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Indian Banquet

Book your Tickets Now!



Date: Sunday 16th November

Time: 6.00-9.00pm

Venue: St Michael's Church

Join us for an evening of food and entertainment

All proceeds go towards the St Michael's Building Fund

Pay: online (details below) or by cash in the church office

Please use reference "(Surname), Banquet"

Account: 10175873

Sort Code: 16-24-32

For more information or to inform us of dietary requirements, telephone 01625 421984 or email clergy@maccteam.org.uk

Preparing for Christmas Publicity

Do you have any photos from St Mike's Christmas Services / activities from 2024?

If you have, please send them to Isobel (clergy@maccteam.org.uk) so that we can produce our own publicity for this year.

There is also a chance that some of our photos are submitted to the Church of England centrally (subject to appropriate permissions, etc.) for inclusion on their social media platforms



'Feeding 500' Can you help?

'Feeding 500' is an event at this month's Treacle Market (26th October) being put on by Macclesfield Food Partnership, which includes Angel at my Table, Cre8 Grocery and CORE pantry.

We are in need of volunteers on Saturday 25th from 10.00am to 4.00pm to help prepare food, and on Sunday from 11:30am to 3.00pm to welcome people, serve and clear up.

Please let Ali in the kitchen know if you are able to help, or email Isobel (clergy@maccteam.org.uk).

See the attached poster for more information.

Feeding 500 Surplus Food Meal

Baptism of Nathan

We are delighted to share the special baptism of Nathan, son of Rak and Sonia, this coming Sunday (19th October), at 10.00am. Please join us as we welcome Nathan into our Christian family



Communion Table Missing Cloths

Not one, but **two** of the table-cloths which go on the Communion Table have disappeared over recent months.

Does anyone know their whereabouts?

If so, please contact Chris W. as soon as possible.

Many thanks.



Eco Tip

Reduce.

The critical first step of waste prevention has been overshadowed by a focus on recycling.

Please help to promote a greater awareness of the importance of the "Reduce" part of the Reduce-Reuse-Recycle mantra.

Simplify your life as much as possible. Only keep belongings that you use/enjoy regularly.

By making the effort to reduce what you own, you will naturally purchase less/create less waste in the future.



Music@Mike's

Friday 24th October 1.15pm:

a recital by Julian Davis (piano) and Adrienne Spilsbury (violin) from the Cheshire Chamber Collective playing pieces by Schumann, Prokofiev and Mozart



The Angel at my Table café will be open for light refreshments.

Entry is free but donations are invited for the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church, jointly.

Collect for the Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Years of Village Rwanda



Come and celebrate 10 years of Village Rwanda UK being a registered charity.

Saturday 25th October, 7-9pm

St Michael's Church, SK10 1DY

Thank-you to all those people who have already bought or ordered tickets. We are now getting to the point when we need approximate numbers for catering purposes. Please contact Tricia, Catherine or Martin or write your name on the sign-up list at the back of church. It's going to be fun and suitable for children too.

There will be African food, dancing, music, a quiz and a short film to explain our work.

Bring your own alcoholic drinks; fruit juices and soft drinks are provided.

£10 per adult, children free. Suitable for all ages.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Tricia, Catherine and Martin

LET'S: Sunday 19th October



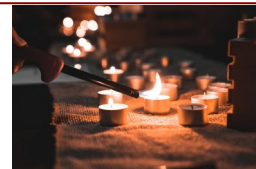
This Sunday (19th October) is **Let's Eat Together Sunday**,

Don't eat alone on Sunday - bring some food and eat with others, sharing if you wish.

Newcomers are especially welcome. Don't worry if you haven't brought any food - there's usually plenty.

Spiritual Accompaniment

Spiritual accompaniment, also known as spiritual direction, offers you the opportunity to meet with a spiritual companion to share your story, reflect on your life, and explore your faith.



Your companion will listen with care and attention, offering a safe and supportive space where you can explore what's unfolding in your life and gently discern the presence and movement of God.

The Diocese of Chester explains this more fully and outlines the possibilities: click [here](#)

Service of Remembering

This Sunday (19th October) at 4.00pm

at St Michael's Church

For all who have been bereaved, whether recently or many years ago, this service provides an opportunity to remember and give thanks for the person you have loved and lost.

See poster below

Foodie Friday: 7th November

Angel
at my Table

Foodie Friday takes place on the first Friday of each month at 6.30pm.

A 3-course meal using surplus food, with guests contributing on a 'pay-as-you-feel' basis (a price is suggested). Profits from the meal go towards providing free meals for more vulnerable members of our community during the week.

The next Foodie Friday will be **Friday 7th November**
Contact the church office to book, 01625 421984.

We invite you to our

Service of Remembering

*an opportunity to remember
and give thanks for the lives
of loved ones we now miss*

**Sunday 19th October 2025
4pm**

**St Michael & All Angels' Church
Macclesfield
SK10 1DY**

thankyou

We recently received the following thank-you letter:

'On behalf of everyone here at East Cheshire Macmillan Cancer Support & Information Service at The Christie at Macclesfield, thank you for your kind loan of your catering trolley for our Macmillan fundraising coffee morning on Friday 26th September.

We are still receiving the odd donation so can't give you a final total but so far you have helped raise £2,215.61 for Macmillan to support people living with cancer.'

Christmas Tree Festival



St Mike's has a wonderful opportunity to take part in this year's Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church, launching on 4th December!

Trees (between 12" and 6') will be provided, and each one should share a Christian message for Christmas. If you're interested in taking part or can help to organise and coordinate this, please speak to Martin or Isobel in the office. The tree is to be decorated during the week before the launch.

Celebration Ceilidh

with Cre8, JDI, and S4A.

25th October 6pm to 8pm.

Kings School Macclesfield.

A free evening of music, dancing and fun celebrating 25 years of Just Drop In (JDI), 20 years of Space 4 Autism (S4A) and 20 years of Cre8. Music from the Cre8 Ceilidh band and performances from Cre8 young people.

Come along and celebrate with 3 great Macclesfield Charities.



Martin's Licensing as a reader

The photos below show Martin in the licensing service itself, and (bottom) with some of the 20+ people from St Mike's who attended.

Thank you

from Martin

Thank you to you all for your support and encouragement over the last few years as I have studied to be a Licensed Lay Minister.

Thank you for your greetings and to those who were present in Chester for the service. I was delighted to see you there and have you share in a special day.

I pray that going forward you will continue to hold me in your prayers as I settle into this ministry.

Martin

Let's Knit a Scarf (it's not all over yet!)

I still have a number of unsold scarves from last year's 'Let's Knit a Scarf to Keep the Church Warm' project.

I'll be bringing them along to church sometime soon so you can have a look at them as potential Christmas gifts for anyone you forgot to buy one for last year! Let me know if you're interested.

Lynne



Money Management Course

A free 4-week course has been organised by Christians Against Poverty (CAP) at Tytherington Family Worship Free, starting on Weds Nov 12th 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

More info: <https://capuk.org/get-help/money-coaching>

See poster attached with this Bulletin.



Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

19th October 2025

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00am: Holy Communion
including the baptism of Nathan, son of Sonia & Rak

Leader & Celebrant: Revd Martin Stephens

Speaker: Mike Strutt LLM

Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4.5

Please use the link below to stream this
(and previous services) on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmikesmacclesfield>

Start the Week

Every Monday from 7.30am in church
Morning Prayer at 8.30 am in church and also on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/stmikesmacclesfield>

Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

Alternate Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Savage Chapel
lasting 30-40 minutes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 29th October

Thursday Morning Worship 10:30am (35–40 mins)

Our midweek services follow the order from
the Book of Common Prayer (traditional language) and
alternate between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion

23rd October: Holy Communion

30th October: Morning Prayer

Thursday Homegroup

Meeting for Bible study and prayer –
morning and evening groups

Please contact Eve & David Budgett (431606)
or David Mayers (420716) for more information



Contemplative Prayer

Friday mornings from 9.20-9.50.

An opportunity for quiet prayer followed by a cuppa and chat.

Compline/Night Prayer

Every Friday

Topic: Night Prayer | Time: 8.30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting; [https://](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZ0VXdaZz09)

[us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZ0VXdaZz09)

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Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476 Passcode: compline



Share your Photos with St Mike's Church Family



If you have any photographs of recent activities you have been involved in which you would like including in the weekly bulletin/newsletter or in the Church Family News slot in Sunday services, please use this number to WhatsApp them to the relevant people:

+44 7579 820265

You can, of course, also email pictures and text to
stmikesnotices@gmail.com

How to contact the office...



Phone: Landline: 01625 421984

Email addresses:

- **Isobel** clergypa@maccteam.org.uk for ministry issues
- **Elaine** bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk for bookings and building matters
- **Bulletin/Newsletter** stmikesnotices@gmail.com
- **Printing** maccteamprinting@gmail.com
- **Safeguarding** see box below

Postal Address: The Office, St Michael's Church, Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY

Elaine's office hours are *usually* Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am – 1:30 pm

Isobel's Office hours are *usually* Monday & Wednesday 9.00-2.45; and Thursday 9.00 - 1.00 & Friday 8.30 - 1.00

Safeguarding Contact Information



If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the St Michael's Safeguarding Officer, Katie Wilcock:

Phone: 07435 568 729

Email: safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk



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prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

Your request will be circulated confidentially to a limited group of people who will pray for you.

