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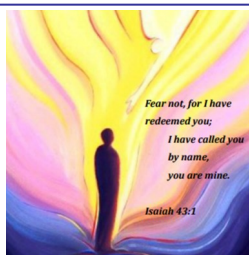
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Service of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness

The next Healing Service is on:
Friday 28th November 11.00am in the Savage Chapel

The service will last approximately 30 minutes

All are welcome.



Can You Help to Keep the Café Open?

We are, again, really struggling for cafe volunteers, particularly on the dates below when Ali will be on leave. We won't be doing any cooking on these days, but serving cakes and pastries as well as drinks.



Saturday 22nd Nov all day (*Magic Voices rehearsal, so potential customers in church during the afternoon*)

Saturday 29th Nov all day (*Step into Christmas events in the Market Place, so we need the church to be open*)

Thursday 11th Dec, Friday 12th Dec, Saturday 13th Dec - all day

Saturday 20th Dec in afternoon potentially

If you are able to offer an hour or two, we would be really grateful. Please let Isobel or Rachel know.

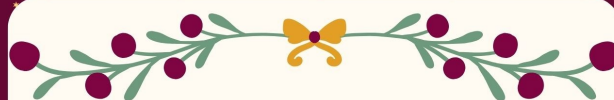
The Connecting People Team The Posada

PLEASE extend the hand of hospitality and connection with other church members for a short time during Advent by signing up to host the Posada. There are still plenty of gaps on the rota which is on the noticeboard at the back of church.

Contact Tricia Atherton or Isobel in the office for further information



Christmas Services at St Michael's



Christmas Services St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield

Sunday 7th December

10am Church Family Worship

Thursday 25th December

10am Church Family Christmas Communion

Sunday 14th December

10am Family Communion

Sunday 28th December

10am Service of the Word

Thursday 18th December

7pm Town Carol Service

Sunday 21st December

10am Nativity Service
6:30pm Carols by Candlelight



Wednesday 24th December

4pm Crib Service
11:30pm Midnight Communion

We warmly invite
you to join us

Marketplace, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY

clergypa@maccteam.org.uk

01625 421 984

News from Jeanne

We have recently had a note from Jeanne Cookson who wishes to be remembered to all her friends at St Mike's.

Jeanne has now moved from Ipstones to Tarpooley to be near to one of her daughters.

If you would like Jeanne's new address, please have a word with Isobel in the Office.



Church Flowers

The beautiful flowers in the Worship Area have been graciously given by Beth Marshall in loving memory of her parents, Judith and Edward Harrison, sadly missed. This Sunday would have been their 68th Wedding Anniversary. Thank-you, Beth.

The glorious roses in many colours on the Chancel Table have been generously given by Jo Durbin in loving memory of her beloved Eric and her dear brother George. So sadly missed. Thank-you, Jo.

Collect for Christ the King Sunday

The Sunday before Advent

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.



Dorothy has recently sent in this poem for us to enjoy.

Nature's Carpets

A golden carpet spreads across the park, as crispy leaves float down to raise the pile,
And cool autumnal breeze arrives to start a rippling wave, which stays for just awhile.

The pool, in harmony with nature's changing scene, is now subdued since last week's pouring rain,
Its water moving slowly, quite serene, whilst gulls and swans glide noiselessly again.

The earth moves on with many trees now bare, awaiting winter's efforts for rebirth,
As yet no snowflakes fall through cooling air, to bring a bright white carpet to the earth.

Dorothy Bentley Smith.

SilkLife: Christmas Show

Saltmine Theatre Company, who have presented several fantastic Christmas shows for us over the past few years, will be performing their new production of *Jack and The Beanstalk* here at the SilkLife Centre, on Sunday 14th December.

Tickets are just £5 for adults or children - we are not looking to turn any sort of a profit, and want to keep prices as low as possible so that as many as possible across Macclesfield can enjoy what we're sure will be a fantastic show!

The show runs from 6:30 to 8:30pm (doors open at 6.00pm) and includes a 15 minute interval.
Please use the poster below to book your tickets

Advent Calendar

Advent Sunday is next week: 30th November. There are a few spare calendars if you would like one.

The calendar contains a daily reflection in words and images for each day of Advent, each one submitted by a member of our church family.

Please see Lynne.



Forthcoming Concerts at St Michael's

* **Saturday 22nd November 7.00pm**
Magic Voices

* **Saturday 13th December 7.30pm**
KEMS Christmas Concert with Choir and Concert Band
(see attached poster)

* **Friday 19th December 8.00pm**
Silk Brass Christmas Concert
(see attached poster)



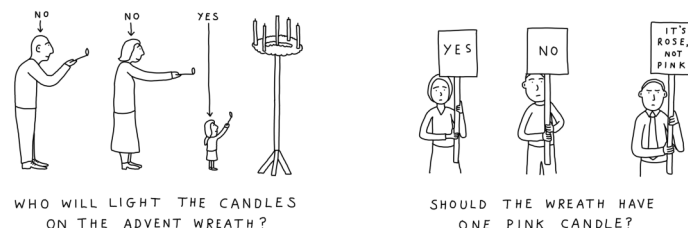
Music@Mike's

The next concert is on **Friday 28th November 1.15pm - The Kell Wind Trio**.
The Angel at my Table café will be open for light refreshments.

Entry is free but donations are invited for the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church, jointly.



ADVENT CONTROVERSIES



SilkLife Foodbank Christmas Appeal

SILKLIFE foodbank

Don't forget the 'Reverse Advent Calendar' appeal from the Foodbank. The list of suitable food items for contribution is attached to this Bulletin. There are also hard copies available in the Welcome Area.

The box for your donations (emptied several times each week) is also in the Welcome Area.

Eco Tip

Bumper Christmas eco-tips next week!



The Indian Banquet

A wonderful celebration!

We are so grateful to our Indian community who provided us with an amazing feast plus entertainment last Sunday (16th)

Over 50 individuals contributed by providing food and entertainment, which comprised Indian songs, hymns and dancing.

We are truly blessed to have such cross-cultural links and our community is the richer for it.

See the menu below, and a selection of photographs to the right.

MENU

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2025

WELCOME DRINK & STARTERS

LEMON SODA SARBATH

Refresher drink with lemon & syrup

KACHUMBER SALAD

Garden fresh mix vegetables in lemon dressing

FISH FRY

Fried fish marinated with ginger, garlic, carom seeds & traditional spices

PAPPADOMS

MAINS / SIDES / BREAD

MUTTON BIRIYANI

Traditional basmati & tender lamb delight with aromatic spices

BUTTER CHICKEN MASALA

Chicken in smooth & creamy onion tomato & cashew gravy

CHILLI BEEF

Indo Chinese beef cooked with bell peppers & chillies

PRAWN THOKKU

Prawn cooked in thick gravy with mustard & curry leaves

EGG MASALA

Street food style egg in Onion, tomato, ginger, garlic & spices curry

COCONUT RICE

Basmati rice cooked to perfection with coconut milk & spices

POTATO & CHICKPEAS CURRY

Chickpeas & potato cooked in onion, tomato gravy & traditional spices

WHITE CABBAGE PORIYAL

Cabbage tempered with mustard, curry leaves & lentils

DAL TADKA

lentils cooked to perfection, tempered with mustard, chillies & curry leaves

CHAPATHI

Unleavened flat bread

DESSERT

SEMIYA PAYASAM

Creamy vermicilli dessert with cashew & raisins

PINEAPPLE KESARI

Roasted semolina, delicately cooked with cream, nuts & ghee

FRUIT SALAD

Vegan option dessert

For Allergen & Vegan information,
Please ask or check "MENU/ALLERGEN SHEET".
Foods are prepared in a kitchen that handles, gluten, soya, peanuts, tree nuts, lupins, sulphites, fish, molluscs,
crustaceans, celery, milk, sesame, mustard & egg.



This event was most generously and joyfully hosted by members of our church family who come from India, plus many of their friends from the Manchester Tamil Church, plus local friends.

Many people worked really hard to bring off such a large and ambitious event - and for this we give genuine thanks.

All profits - currently around £2,000 - will go to the St Michael's Building Fund.

Houseplant & succulents sale

Lynne will be having a houseplant stall on Sunday 30th, at the Treacle Market. These plants are all cuttings/divisions from her own jungle, and they include peace lilies, sansevieria, 'string of pearls', 'string of hearts', echeveria, ferns, devil's ivy, etc.



There will also be some scarves available at cut price, left over from last year's scarf project.

All proceeds to go into our eco-pot.

Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

23rd November 2025

Christ the King

10:00am: Church Family Worship

with Roots & Storytelling Groups for children

Including the baptism of Finn Anderson

Leader: Catherine Stephens

Speaker & Baptism Celebrant: Revd Martin Stephens

Bible Reading: Colossians 1:11-20

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 26th November

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 November: Morning Prayer

4th December: Holy Communion

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



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

Email addresses:

- **Isobel** clergypa@maccteam.org.uk for ministry issues
- **Elaine** bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk for bookings and building matters
- **Bulletin/Newsletter** stmikesnotices@gmail.com
- **Printing** maccteamprinting@gmail.com
- **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 9.00-2.45; and Thursday 9.00 - 1.00 & Friday 8.30 - 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.

