

## Events for the week 22<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2017

Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Prayer Meeting	Upper Room, St Michael's
	6.30pm	Junior Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
	7.30pm	Full Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
Thu 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Toddler Group	St Michael's
	10.30am	Holy Communion	St Michael's
	7.30pm	Bell ringing	Bell Tower
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Contemplative Prayer	Savage Chapel, St Michael's

### Next week's services: Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January (4<sup>th</sup> of Epiphany)

- 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](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com). The notice sheet is also available on the church website: [www.stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](http://www.stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)



#### Scout and Guide Groups

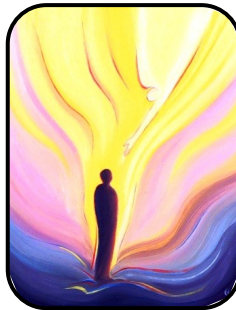
Macclesfield Parish Church Scout and Guide Group provides youth activities throughout the week for young people aged from 5 - 26 as well as flexible volunteering opportunities for adults. For more details visit [www.mpcsg.co.uk](http://www.mpcsg.co.uk) or email [enquiries@mpcsg.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@mpcsg.co.uk)



#### 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.

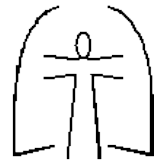
*Please remember these activities in your prayers this week. For more information about any of them, please speak to one of the wardens who should be able to help you.*



### The Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

God of all mercy,  
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,  
release to the captives,  
and freedom to the oppressed:  
anoint us with your Holy Spirit  
and set all your people free  
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017

### The Third Sunday of Epiphany

#### 9.30am Storytelling Service

**Leader** Martin  
**Storyteller** Margaret  
**Story** Boy Jesus at the Temple

**Songs** I will offer up my life  
Brothers and sisters together

**Roots Leader** Ruth  
**Roots Passage** Matthew 4:12-23  
**Adult Leader** Martin

#### 11.00am Holy Communion

**Leader** Martin Stephens  
**Speaker** Chris Whiteley  
**Bible Readings** Isaiah 9:1-4  
Matthew 4:12-23

**Hymns**  
MP 359 Jesus calls us  
MP 583 Safe in the shadow  
Song Book 1 All I once held dear  
MP 501 O Jesus, I have promised

**Roots Leaders** Jonny & Pam  
**Roots Passage** Matthew 4:12-23



**Refreshments** are served between the 9.30 and 11.00 services and after the 11.00 service, and also after our monthly Choral Evensong.



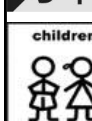
**We are a Fairtrade Church** committed to using only Fairtrade tea & coffee.



**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.



**Sunbeams:** on the first & third Sunday of the month, the Sunbeams group meets during the 11.00am service. This is for children aged 2½ - 6 years.



**Gluten-free wafers** are available at all Communion services at this church. If you require these, please say "gluten-free" when you take communion.



#### 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



## Christingle

St Michael's Christingle raised £320.00—and more is trickling in. An enormous thank-you for your generosity.

Thanks also to all of you who supported or helped in any way.  
Jenny Wild

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## Women's World Day of Prayer

The Service for Women's World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

The planning meeting for this will be on 20<sup>th</sup> Jan, 10.30am at

St Alban's Church (where the service will be this year). The coordinator is Sheila Bishop and her telephone number is 01625 433239. If you would like to attend the planning meeting or be involved in any way, please contact Sheila.

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## Big Church Day Out

Sign Up for a Fun Filled Weekend with others from Church.

Sign-up sheets for this event on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June at Capesthorpe Hall are now available on the church

noticeboard. Take a look at the website [www.bigchurchdayout.com/north](http://www.bigchurchdayout.com/north) for more details.

A summary of the activities on offer over the two days is also included with the sign-up sheets so if you haven't got access to the Internet you can still get an idea. There is the opportunity to camp with your own equipment or to hire a tent and equipment if you would like to take advantage of the evening entertainment. We are booking as a group of churches through HOPE to take advantage of a group discount price. This sounds a fun and exciting couple of days.

If you would like to go please sign up by the end of February. Further details will then be given to you about exact costs, etc.

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## Lent Study Groups

The Macclesfield Team Ministry is working together to provide opportunities for us to meet during Lent so that

we can share ideas and faith. There will be two evening groups and two daytime groups.

**Faith Stories.** This is an opportunity to hear other people's stories and how that relates to our lives as Christians today. There is a choice between Tuesday afternoons 2.00-3.30pm at All Saints and Thursday evening 7.30-9.00pm at St Peter's, starting week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**Dethroning Mammon** is the Lent study book written by our Archbishop, Justin Welby. It reflects on the impact of our own attitudes, and of the pressures that surround us, on how we handle the power of money, called Mammon in this book. Who will direct our actions and attitudes? Is it Jesus Christ, who brings truth, hope and freedom? Or is it Mammon, so attractive, so clear, but leading us into paths that tangle, trip and deceive? Dates, times and venues have not yet been decided for this group but there will be a daytime and an evening group. If you are interested please contact Tricia Atherton at [tricia.atherton@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.atherton@gmail.com).

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## Team Social & Talent Show

Games, fun and entertainment together. 6.30pm,

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, here at St Michael's Tea, coffee & squash provided; bring other drinks if you wish. (What a wonderful opportunity to clear out your Christmas drinks cabinet!) Bring & share food. Please bring some finger food to share (though not too much!) Can you offer a suitable, all-age act for the talent show? Please let Sue Reid or Martin Stephens know.



Bereavement Support

## Bereavement Group Volunteer Needed

A Bereavement Group will soon be starting at St Michael's on Wednesdays at 10.00am. A qualified counsellor will be the facilitator but she is looking for another volunteer to co-facilitate with her. If anyone is interested please let Emma Kingdom know (church office). You do not need to be a qualified counsellor: you only have to be interested in helping people experiencing bereavement. The induction training and group facilitation training will be provided.

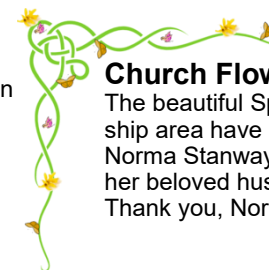


## Write for Rights

Many prisoners of conscience have been encouraged and others freed as a result of letters written as part of Amnesty International's **Write for Rights** campaign. The stall in the narthex will be coming down later this week, so if you

have not already looked at the material or written a letter then please do so today! Or you can take a booklet with you – and please remember and pray for all those imprisoned for their political or religious beliefs.

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## Church Flowers

The beautiful Spring flowers in the Worship area have been graciously given by Norma Stanway, in loving memory of her beloved husband Maurice. Thank you, Norma.

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## Treacle Market

The next Treacle Market is on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> January - a reminder that the church will be open

after the morning service until 3.00pm. If anyone can help with making cakes, stewarding or serving teas and coffees, please sign up on the list at the back of church. On this occasion a number of our regular volunteers are not available, so if anyone can spare an hour or so that would be super. Many thanks, Vicky Darlington 428215.

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## Walk

Walk this Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Meet at 2.00pm at Tegg's Nose main car park next to the café.

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

## To contact us:

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