

## Events for the week 2<sup>nd</sup> — 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
Tue 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm 7.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Eco-Church Meeting	64 Lansdowne Street Park Tavern
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	2-4.00pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Lent Group: <i>Dethroning Mammon</i> Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice	St Michael's Narthex Choir Vestry Choir Vestry
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 7.30pm	Holy Communion Bell ringing	St Michael's Bell Tower
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am 12.30pm 7-9.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Healing Service Lent Group: <i>Dethroning Mammon</i>	Savage Chapel, St Michael's Savage Chapel, St Michael's Park Tavern

### Next week's services: Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April (Palm Sunday)

- 9.30a.m. Storytelling Service
- 11.00am Morning Prayer
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong



#### Electronic version of church notice sheet

If you wish to receive the church notice sheet electronically each week, please email [stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com). The notice sheet is also available on the church website: [www.stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](http://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](http://www.mpcsg.co.uk) or email [enquiries@mpcsg.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@mpcsg.co.uk)

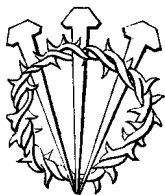


#### Planned Giving Scheme

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 Fifth Sunday of Lent



Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son  
out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
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 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017

#### 9.30am Storytelling Service

**Leader** Mike  
**Storyteller** Judith  
**Story** A woman anoints Jesus  
**Songs** As the deer  
King of kings

**Roots Leader** Ruth  
**Roots Passage** John 11:1-45

**Adult Discussion Leader** Mike

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

#### 11.00am Holy Communion

**Leader** Mike Strutt  
**Speaker** Rev'd Taffy Davies  
**Bible Readings** Ezekiel 37:1-14  
John 11:1-45

#### Hymns

MP 67 Breathe on me, breath of God  
Song Book p.28 My Jesus, my saviour  
Song Book p.18 How deep the Father's love  
MP 617 Stand up, stand up for Jesus

**Roots Leaders** David & Rachel  
**Roots Passage** John 11:1-45

**6.30p.m. APCM**  
(Annual Parochial Church Meeting)



**Refreshments** are served between the 9.30 and 11.00 services and after the 11.00 service, and also after our monthly Choral Evensong.



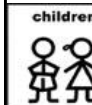
**We are a Fairtrade Church** committed to using only Fairtrade tea & coffee.



**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



### Toddler Group Fundraising for Comic Relief

Toddler Group raised

£45.62 from their Cake Stall in aid of Comic Relief. Thanks to all the parents who donated lovely home-made cakes.



### Contemplative Prayer

The monthly Tuesday evening meeting for contemplative prayer will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

April, 7.00pm, at 64 Lansdowne Street. All are welcome.



### Big Church Day Out

Don't forget the Big Church Day Out (Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> & Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June) at Capesthorne Hall (further details from [www.bigchurchdayout.com/north](http://www.bigchurchdayout.com/north). If you're wanting to go, let Sue Reid know so she can

forward you the link for preferential rates. Phone 01625 421984 or email [clergypa@gmail.com](mailto:clergypa@gmail.com)



### Thy Kingdom Come Pentecost Sunday event

Later on we'll tell you about local plans for the global prayer initiative 'Thy Kingdom

Come' ([www.thykingdomcome.global](http://www.thykingdomcome.global)). In the meantime you might want to consider joining in with a 'beacon event' at Chester Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, 5.30pm on 4<sup>th</sup> June. So ..... you are invited to a service of praise, celebration, joy and Intercession featuring Stuart Townend, Bishop Peter and Steve Legg, as our whole Diocese comes together to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'. Further details available from Martin Stephens.



### Philip Barber

Philip Barber sadly passed away on 24<sup>th</sup> March, aged 90. His funeral takes place at Macclesfield Crematorium on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 1.20p.m.



### Second Sunday Discussion

This will take place as usual after the 11.00 service next Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April. Meet in the Savage Chapel with your cup of tea/coffee.



### Toddler Group Easter Break

Toddler Group are now on Easter Holidays and return on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> April.



### Toolbox Training Equipping you for Children's Ministry

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at Langley Methodist Church, 1pm - 4pm (for ages 18yrs+)

Workshop sessions will include:  
 (i) Praying with children: Why it's important, how we can help children pray & different ways to pray  
 (ii) Storytelling techniques: How to bring Bible stories to life  
 (iii) Bible Story Boxes: What they are, who they're for, how to make one and how to use them  
 (iv) Children's spirituality: How to help children go deeper in faith and encourage them in their relationship with Jesus  
 This isn't just for Sunday School teachers! It's suitable for parents, grandparents, those completely new to children's work and those who've been doing it for years!  
 PLACES LIMITED - Please book in advance as places are limited.

To book or for more information contact Naomi on 07710 801168 / [naomichurchfamily@gmail.com](mailto:naomichurchfamily@gmail.com)



### Reminder

Parking in the Market Place is not permitted at any time (unless with disabled badge). If you park there it is completely at your own risk. A number of tickets have been issued recently to church members.



### Bollinbrook C/E Primary School

As Team Rector, I've recently joined the governing board at Bollinbrook ('our' church school). There's an invaluable rôle for people like you to come into school, for perhaps an hour a week, to help children as they read. If you're interested, please talk to me, Rachel Mayers, Lynne Spedding or Emma Kingdom. Many thanks, Martin.



### India Direct

St Michael's supports this charity which runs two children's homes in India. A curry night has been organised on 4<sup>th</sup> April at the *Purple Pukura* at Poynton to raise funds. Tickets are £15

or £56 for a table of four. They will be serving the banquet menu which sounds really exciting. Please let Paul Spedding (01625 614819) know if you would like to go.



### Nicole Stephens

(middle daughter of Martin & Catherine)

Nicole recently began a year in Uganda with YWAM (Youth with a Mission). This involves 12 weeks of initial discipleship training, followed by 2 months of outreach, ending with a 6 month placement with a particular aspect of YWAM's ongoing ministry. If you'd like to know more, perhaps to receive Nicole's monthly emails, please let Martin or Catherine know.

### ECO CHURCH Meeting

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The next planning meeting will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 19.00 at the Park Tavern. Anyone interested in the connection between our Christian faith and how we care for the environment is welcome to attend. For further information speak to David Mayers 07963802659



### Healing Service

The next service of prayer for healing and wholeness will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April at 12.30 in the Savage Chapel.

Deadline for contributions to the notice sheet: 12 noon the preceding Wednesday.  
 E-mail: [stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com) or hand in to the Team Office. Thank you.

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