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Homemakers

The next meeting of the Homemakers group will be held on Thursday 27th March at 7:30pm. This will be a Lent Meditation at the home of Bernice Jones, tel 01625 422857. All are welcome.



Eco-tip

Toothpaste tubes are almost impossible to recycle or reuse; almost all will go to land-fill or incineration. Switch to toothpaste tablets instead - refillable, plastic free and vegan. Available from Scoop and Scales



Can you help?



On Friday 28th March at 10.00am a few helpers are needed to prepare little bunches of daffodils for the Mothering Sunday Service on

29th. This will take approximately 40 minutes in St Michael's Church. Please telephone Kitey on 01625 424531 if you are able to assist! Thank you.



Church Council Minutes

An extraordinary meeting of the Church Council was held on Thursday 13th March to hear the proposals regarding the 'Macclesfield Anglican Churches' (MAC) initiative.

The minutes of the meeting are attached with this Bulletin, and a hard copy is on the noticeboard at church.



Eco-Group

The next meeting of the Eco-group is on Monday 24th March at 7.30 in the Welcome Area. All welcome.

Join us to find out more about how and why St Michael's is an eco-church caring for God's creation. Contact David Mayers for more information 07963 802659



Flower Ministry Notices

We are always grateful to receive donations for flowers whether in Memoriam or Celebration. Thank you.

A new Flower Rota list is now back on the Notice board in the Church. Unfortunately the list for this year was misplaced during the recent work.



Music@Mike's

Friday 28th March 1.15 - 2pm in St Michael's: the Cheshire Chamber Collective piano quintet



Mayor's Breakfast: A Celebration of Unity and Community



In a world often divided by differences, the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast in Macclesfield served as a beacon of hope and togetherness. The theme this year was "Unity - Bringing People Together," which resonated deeply with all who attended. Hosted by the Mayor and coordinated by HOPE in NE Cheshire, the event highlighted the strength of collaboration and the positive impact of local initiatives.

The breakfast showcased the inspiring work of Macclesfield-based charities, each playing a crucial role in supporting those in need. Just Drop In, Cre8, Macclesfield Community Art Space, Space for Autism, and The HOPE Centre were among the organisations invited to speak, sharing heartfelt stories of the incredible ways they make a difference. It was moving to hear about the dedication of volunteers who give their time and energy to ensure these vital services continue to thrive.

The morning also featured special recognition, as the High Sheriff awarded three individuals for their contributions to the community. Their dedication serves as an inspiration to all!

Beyond the speeches and awards, the event provided time for reflection, prayer, and gratitude, a chance to acknowledge the wonderful work being done in Macclesfield.

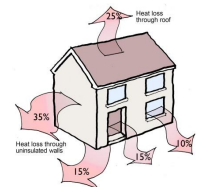
For those who have never attended, I would highly encourage you to experience this special gathering for yourself. And, of course, the breakfast treats are a delightful bonus!

Isobel

Retro-Fitting your Home

Like a warmer, cheaper, more sustainable home?

Come to "A beginner's guide to retro-fit" 7.30pm on Tuesday 25th March in St Michael's for a short talk on the basics of reducing the energy consumed in your home. And lots of time to ask questions



Spring-in-a-Rjng

Kitey was recently given this beautiful spring wreath and would like to share it with everyone!

Collect for the Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God,
give us insight to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

23rd March 2025

The Third Sunday of Lent

10:00am: Church Family Worship

Leader: LLM Mike Strutt

Speaker: Revd Martin Stephens

Bible reading: Romans 6:3-11

Theme - The Nicene Creed

We believe in Jesus (death & resurrection)

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 2nd 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

27th March: Holy Communion
3rd April: 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)

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Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476 Passcode: compline



Compline

Share your Photos with St Mike's Church Family

WhatsApp

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...



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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:

Phone: 07435 568 729

Email: safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk



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Email any prayer requests to:

prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

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

