

## Events for the week 17th —23rd March

Mon 18th	11.00am 8.00pm	Lent Discussion Group Lent Discussion Group	St Michael's 4 Mount Pleasant
Tue 19th	7.30pm	Lent Discussion Group	12 Ryles Park Road
Wed 20th	6.30pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice	Choir Vestry Choir Vestry
Thu 21st	10.00am 10.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Group Holy Communion Bell ringing	St Michael's Savage Chapel St Michael's Bell Tower
Fri 22nd	9.10am 1.15pm	Contemplative Prayer Music at Mike's	Savage Chapel St Michael's

## Services Next Sunday (24th March) Third Sunday of Lent

### One service only

- 10.30am Morning Prayer including the Annual Parochial Church Meeting



### 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.

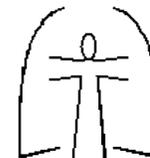


### The Collect for the Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
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 17th March 2019

## Second Sunday of Lent

### 9.30am Storytelling Service with Holy Communion

#### Leader President

Sue  
Karen

#### Storyteller Story

Duncan  
Jesus and Zacchaeus

#### Songs

Seek ye the Lord  
Gospel Greeting



### 11.00am Holy Communion

*Theme: a Healthy Church seeks to find out what God wants; and is able to call for, and make, sacrifices, personal and corporate, in bringing about the above and living out the faith.*

**Leader** Paul Simms  
**Speaker/President** Revd Karen Brady  
**Bible Readings** 2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
John 15:1-17

**Hymns**  
MP 79 Christ, whose glory fills the sky  
Song Bk p.5 Before the throne of God above  
MP 442 Lord of the church  
MP 109 Crown him with many crowns

**Roots Leaders** Ruth & David  
**Today's Roots Passage** Luke 13:31-35



**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



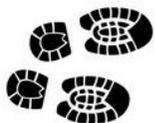
## Contemplative Prayer Sunday evening meeting

The Contemplative Prayer group will be

meeting this evening, **March 17<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm**, at 56 Fence Avenue (Lynne and Paul Spedding's house—614819). Robert Marshall will be leading our reflections, on the topic of 'Contemplation in the Open - thoughts on Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Jean Vanier and Open Source Software'. As usual, it is helpful to know whether or not you're planning to come, so please let Lynne and Paul know directly. Please note also that the subsequent Sunday evening meeting will be held on **Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> April**, to avoid a clash with Easter Week. Details to follow.

## Phyllis Chapman's Funeral

A sincere "thank you" from Sue Grindley (Phyllis's niece) and her family to all the people who provided cakes and biscuits, etc., and served and arranged the afternoon tea after the funeral. The family were very grateful and appreciated the hospitality given by the people at St Michael's Church Family; they also thank everyone for all the prayers and cards they have received in memory of Phyllis.



## Rev'd Karen's Graduation Walk Saturday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March

You are cordially invited to celebrate Karen's Graduation for her Masters Degree in Theology by joining her on a "Graduation

Walk" (more like a gentle stroll) along the Bollin Valley, starting 2.00pm from the Riverside Car Park, Beech Lane and finishing at St Peter's Church, Prestbury, where tea and cakes will be served in the Parish Hall. Even if you don't manage the walk, do join Karen for the Afternoon Tea from 3.00pm onwards.

If anyone can help with baking cakes, scones or biscuits, or needs more details, please speak with Ruth Parker (613068) or Hilary Halliwell (420616). If you would like to join us, please sign the sheet at the back of church. Whether you are able to come along or not - please pray for fine weather!



## treacle market

Macclesfield

## Treacle Sunday 31st March

As usual on Treacle Sundays, we will be opening the church after our morning service for refreshments, and for anyone who would like to look around the building. The request as always is for cakes, biscuits, volunteers serving in the kitchen, stewarding or cleaning up after the event. If you can spend perhaps an hour on that afternoon, please sign up on the list at the back of church. Many thanks, Vicky Darlington (428215)



## Praise Evening at All Saints'

6.30pm tonight (17<sup>th</sup> March). An hour or so of modern worship songs, with Bible input and prayer. Led by Andy with sung worship led by Louise.



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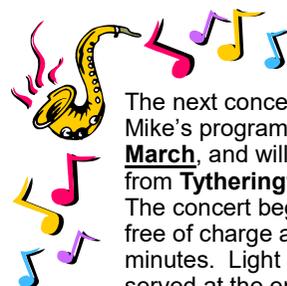
The next meeting of the community movement dedicated to making Macclesfield more sustainable, and a better place to live in, is on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

**7.30pm in St. Michael's.** Tea and coffee served from 7.00pm. Featuring a speaker from the Canals and Rivers Trust on how our waterways can be part of a more sustainable town and ecosystem, and plans for the *The Great British Spring Clean*.



## St Michael's Family Sunday Lunch TODAY!

In the first floor room starting about 12.30. If you have not signed up in advance and would like to join us, that should be fine: there always seems to be plenty (loaves and fishes come to mind?).



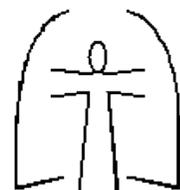
## Music at Mike's

The next concert in our Music at Mike's programme is on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March**, and will feature musicians from **Tytherington High School**. The concert begins at 1.15pm, is free of charge and lasts about 30 minutes. Light refreshments will be served at the end (donations to East Cheshire Hospice).



## Help Requested: Mothering Sunday Flowers

Helpers needed to prepare the flowers for Mothering Sunday – please meet in church on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am.



## 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 Use cloth not paper!

It is much more environmentally friendly to use cloth in the kitchen for spills, rather than paper kitchen-roll. One possibility is to cut up a few old towels into 9"-12" (oops, 20cm-30cm!) squares and use these for wiping up spills on floors or work surfaces. These can then be tossed into the washing machine after each use to be added to your next washing load. They will last for years and will not really impact on a washing load at all.



## Annual Church Meeting

This will take place in St Michael's **next Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am as part of the (single) service**

**that day.** More information and a nomination form for churchwardens and church council members are at the back of church. Please do come along and contribute to discussions on the life and mission of our church family.



## Lent Discussion Groups

See the back of this sheet for the dates and times of the weekly discussion groups, to talk through the daily "Lent Pilgrim" reflections.

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

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