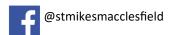
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Nativity

Sunday 22nd Dec 10.00am

A light-hearted retelling of the Christmas story, with actors of all ages and abilities!

Come along wearing your halo, crown or tea-towel.

Church Office Opening Hours over the Christmas Period

Please note that the Church Office will be CLOSED from 3.00pm on Monday 23^{rd} December until 9.00am on Thursday 2^{nd} January.

Elaine's last day will be Thursday this week (19th December)



Café opening hours

The church café will be open as usual on Monday 23rd but then CLOSED until Monday 6th January, to give our volunteers a well-earned break.

Church open for visitors

We hope to have the church building open between 10.00am and 12.00 noon each day, except Christmas Day (when we are open for our Christmas Worship at 10.00am) ...



... this is, of course, dependent on sufficient volunteers being available to steward. If you are around and haven't yet volunteered, please consider doing so



Lyndon's Photography

You might not know that Lyndon is a keen photographer and takes many photographs of the church and its surroundings. One of his photographs appears in our 2024 Advent Calendar (the angel at the gate).

Here is a close-up of a feature, also at the church gates, which you might not have noticed - a somewhat austere looking sun capturing the winter mood if

not quite perhaps the Christmas spirit!

1st Sunday of Christmas (29th)



Morning Service

Please note that the service on 29th will be a 'said' service of Mattins from the Book of Common Prayer. There will be no hymns or other music. Mike will be leading this service



Carols by Candlelight Sunday 22nd Dec 6.30pm

Come and enjoy our Carol Service with traditional readings, music from the choir, plus congregational carols

The Posada goes to School!



The Head Girl and Head Boy of Bollinbrook Primary School, along with Zoe, welcome Mary and Joseph into school for a night. I hope they enjoyed it!



Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eternal God. as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Join us for Worship



Sunday Worship 22nd December 2024

10:00am: Church Family Nativity

All-age, mainly lighthearted dramatisation of the Christmas Story, with lots of carol-singing!

6.30pm: Carols by Candlelight

Leader: Revd Martin Stephens Speaker: LLM Mike Strutt

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 taking place on ?? - sorry, I've not been told! Ed.

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

> 2nd January: Holy Communion 9th January: 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

Every Friday at 9:20am in the Savage Chapel, lasting half an hour. An opportunity for quiet prayer followed by a short chat.

Compline/Night Prayer

Every Friday

Compline Topic: Night Prayer | Time: 8.30 pm Join Zoom Meeting; https://us04web.zoom.us/

j/75676947476?

pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09 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

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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:

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