

Events for the week 19th—25th May

Mon 20th	7.30pm 7.30pm	Homegroup Macctastic Meeting	85 Beech Lane (The Rectory) St Michael's
Wed 22nd	6.30pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice	Choir Vestry Choir Vestry
Thu 23rd	10.00am 10.30am 1.15pm 7.30pm 8.00pm	Toddler Group Holy Communion Music at Mike's Bell ringing Homemakers	St Michael's Savage Chapel St Michael's St Michael's Bell Tower 15 Brynton Road
Fri 24th	9.10am 10.45am 1.15pm	Contemplative Prayer Funeral Music at Mike's	Savage Chapel St Michael's St Michael's

Services next week: 26th May (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

- 9.30am Storytelling Service
- 11.00am Treacle Service



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.

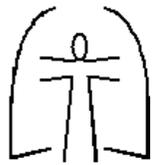
The Collect for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.



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 19th May 2019

Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Storytelling Service with Holy Communion

Leader Heike
Celebrant Martin
Songs Fear not, rejoice and be glad
Rejoice in the Lord always
Storyteller Judith
Story The Holy Family

11.00am Holy Communion

Leader Mike Strutt
Speaker/Celebrant Revd Martin Stephens

Bible Readings Romans 12:1-11
Matthew 25:31-40

Hymns
MP 564 Praise to the Lord, the almighty
Song Book p.9 Brother, sister, let me serve you
MP 624 Take my life
MP 501 O Jesus, I have promised

Roots Leaders Mo & Ruth
Roots Passage Acts 11:1-18

Today's Healthy Churches Theme

Lay ministry: the different gifts, experiences and faith journeys of all are valued and given expression in and beyond the life of the church.



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

Church Flowers

Beth Marshall has graciously given the flowers in the Worship Area, in loving memory of her dear sister. Thank-you, Beth



... from Tony

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all at St Michael's for supporting me and making my time as Church Warden a lot easier than it could have

been. I have seen ministers go and a new one come. I have struggled with the loss of David Wightman, along with all of you. I am so thankful that God has made St Michael's such a strong and varied congregation and that he does listen to our prayers. I know that you will support Paul and Tricia as they continue the day to day running of Church life. I will still continue to serve as deputy warden and remain on the church council, alongside different groups that I am on, so thank all you again.
Tony Skirvin

...from Tina

Tina has been really touched by all the support from the St Michael's Church Family for her run in the London Marathon. She believes that when all the money is totted-up her run will have raised over £3,000 for the Brain Research Charity. Thank-you all so much!

Congratulations! to Karen Gedd & Pam Pearson

who have both been invited to a garden party at Buckingham Palace. We all look forward to hearing the royal gossip!

Music at Mike's

The first 2 concerts in the summer season are:
Thursday 23rd May – piano recital by Iwan Owen from the RNCM
Friday 24th May – musicians and singers from King's School

Both 1.15 – 1.45 at St Michael's, followed by light refreshments. Free entry.



Bishop Peter Retires

Bishop Peter will be retiring from the Diocese at the end of September after more than 22 years in post. To give thanks for his ministry to us, there will be a Farewell Eucharist at Chester Cathedral on **Saturday 20 July at 11am**. Bishop Peter will preside and preach; the service will be followed by a simple reception in the Cloisters, Garth and Refectory.

There will be further occasions for colleagues and others in public life to say farewell to Bishop Peter. This service is the opportunity for the Diocese and church members to do so. We are offering tickets to every parish in the Diocese on a first come first served basis, which will be available from 20 May. The deadline for applying is 30 June. Please contact Sue in the Team Church Office clergy@maccteam.org.uk if you would like tickets.



Treacle Sunday

The next Treacle Market is next Sunday, 26th May, when we will be hoping to keep the church open after the morning service. If anyone can spare an hour or two to steward, help in the kitchen or cleaning toilets etc, please sign the list at the back of church. Also, the usual plea for any homemade cakes or biscuits to serve on the day. Thank-you to everyone who continues to support this monthly event. Many thanks, Vicky Darlington (Macc 428215).

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Contemplative Prayer Sunday Meeting

Our next Sunday evening CP Group will be held on **this evening at 7:00 p.m., at Hazel**

Hidden's house, 11 Portford Close, Macclesfield, SK10 3QG. (Hazel's phone no. is 01625 612046) Hazel and Robin will consider and reflect upon the painting 'The Calling of St. Matthew', by Caravaggio, an artist considered to be a bit of a 'rough diamond' in life, but now thought to have produced some of the world's most profoundly religious paintings.



Macctastic

The next open meeting of the community group hoping to make Macclesfield a more sustainable and pleasant place to live in is on **Monday 20th May at St Michael's at 7.30pm**.



You're invited

Lunch Invitation for Welcome Teams

On Sunday 2nd June there will be a shared lunch for all the people who help to make the Sunday services at St Michael's run smoothly.

Please come and join us, especially if you are on one of the many rotas, including those for sidespersons; prayers and readers; Communion assistants; serving coffee and tea, the P.A. team, and the deputy wardens and wardens. Everyone is invited who would like to be part of the new Welcome Teams.

Thank you. Tricia Atherton and Paul Simms



Homegroup

There will be a meeting of the fortnightly Monday evening homegroup tomorrow (20th May), 7.30pm at 85 Beech Lane (The Rectory). All are welcome.



Homemakers

The next meeting of Homemakers is a planning meeting and will take place at 15 Brynton Road (Alexa's home) at 8.00pm. All are welcome.



Thy Kingdom Come Beacon Celebration Event

Salvation Army Citadel, Roe Street, on Friday 31st May at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the

world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. During the 11 days of *Thy Kingdom Come*, between Ascension (30th May) and Pentecost (9th June), it is hoped that everyone who takes part will: deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ; pray for God's spirit to work in the lives of those they know; come to realise that every aspect of their life is the stuff of prayer.



This Week's Eco-tip

Don't use chemical pesticides in your garden. Go organic! If your garden is working as it should, problems sort themselves out naturally.



Swifts

We now have 3 swift nesting boxes installed in the church tower. Listen carefully and you will hear their distinctive sound. But don't get too excited, at the moment it's likely to be a recording designed to attract birds looking for new nesting sites. It may take several years for our boxes to be occupied, but it's an important part of our commitment as an eco-church to biodiversity.

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.

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