

Events for the week 17th—23rd February

Thu 21st	10.30am 7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bell ringing Homegroup	Savage Chapel St Michael's Bell Tower 4 Mount Pleasant
Fri 22nd	9.10am 12.30pm	Contemplative Prayer Lunchtime Concert <i>(see inside for details)</i>	Savage Chapel St Michael's

Services next Sunday (24th February) The Second Sunday before Lent

- 9.30am Storytelling Service
- 11.00am Treacle Service
- 12.30pm Service of Thanksgiving for the Gift of a Child



Electronic version of church notice sheet

If you wish to receive the church notice sheet electronically each week, please email stmikesnotices@gmail.com. The notice sheet is also available on the church website: 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

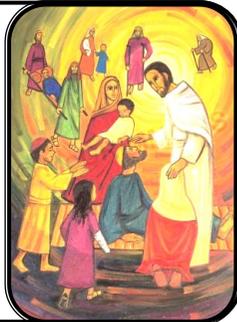
Macclesfield Parish Church Scout and Guide Group provides youth activities throughout the week for young people aged from 5 - 26 as well as flexible volunteering opportunities for adults. For more details visit www.mpcsg.co.uk or email enquiries@mpcsg.co.uk



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.

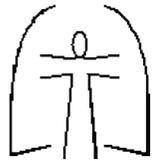
The Collect for the Third Sunday before Lent

Eternal God,
whose Son went among the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives as they are transformed
into the image of 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 17th February 2019

The Third Sunday before Lent

9.30am Storytelling Service with Holy Communion

Leader	Heike
Storyteller	Judith
Story	Baptism
President	Karen
Songs	Morning has broken My God is so big

11.00am Holy Communion

A healthy church responds to human need by loving service

Leader	Lynne Spedding
Speaker	Revd Martin Stephens
President	Revd Karen Brady
Bible Passages	Isaiah 42:1-8 Luke 10:25-37
Hymns	MP 784 MP 170 Printed sheet MP 449
Roots Leaders	Izzy & Mo

Today's Roots Passage
1 Corinthians 15:12-20



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



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.



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



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



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

ANNUAL MEETING

Church Annual Meeting (APCM)

This will take place in St Michael's on Sun 24th March at 10:30 as part of the (single) service that day. More information and

a nomination form for churchwardens and church council members are on the notice-board at the back of church.

Toddler Group Half-term Break

Toddler Group will be on half-term this coming Thursday, 21st February - back the following week, 28th February.

Stations of the Cross

Many people will have visited the Stations of The Cross at St Barnabas's Church in Holy Week last year. This year we are hoping to have a Team

effort to provide a 'Stations of the Cross' in St Michael's Church. We are looking for people who have experienced some difficult times who may be willing to help us understand the depths of despair resulting from particular circumstances. It may be connected to homelessness, addictions, loneliness, loss or other real life situations. If you are willing to help us on this journey please contact Rob Wardle, Tricia Atherton or Anne Kite.

Take Note



Changes to Church Office Email Addresses

The Clergy PA e-mail is now: admin@maccteam.org.uk
St Michael's Coordinator email is now: admin@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

For now the other email accounts (Link, notice sheet, printing, etc.) all remain the same, but they will be changed and publicised in due course.

Homegroup

8.00pm Thursday 21st February at 4 Mount Pleasant. Bible study and prayer - all welcome. Speak to David Mayers (420716) for more information



St Michael's Family Sunday Lunch

12.30 on Sunday 17th March. The eco-church group invites you

to a hearty, tasty, nutritious and sustainable lunch - please sign up on the list on the notice board. Don't eat alone, join your friends! Everybody welcome!



Bollinbrook CE Primary School

We are delighted to announce that Mrs J Chadwick has recently been appointed as Deputy Head of our church school. Mrs Chadwick has been part of Bollinbrook for the past four years; we congratulate her

as she assumes this additional responsibility on a permanent basis.

Congratulations are also due to Miss Corker and the school choir. Hot on the heels of helping lead our last Treacle Sunday worship, they have been successful in reaching the final of Cheshire East Schools' Music Competition, which is being held at the Crewe Lyceum on Tuesday 19th March. Well done!

Friday Lunchtime Concert

There will be no Music at Mike's on Friday 22nd February. **However**, in its place there is another musical treat - a violin recital by RNCM students Laura Embrey and Mackenzie Paget. 12.30 start, refreshments available from 12noon. Tickets £7/£5 available on the door. The concert is raising funds for Coeliac UK - see the poster on the notice board for more details



Visit to Didsbury Mosque

We are organising a visit to Didsbury Mosque on Sun 24th March (4:00-6:00pm). There will be a brief talk about Islam followed by a discussion session and light refreshments. We are planning to go in (shared) cars so there will be no charge. More details are now provided at the back of church where there is also a list to sign if you wish to come. Paul Spedding (614819 / paulspedding@gmail.com). Please note—Didsbury mosque doesn't look anything like this picture!



Dales Way Pilgrimage/Holiday

The plan is to spend a week walking the 80-mile Dales Way from Ilkley to Windermere, starting Wed 18th Sept, staying each night in accommodation near Bainbridge. There will be morning and evening times of reflection, and we hope to visit some churches for a brief service along the way. We are planning to self-cater via some sort of rota as a group. Transport will be provided so you don't have to walk the whole way. The cost will be about £350 all-in. If you are interested, please have a word with Paul Simms (422655 / paul@lowerbeechfarm.co.uk) or Paul Spedding (614819 / paulspedding@gmail.com)

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Treacle Sunday

Our next Treacle Sunday is 24th February. As always, we are looking for stewards, helpers to serve refreshments from the kitchen, people to clean at the end, etc. On this occasion several of our regular helpers are not available, so please could you sign up on the sheet on the noticeboard at the back of church, if you are able to assist with any of the above jobs. Many thanks, as always. Vicky Darlington (428215)



Contemplative Prayer

The next Sunday evening meeting for contemplative prayer and reflection is this evening, 17th February, 7.00pm at 56 Fence Avenue (the home of Paul and Lynne Spedding). Anne Kite will lead our thoughts on the theme "The Power of Names".



Electoral Roll

Letters and forms are now available on the counter on the Welcome Desk. Envelopes are labelled so please pick up your pack and return the completed forms **to the church office** (slip the envelope under the office door if the office is closed). If you are not currently on the electoral roll, PLEASE JOIN.



Open Door Extended Opening

Are you able to spend a couple of hours in church between 12.30-2.30 on a weekday, in order to keep the church building open for visitors? Please sign the list at the back of church if you can help. Two people are needed at any given time, so either pair up with someone in advance or check the slots to see where someone needs a second person.



This Week's Eco Tip

Palm oil finds its way into most processed foods, but much of it is not produced sustainably putting the habitats of orang-utangs and other species at risk. Look for the RSPO eco-label on your peanut butter and spread - or avoid palm oil altogether!



Foodbank

Silklife Foodbank currently needs donations of milk (long-life of course), mash, tinned meat meals and cup-a-soups this month. Please put donations into the box in the welcome area at church. Thanks to all who have donated already.

Deadline for contributions to the notice sheet: 12 noon the preceding Thursday.
E-mail: stmikesnotices@gmail.com or hand in to the Team Office. Thank you.

To contact us:

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Working days: Wednesday - Sunday

Sue Reid (Clergy PA) 01625 421984 / 07798 921265 admin@maccteam.org.uk
Working hours: Worked flexibly around Coordinator hours

Sue Reid (Coordinator) 01625 421984 admin@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk
Working hours as Coordinator: Monday 11am -1pm; Tues - Friday: 10am -12.00

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