paprika and tomato puree

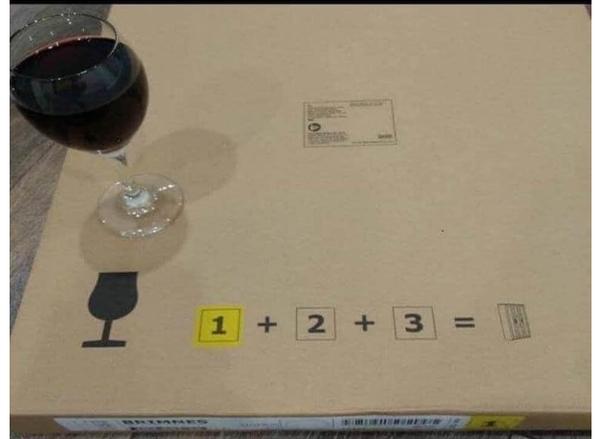
Pour in stock and orange juice and bring to boil. Pour over beans and cook in oven (150C, Gas 2) for 1.5 hours

Blend flour with water and stir into beans, add the red peppers

Cover and return to oven for 1 hour. Sauce should be rich and thick



If I'm reading the instructions correctly, after 3 glasses of wine the bookshelf assembles itself.



## We are back!

We are back on Sun 30 August. As Macclesfield unfurls post lock down we are cautious about proceeding with a 'normal' Treacle Market, potentially bringing a large crowd of people together. We are making plans so we can bring a slightly smaller Treacle back to the streets on 30 August in a responsible way, where small, independent traders can do vital business and you can reconnect safely with the quality goods and lovely people you have been missing. And we have really, really missed you too!



The need for self-isolation and social distancing during this pandemic as exceptional measures speaks to the greater need we have as humans to be in community. The world needs community like never before.

In that spirit, we offer a series this prayer:



God of childhood summers, God of lifelong memories: these present days are unlike any that have come before, but remind us a little of surprising moments that appeared when we were growing up; days of discovering ourselves for the first time in the context of others; seasons of actively figuring out who we thought we were. May we all renew our license to explore again who we can be, so that when this crisis is over, we're all a little more grown up.  
Amen.

## New ways to worship

All Saints Church in Crowborough recently welcomed more than 200 church goers (in 60 cars) to its first-ever outdoor drive-in church service – in a nearby field with views over the Sussex countryside. Vicar, Revd Steve Rees said: “The current pandemic has seen us discovering more and more new ways to share God’s word, support each other and worship.”

St Barnabas Church in Swanmore also held a drive-in service for the first time, with worshippers driving their cars into the village hall car park and winding down the windows to join the Songs-of-Praise style service.



**OPEN** Monday to Saturday 11 to 1  
for private prayer

For our families take a look at this guide from Manchester Diocese. In this time of pandemic and “sheltering” at home, taking care of ourselves and each other is more important than ever. This little guide is designed to give you some tools to pick and choose from to foster self-care in your family during this challenging time. Click on the image to view...



### EVENT PAYMENTS

Account Name :  
Macclesfield Parish Scout and Guide Group.  
Sort Code : 16-24-32  
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Parish Scout Group  
Fundraising Events  
26th September 2020



Enjoy a guided tasting through 8 whiskeys from the comfort of your own home. Expert descriptions from Neil Raval delivered over Zoom, chat and share your thoughts with others. A whisky glass is also included. Open to people in SK10/SK11 postcodes if delivery required, or must be able to collect equipment from Station Street hut on 26th September. Secure your ticket by bank transfer of £30 (including optional donation of £5). Once paid, email fundraisers@mpcsg.co.uk to advise if you require delivery or wish to collect on the day. Zoom details will be shared in advance.



£5 per pie, supplied ready to warm through along with a portion of mushy peas.  
Choice of:  
(a) meat and potato  
(b) spring vegetable (peas, asparagus, beans in garlic and tarragon)  
(c) butternut squash, spinach and wild mushroom  
Collect from Station Street hut on 26th September or delivery available in SK10/SK11 postcodes (please add additional £5 delivery charge per address)  
Zoom details will be provided so you can connect in and chat while you munch!