

Events for the weeks 7th—13th January 2018

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| Sun 7 th | 10.00am | Choir Practice | Choir Vestry |
| Wed 10 th | 6.30pm 7.30pm | Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice | Choir Vestry Choir Vestry |
| Thu 11 th | 10.30am 7.30pm 8.00pm | Holy Communion Bell ringing Homemakers | Savage Chapel Bell Tower 1 Bluebell Mews |
| Fri 12 th | 9.10am | Contemplative Prayer | Savage Chapel |

Services next Sunday (14th January: Second Sunday of Epiphany)

- 9.30am 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. 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 Epiphany

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
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 7th January 2018

First Sunday of Epiphany

9.30am Storytelling Service

Leader Lynne
Storyteller Chris

Story Epiphany

Songs We three kings
Be joyful

Roots Leader Jenny



11.00am Holy Communion

Leader Revd Karen Brady
Presider Revd Barry Langman
Speaker Lynne Spedding

Bible Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6
Matthew 2:1-12

Hymns

MP 529
Song Book 24
MP 644
MP 39

O worship the Lord
King of kings
The first nowell
As with gladness

Roots Leaders David & Pam



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



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.



Large Print: We have a number of hymn books and notice sheets in large print format.



Gluten-free wafers are available at all Communion services at this church. If you require these, please say "gluten-free" when you take communion.



Induction loop: St Michael's is fitted with an induction loop; please speak to a Warden if you need assistance with this.



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



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.



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



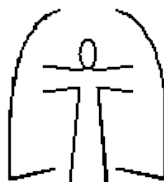
Funeral of James Parker

I would like to thank everyone who contributed towards making James' funeral such a

memorable occasion; and thank you to all those who attended. James requested 'a happy celebration' and that is what it was. I know there was a lot of input from a lot of people - so thank you everyone.

Ruth Parker.

NEW



Open Door Extended Hours

We would love to have our church open for longer on weekdays; as an experiment we have been opening from 1230

– 1430 on an occasional basis and have welcomed lots of new visitors. Some have come to say a prayer, others have been visitors from outside the town who have been delighted to find the church open, and some have been local people interested in times of services and other activities. We need 2 people to volunteer for each 1 hour slot. Please sign up on the list on the notice-board at the back of church.



Homemakers

The next Homemakers meeting is on Thursday 11th January, 8.00pm: a games evening at the home of Grace Edgar (1 Bluebell Mews /

430348).

NEW



Fire in the Blood – Global Justice

Macclesfield invite you to this

acclaimed documentary film about the failure of the pharmaceuticals industry to provide low-cost antiretrovirals to millions of people in the Global South. 7.30pm on Wednesday 10th January at the Park Tavern SK11 6UB. Free entry, and an opportunity after the film to discuss some of the important issues it raises.

Church Flowers



The flowers on the Chancel Table have been graciously donated by Jo Durbin in loving remembrance of her mother.

NEW



Save your Postage Stamps!

Please could you save your used stamps for me to send to the Leprosy Mission. They still need support and, despite email, there are

stamps still around – and not only at Christmas! Many thanks. Norma Stanway, St. Michael's.



Second Sunday Discussion

Next Sunday there will be the usual meeting after the 11.00am service, to discuss the readings and sermon from Morning Prayer. This will take place in the Savage Chapel, and will finish by 1.00pm at the latest. Do come along, and bring your tea/coffee with you!

NEW



Christmas Tree Collection

We collect your Christmas tree! If

you would like your tree collected register on-line at [https://](https://www.eastcheshirehospice.org.uk/echtrees)

www.eastcheshirehospice.org.uk/echtrees No mess in the car, all trees responsibly recycled, and the proceeds go to the East Cheshire Hospice. Collection days are 13th & 14th January.

NEW



Gordon Hall

It was with great sadness that we learnt that Gordon Hall died in hospital on New Year's Day.

Gordon and his wife, Elvina, began worshipping here at St Michael's Church nearly eleven years ago and became involved with leading our monthly Healing Services, as well as helping regularly at our hospital services: Gordon preaching and leading, and Elvina playing the organ. Sadly, some years ago Gordon and Elvina lost their daughter, Carol around Christmas time and, as most people know, the candle-stand in the Savage Chapel is donated in her memory: many people go into the Chapel and light candles in memory of their loved ones. Our thoughts and prayers are with Elvina and the rest of the children at this very difficult and sad time, but the memory of his work within the Healing Ministry Team will live on.

NEW

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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