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Summary of Services

Maundy Thursday

11.00am Chrism Service at Chester Cathedral
7.30pm Tenebrae at the United Reformed Church



Good Friday

10.30am Good Friday Service at St Michael's
2.30pm 'At the Foot of the Cross' a contemplative service with music, readings and silence (about one hour)

Easter Sunday

10.00 Family Communion

Experience Easter

Can you help?

There is still time to offer to help with the interactive trail on Saturday 30th March (Holy Saturday). We want to help people know the 'more' of Easter than bunnies and chocolate eggs. Bring your children/grandchildren to join in, or help with one of the crafts or chatting to participants. Contact Catherine, Martin, David or Rachel if you can help.



British Summer Time is Nigh!

Don't forget that the clocks go forward at 1.00am on Sunday: don't be late for church!



New Life: New Hope

As we approach Easter, we do so in the knowledge that Jesus defeated death and we can have resurrection hope. Life is renewed and



refreshed even in the most unlikely places, and this could hardly be more true than in our own churchyard. As part of our commitment to achieving the Eco-church Gold Award we have transformed a previously desolate area by the south-east door.

The photo shows Anthony Hulme harvesting some of the crops grown in one of the raised beds last summer; have a look at this bed and the 2nd full of sensory plants created by Chris Wellavize. This transformation of a bare, flagged piece of land is a dramatic example of how even a small, uninspiring area of land can be transformed for nature and people.

And don't forget the wild-flower beds established by Dek Kite and Lynne Spedding: more examples of how we are trying to increase the biodiversity of the churchyard.

As the prophet Isaiah said; 'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.'- Isaiah 43:19 NIV



Church Flowers

We thank Mark Langham for his gracious donation towards the Easter flowers, in memory of his very dear mother, Jean, who would have celebrated her 98th birthday on 30th March.

Thank you, Mark.



Cre8 Plant Sale : Plants Needed

Cre 8 will be holding a Plant Sale at St Barnabas' church on **27th April 10am - 2pm.**

They would be very grateful for any contributions you can offer: indoor or outdoor plants; cuttings, seedlings or divisions - all very welcome. Tea and coffee will be served. Do join us if you can.

(I am happy to pick up any contributions)

Thank you in advance.

Jenny Wild 07775 579968 / 01625 420352



Amnesty International Silent Vigil for Palestine and Israel

There will be **no silent vigil in Manchester on Friday 29th March.** Vigils will resume on Friday 5th April.



Mozart's Solemn Vespers of Confession

On Good Friday, 29th March, at 7.30pm Macclesfield Methodist Community Choir with orchestra, organ and soloists will be singing the Solemn Vespers of Confession by Mozart. Do come along and share in a time of meditation on this most sacred of days. You will not be disappointed!

A retiring collection will be taken for a local and an international charity.

The Collect for Good Friday

Eternal God,
in the cross of Jesus
we see the cost of our sin
and the depth of your love:
in humble hope and fear
may we place at his feet
all that we have and all that we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Collect for Easter Sunday

God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life
stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Join us for *Worship*



Good Friday: Friday 29th March

10:30am: Good Friday Service

Speaker: Alice Swain from the Salvation Army

Leader: Rev'd Martin Stephens

Please use the link below to stream this
(and previous Services) on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmikesmacclesfield>

2.30pm: Service of Contemplation

At the Foot of the Cross

comprising readings, poetry, music and silence

*The service will last around one hour to one hour 15
It will not be live-streamed*

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 3rd 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

4th April: Morning Prayer

11th April: 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

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)

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

Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476 Passcode: compline



Easter Sunday: 31st March

10.00am Family Communion

Leader/Speaker: Rev'd Martin Stephens

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(and previous Services) on YouTube

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*Please remember that it is a Treacle Sunday. You can still
park in the Town Hall Car Park and in the six spaces on King
Edward Street but you will need to tell the stewards that you
are coming to church. No parking in the church spaces.*

How to contact the office...



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for rota changes, life events

- office@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk to contact Elaine for room bookings and building matters
- stmikesnotices@gmail.com for newsletter items
- maccteamprinting@gmail.com for all printing
- safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk to contact Katie Wilcock, Parish Safeguarding Officer

In person – The Office, St Michael's Church, Market Place,
Macclesfield, SK10 1DY

Please note

There will be someone in the office every morning
9.30am– 12.00

Elaine's office hours are usually **Monday,**

Wednesday, and Thursday 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.

Temporary Office Arrangements

While we are trying to find someone to be our new Clergy
PA/Administrator, the office staff will be even more stretched
than usual, so please limit interruptions and the number of
small tasks you might have asked them to do.

Judith Whittingham will be in the office on Tuesday and
Friday mornings, so there will be some office cover every
day. Judith will deal with urgent email, and arrangements for
funerals and weddings.



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