

Events for the weeks 22nd—28th April 2018

Sun 22 nd	10.30am	Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
Mon 23 rd	7.30pm	Homegroup	85 Beech Lane (The Rectory)
Wed 25 th	6.30pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice	Choir Vestry Choir Vestry
Thu 26 th	10.00am 10.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Group Holy Communion Bell ringing	St Michael's Savage Chapel Bell Tower
Fri 27 th	9.10am	Contemplative Prayer	Savage Chapel

Services next Sunday (29th April: Fifth Sunday of Easter)

- **10.30am 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.

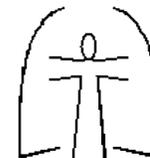
The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice
and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
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 22nd April 2018

Fourth Sunday of Easter

9.30am Storytelling Service

Leader Sue
Storyteller Gemma
Story The Parable of the Good Shepherd
Songs How deep the Father's love
My God is so big

Adult Leader Heike
Roots Leader Sue
Roots Passage John 10:11-18



11.00am Holy Communion

Leader Revd Barry Langman
Speaker Steve Murphy
Bible Readings Acts 4:5-12
John 10:11-18

Hymns
MP 73 Christ is made the sure foundation
MP 1 A new commandment
MP 649 The king of love
MP 708 To God be the glory

Roots Leaders Pam & Jonny

3.00pm St George's Day Service



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



Bollinbrook: an "Outstanding" Church School

Bollinbrook CE Primary School, our Church School, underwent a SIAMS Inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) just before Easter – an additional pressure at the end of an exhausting term! We are delighted to report that the school maintained its previous overall judgement of "outstanding", this time achieving "outstanding" in **all** categories. This is a tribute to the whole school community: staff; pupils; parents; governors—and members of St Michael's Church. So – thank you to all who support our school, and **congratulations!** This is a lovely achievement for outgoing Head, Mike Waters, and a super basis for the incoming Head, Lynne Le Marinel.

Some highlights from the report:

The distinctiveness and effectiveness of Bollinbrook as a Church of England school are outstanding.

With the support of his staff and governors, the headteacher has successfully created an inclusive and caring Christian community where all are equally valued as unique children of God and supported to succeed.

Pupils respond very positively to lively Religious Education (RE) teaching and varied opportunities for worship and as a result these make a significant contribution to pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) development.

Links with the local church and community have strengthened in recent years, and continue to do so, to the clear benefit and appreciation of all involved.

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Worship is varied and led by a range of staff, pupils, clergy and lay members of local churches. As a result pupils are familiar with some of the distinctive features of different Christian traditions. They are particularly enthusiastic about the *Open The Book* worship led by members of St Michael and All Angels. Active links with local churches, particularly St Michael and All Angels, enhance pupils' experiences of faith outreach into the community. Parents, governors and staff all talked about the spiritual impact of a recent Easter Service led by Year 5 pupils at St Michael and All Angels, which was attended by all pupils, their families and also members of the public. One Governor commented that the service 'moved her to tears'.

And, in the interests of balance! ...

Areas to improve

Develop pupils' understanding of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Continue to enhance the effectiveness of RE teaching to enable increasing numbers of pupils to achieve standards of attainment higher than the national average.

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Last Call for Assistance! Church Spring-Clean

There will be a church spring clean on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th April from 9.00am onwards. If you are interested in helping with this, please put your name on the sheet at the back of church. Many thanks, Gordon Darlington.



Bedding Plants

It's time to think about your summer garden once again! Our Scout and Guide Group can help by delivering locally grown bedding plants direct to your house. Order forms, which contain all the details, are now available in church. Do yourself a good turn and support our Scout and Guide Group!



St Michael's Pilgrimage Plans

We're planning a St Michael's pilgrimage, to walk the Peak Pilgrimage

trail from Ilam to Eyam in early July - a journey of about 33 miles over 3 days, visiting about a dozen churches on the way. We'll have a minibus so can pick up pilgrims from intermediate points *en route* and to return drivers to their cars.

For more details see Paul Simms or the notes on the website (www.stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk/) under Pilgrimage.



Cricket, Lovely Cricket

Team Parish Cricket; come and play, umpire or just to watch at some of the loveliest grounds in the country. We play social cricket, mostly for fun (though we do like to win!), usually 20-20 but week-end games may be longer.

Evening games in May and August will start at 6.00pm, otherwise it's 6.30pm. Our home ground is Kerridge CC on Clarke Lane. Speak to David Mayers (420716/07963802659) for more information

Our first 2 games are as follows:

Tuesday May 8th Practice game/nets (Kerridge)

Wednesday May 9th Stockport Teachers (away, Stockport CC)



All are welcome.

Homegroup

There will be a homegroup meeting tomorrow (Monday 23rd) at 85 Beech Lane (the Rectory), 7.30pm.

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Treacle Sunday

The next Treacle Service is 29th April. If anyone can help by stewarding, serving refreshments, cleaning and clearing up after the event or baking cakes/biscuits, please sign up on the list at the back of church. Please contact Vicky Darlington on Macc 428215 for further information.



Date for your Diary Royal Afternoon Tea!

You are cordially invited to an Afternoon Tea to celebrate the forthcoming marriage of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. This will be on **Wednesday 16th May, 2.00 - 4.00pm**, in the Narthex. If you would like to

come along, please sign up on the list at the back of church, also indicating whether you need a lift. The event is free, but if anyone wants to donate monies towards the food and drink there will be a donation box on the day. More details to follow - hope you can join us. Vicky Darlington - Macc 428215.

Deadline for contributions to the notice sheet: 12 noon the preceding Wednesday.
E-mail: stmikesnotices@gmail.com or hand in to the Team Office. Thank you.

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Working days: Wednesday - Sunday

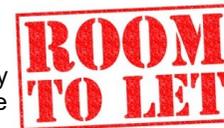
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Room to Let

Comfortable double room offered in 3 bedroom detached house with pleasant views in quiet area of Macc. Off-street parking available and broadband if required. Rent £440pm neg. incl. bills. Please call Chris 0780 3806887.



Last Call for the Cre8 Plant Sale

Saturday 28th April
Cre8 Community Building, Mayfield Terrace, SK11 7TG

We're on the lookout for

Growers & Volunteers to help out at our Plant Sale... If you've got SPARE PLANTS or would like to GROW THINGS to donate to the sale, we'd love to hear from you! You can drop plants off on the Friday night before the sale or in the morning before the sale. If transport is a problem please let us know. SPARE SEEDS are also welcome... we'll be swapping/selling them (because they always come in big packs). And if you'd like to help on the day, we're looking for VOLUNTEERS to help sell plants, make cakes and help with brews.



ROAR ROAR Can you help?

ROAR (Reach Out and Recover) with whom we

have established close links, are setting up new homes for some of their clients, as they move to more independent living. There is a need for furniture, appliances and general household equipment: if you have anything you can donate, please let Lynne Spedding know.

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