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## Christingle Service

This Sunday, 8th December, at 4.00pm

Please join us for a lovely service, particularly suited to children, but a treat for everyone!



## Nativity

Sunday 22nd Dec

10.00am

Don't forget to tell Lynne if you'd like an 'on-stage' part in this year's Nativity.

## KEMS Macclesfield Singers Symphony Orchestra

## Christmas Concert

Macclesfield Symphony Orchestra and Macclesfield Singers (King Edward Musical Society)  
Saturday 14th December 7.30pm at St Michael's Church.  
Tickets: £15. Under-18s free  
Available via <https://kems.yapsody.com/>, or through the Tourist Information Office & Margin Music, or pay on the door.

## Homemakers

The next meeting of the Homemakers group will be the Christmas party, on Thursday 12th December, 7:30pm, at the home of Mary Rushton.



## 'All Angels' Tree

For those who helped to make lots of 'crafty' angels last year for our window display, you can now see these on the lovely white branch/tree at the front of church. See if you can spot the one/s you made!

Thanks to Chris W. for making it all look presentable, and for providing the tree!



## Christmas Eco-tips

### 1. Shop locally

Small and independent businesses need all the support they can get this year so, where possible, buy your gifts, cards and decorations locally



### 2. Choose handmade gifts, cards, crackers and decorations!

Whether you bake, sew or paint, get creative this Christmas! How about skipping the unwanted toys and making your own personalised crackers from toilet paper rolls or home-made sweets?

### 4. Choose second-hand...

There's something quite nostalgic about pre-loved Christmas decorations. Charity and second hand stores can also be great place for unique gift ideas.

### 5. Switch to eco-friendly wrapping paper

Did you know Brits use 227,000 miles of wrapping paper every year? Opt-out of the glittery, un-recyclable paper this year and opt-in to brown paper, recycled and recyclable paper, or scrap paper .

### 6. St Michael's Christmas cards

We do have our Christmas card exchange system again at church but, to be more sustainable, you might like to pin up just one card on the board at church to share your Christmas message with the entire congregation.

**Have a happy, sustainable, Christmas!**

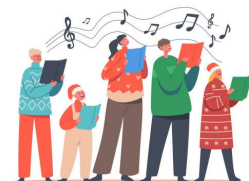


## Posada

Mary and Joseph had a lovely time at the coffee morning earlier this week.

## Open-air Carols

The Friends of West Park are bringing Christmas to the park on Sunday 15th December, 12 noon - 1.00pm in the playground. All welcome!



And KEMS Concert Band is leading carols at the **Victoria Park Bandstand** on Friday 20th December at 7.00pm

## Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again  
as judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

Join us for *Worship*



### Sunday Worship

8th December 2024

#### 10:00am: Church Family Worship

**Bible Reading:** Luke 1:68-79

**Leader and Speaker:** LLM Mike Strutt

#### 4.00pm: Christingle Service

**Leader:** Heike Werner

**Speaker:** Martin Bancroft (Reader in Training)

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

12th December: Morning Prayer

19th 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

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](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com)

### How to contact the office...



Phone: Landline: 01625 421984

#### Email addresses:

- **Isobel** [clergy@maccteam.org.uk](mailto:clergy@maccteam.org.uk) for ministry issues
- **Elaine** [office@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:office@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk) for bookings and building matters
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- **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](mailto:safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)



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