

Events for the week 26th February — 4th March 2017

Sun 26 th	10.30am	Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
Tue 28 th	4.30-6.30	Pancake Party	St Michael's
Wed 1 st	6.30pm 7.00pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir Practice Ash Wednesday Service Full Choir Practice	Choir Vestry Macclesfield Methodist Church Choir Vestry
Thu 2 nd	10.00am 10.30am 7.30pm 8.00pm	Toddler Group Holy Communion Bell ringing Homemakers	St Michael's St Michael's Bell Tower 64 Lansdowne Street
Fri 3 rd	9.10am 12.30pm	Contemplative Prayer Healing Service	Savage Chapel, St Michael's Savage Chapel, St Michael's

Next week's services: Sunday 5th March (1st Sunday of Lent)

- 9.30am Storytelling Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion



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



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



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.

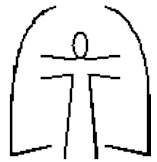


The Collect for the Sunday next before Lent

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,
and bend our wills to love your goodness
and your glory
in Jesus 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 26th February 2017

Sunday next before Lent

9.30am Storytelling Service

Leader Mike
Storyteller Margaret
Story The Parable of the Good Samaritan

Roots Leader Jenny
Roots Passage Matthew 17:1-9

Songs All I once held dear
My God is so big

Adult Leader Mike


11.00am Treacle Service

Leader/Speaker Mike Strutt


Theme *Seen in a Different Light*




The service will be projected onto the screen




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.

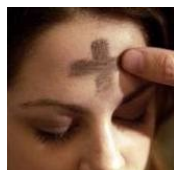


Tokens of Giving
As a sign that you give by Standing Order to the cost of mission & ministry at St Michael's, you are encouraged to pick up a glass pebble on your way into Church, and add it to the basket as the Offertory is taken.

Key Events and Notices



Pancakes at St Michael's
Drop in any time 4.30pm - 6.30pm on Tuesday 28th Feb. for pancakes.

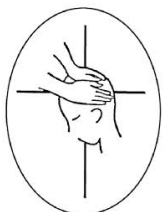


Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday 1st March 7.00pm at Macclesfield Methodist Church. The service will include the marking with ash.

Link Magazine Deadline

A reminder that any news, features and photos for the April/May issue of Link should be submitted to

Sophie and David Molyneux by e-mailing linkteammagazine@gmail.com on or before 11th March. Many thanks.



Healing Service
The time of prayer for Healing and Wholeness will take place at 12.30pm in the Savage Chapel on Friday 3rd. There will be opportunity for prayer and laying on of hands. All are welcome.



Homemakers
Homemakers meet next on Thursday 2nd March, 8.00pm, at 64 Lansdowne Street, the home of Bernice Jones. Lynne Spedding will be speaking (mellifluously) about bee-keeping.



Memories of Beech Lane School

Beech Lane School, the former St Michael's church primary school, closed 50 years ago, at Easter 1967, a short time after the opening of our current church school, Bollinbrook. A former pupil of Beech Lane, Peter Miles, is hoping to mark the occasion; he wants to contact any other former pupils, with a view to sharing any photographs or memorabilia of the school, teachers or pupils to create a display of memorabilia to be shown in St Michael's or elsewhere; and, if there is sufficient interest, to arrange a social gathering sometime in the summer. Please will anyone interested contact Peter on 424872, or pandsmiles@ntlworld.com; or speak to David Mayers.



Fair Trade Fortnight 27th February to 11th March.

Please support these local events, and continue to look for FT products in the shops!

- Primary Schools Fair
- Trade poster display in Macclesfield Library
- Fair Trade coffee morning, Macclesfield Library Saturday 4th March



Fair-trade Stall

Karen Downard, the Fairtrade Rep from Holy Trinity, Hurdsfield, will be here on Sunday 12th March throughout the morning, with her stall of fairly-traded goods. This is a great opportunity to buy your Mothering Sunday presents, or to treat yourself – so come armed with plenty of cash!



Lent Series

Please pick up a flyer about the two Lent series which will be running soon: one on Faith Stories and the second a study of Archbishop Justin Welby's book *Dethroning Mammon*. There are afternoon and evening sessions running for

both courses.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM).

Sun 2nd April at 6:30 in church. Everyone on the electoral role is welcome to attend. Information is on the noticeboard at the back of the church. Churchwardens and deputy churchwardens are elected year-by-year so anybody can apply to take one of these roles. There are also vacancies for our three deanery synod representatives and for three PCC members. Sidespeople are also elected on an annual basis. Proposers and seconders are required for all these roles.



Electoral Roll

If you are not already on the Electoral Roll, please consider joining in time for the Annual Meeting (APCM). Forms are available in the Narthex. Fill one in and hand it to a warden by March 7th. You can join the roll at any time. Thanks. David Budgett, ER Officer.



Margaret's New Address

Margaret Eastwood would like everyone to know that she will be moving to 'Belong' on Thursday 2nd March. Her new address will be: Room 2, Oak House, Belong Care Home, Kennedy Avenue, SK10 3DE. She will be very pleased to welcome any visitors and will be grateful if anybody could help to get her to St Michael's on a Thursday or Sunday morning. If you feel you can help, please contact Mo Black, 01625 613629, email: daveandmo06@ntlworld.com (corrected from last week!)

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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