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Hurray!

I am about to start work on our Nativity Service for Sunday 22nd Dec. and am in need of actors (as usual, I use the term loosely).

If you would like a part, please let me know - email me on lynne.norbron@gmail.com, or tell me personally. If you fail to do either of these, I shall probably cast you anyway.

There is no age limit!

You can have a minute part or a magnificently large part. Either way, no acting skills are required.

If you don't want to star on stage, please remember to come to the service in suitable gear, wearing your halo, tea-towel or crown, at the very least.



Please be very mindful of phone scams. Here is an alert from the Diocesan Bulletin:

"We have received reports from Shrewsbury Archdeaconry that there have been scam phone calls seeking to extract money with a highly plausible and well-informed story to clergy and others with positions of responsibility in parishes (including a tower captain).

At this time of year, such scams are rife. It is likely that churches will be targeted again. It bears repeating that the stories are highly plausible: please beware and make others aware."



Greetings from Karen

Sallie recently dropped in at Karen Brady's home, as she lives fairly close to Sallie and Martin's daughter.

Here is picture of the two of them, with the glorious view from Karen's kitchen window behind them!



Christingle Service

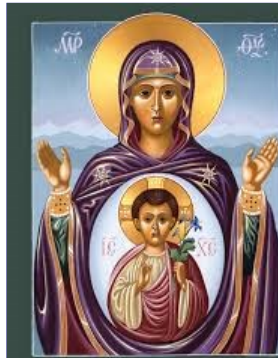
Sunday 8th December at 4.00pm.

Please come along and - better still - bring or invite some children to experience a truly magical service.

Help needed

We need a team of helpers to create our Christingles on **Saturday 7th December at 10.00am**.

Please let Martin Bancroft know in advance if you can offer assistance.



Advent Carol Service

Sunday 1st December at 6.30pm.

As we begin our church year, and our journey towards the birth of Jesus, please join us for a service of Advent music and readings.

Eco-tip

When buying batteries, choose rechargeables, even though they are more expensive. They can be recharged up to 1000 times saving on energy and resources.



The only problem with rechargeable batteries is in emergency situations, as they do not hold their charge well if not being used and recharged regularly.

You should also look for batteries that are conflict-free, as with all electrical goods which use rare minerals such as lithium and nickel. Manufacturers should not access their supplies from countries or regions subject to war or violence. The minerals are often the source of the dispute.

Whichever batteries you use, do NOT put them into the black bins, they must be disposed of safely at the recycling centre or into our own bin at St Michael's by the office door.

Please add them loose and not in bags or packaging.

Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

1st December 2024

Advent Sunday

**10:00am: Church Family Worship
with Holy Communion**

Bible Reading: Luke 21:25-36

Leader and Speaker: Revd Martin Stephens

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 taking place on 11th December

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

**5th December: Holy Communion
12th December: 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

Every **Friday at 9:20am in the Savage Chapel**, lasting half an
hour. An opportunity for quiet prayer followed by a short chat.

Compline/Night Prayer

Every Friday

Topic: Night Prayer | Time: 8.30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting; [https://us04web.zoom.us/
j/75676947476?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09)

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Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476 Passcode: compline



Tea with God

Alternate Tuesday afternoons 2.30pm
Small group chat and bible study
Contact Tricia Atherton

Next meeting 10th December



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** clergy@maccteam.org.uk for ministry issues
- **Elaine** office@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
9.00-3.00; 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:** 07438 807213

Email: safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk



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