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Easter Day



Recycle/Re-use stall

Please support our Recycle/Re-use (aka Bring and Buy or 'Preloved') Stall next Sunday on **Treacle Sunday - 27th April**.

We have been donated a super selection of children's toys; books of all kinds; many household items (crockery, cutlery, etc) plus sundry other items. Everything will be a massive bargain! Please pop along to the stall (just outside the church entrance doors in the churchyard to see what excellent 'snips' you can find.

Our last stall raised in excess of £600 which has been used to make two donations to A Rocha (the organisation which helps us move forward towards carbon neutral), pay for the lovely sign in the churchyard, and replenish the planters outside the west and south doors.

If you could assist on the stall on the day, if just for an hour, please contact Anne R., Lynne, Martin B. or Anne K.



Services at St Michael's in Holy Week

Maundy Thursday

Agape Meal with (optional) Washing of Feet.

This is a reflective service with music, readings and symbolic actions, when we contemplate the events at the Last Supper. As part of the service we will share a simple, symbolic 'meal' of bread, cheese, olives, etc.

Good Friday

* **Morning Service (10.30am)**

Our traditional Good Friday morning worship.
Guest speaker: Marion Tugwood

* **Afternoon Contemplative Service (2.00pm - 4.00pm in 25 minutes sessions: changeover times 2.25; 2.55; 3.25)**

"The Things He Bore".

Eco-tips for Easter

Some Interesting Facts About Chocolate Easter Eggs

- Approximately 100 million chocolate eggs are sold each year in the UK.
- A total of £378 million was spent on Easter eggs in 2022.
- The Cadbury Creme Egg is the most popular Easter Egg in the UK and we eat an average of 3.5 each every year.

A survey by Friends of the Earth, Scotland revealed that, in some cases, for every £1 spent on eggs, consumers could be spending more on packaging than the actual egg. They estimated that 5,370 tonnes of cardboard and 200 tonnes of foil waste was created by packaging in 2015. So what can you do? Easter eggs are a much loved and anticipated part of our celebrations.

The best thing to do if you are giving eggs is to choose those with the least packaging –so look out for eggs which have no plastic packaging and are only packaged in recyclable materials such as card, paper and foil.

Another idea would be to give a traditional hand-painted wooden Easter egg. Brought out of storage every year it could then be used as Easter decor - and it could last a lifetime.

Or maybe you could give papier-mâché eggs which his could then be reused each year and refilled with sweets or gifts. If you really want to give a traditional type of Easter egg there are lots of [fairtrade and organic Easter eggs](#) available, which not only use ethically sourced chocolate, they are careful to use fully recyclable packaging.



An alternative approach to Holy Week, with Riding Lights

Lent is almost over, and we are ready for the wonder and joy of Easter. These next few days are a time to reflect on Christ's journey to the cross, His Passion, His amazing love as He died so that we might live.

And if that wasn't enough, and you have some spare time over the Easter weekend, you may like to listen to some amazing podcasts produced by Riding Lights - our favourite Christian theatre company - for Holy Week. Here is the first; https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-742zw-182bc66?utm_campaign=w_share_ep&utm_medium=dlink&utm_source=w_share

And if you would like to hear the rest, you can subscribe at https://www.podbean.com/media/share/pb-eb96b-186db3e?utm_campaign=w_share_ep&utm_medium=dlink&utm_source=w_share



Collect for Easter Sunday

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

20th April 2025

Easter Sunday

10:00am: Family Communion

Leader: Revd Martin Stephens

Speaker: Revd Vivien Gisby

Bible Reading: Luke 24:1-12

Theme: Nicene Creed - 'We believe in the life to come'

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 30th April

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

24th April: Holy Communion
1st May: 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=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09)

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Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476 Passcode: compline



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

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- Isobel clergypa@maccteam.org.uk for ministry issues
- Elaine bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk for bookings and building matters
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- 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 9.00-3.00; and Thursday & Friday 9.00 - 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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