Events for the week 8th - 14th December

Mon 9th	7.30-10.30am	Start the Week (church open for prayer)	St Michael's
Wed 11th	9.20am	Funeral of Marian Bullock	Macc. Crematorium
	6.30pm	Junior Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
	7.30pm	Full Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
Thu 12th	10.30am	Holy Communion	Savage Chapel
	7.30pm	Bell ringing	St Michael's Bell Tower
	8.00pm	Homemakers	7 Bollinbarn Drive
Fri 13th	9.10am	Contemplative Prayer	Savage Chapel

Services next week: 15th December (Third Sunday of Advent)

- 9.30am Storytelling Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion

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

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.

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

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 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.

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 member of the Welcome Team, so that we can keep in touch.

Sunday 8th December 2019 Second Sunday of Advent

9.30am Storytelling Service with Holy Communion

Leader Martin
Storyteller Heike
Story Mary and Joseph, and the Magi

Songs Like a candle flame
Be joyful
Adult Leader Martin

Hymns
MP 204 Hail to the Lord's anoiunted
Psalm 103 (Song Book yellow p.3) Bless the Lord)
MP 249 How lovely on the mountain
MP 538 On Jordan's bank
MP 189 God is working his purpose out

Roots Leaders Mo & Jonny

11.00am Morning Prayer

Leader Catherine Stephens
Speaker Revd Martin Stephens
Bible Readings Isaiah 11:1-10
Matthew 3:1-12

4.00pm Christingle Service

The service will be projected onto the screen

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

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.

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

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

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 Christmas Break

Toddler Group have now broken up for Christmas - back on Thursday, 9th January, 2020.
Happy Christmas Everyone.

NEW

United Service of Prayer to be held ahead of the General Election.

Revd Graham Edwards, has kindly agreed to host this event at Macclesfield Methodist Church **TODAY** Sunday 8th December 3.00-4:30pm.This will include hymns/songs of worship, readings and prayers. All welcome.

NEW

Marian Bullock

Marian's funeral will be taking place on Wednesday, 11th December at 9.20 am at Macclesfield Crematorium. Everyone who knew Marian is welcome to attend the service, but if you cannot manage that there will be refreshments back at St Michael's Church (on the first floor) at around 10.15 am. The family would like you to join them to remember and remind ourselves of the many memories of Marian as a member of our congregation.

NEW

Homemakers

The next meeting of Homemakers is on Thursday 12th December, 8.00pm, at 7 Bollinbarn Drive and is a Christmas Party, including Secret Santa.

NEW

Cre8 Newsletter

The latest Cre8 newsletter is on the notice board at the back of church,. Please take a minute to read this.

NEW

Nativity

It's your last chance to give your name to Lynne Spedding if you wish to be in the Nativity (Sunday 22nd at 10.30).
Parts are written specially to accommodate all volunteers – speaking or non-speaking. Late-comers may be subject to bitter disappointment!

UPDATED

India Direct – Special Christmas Card/Gift

Today is your last chance to purchase an India Direct Christmas Card (£12- the cost covers a present for the child, a new outfit and a special Christmas dinner for a child in one of the two orphanages run by this charity). Please see Paul Spedding to buy a card (paulspedding@gmail.com, 614819). **You must post your card(s) by 9 December** to ensure it gets to India on time. Please also gift -aid the amount if you can - forms available.

UPDATED

Christmas Donations: Children's Toys

Thank-you so much to everyone who has given gifts in response to our appeal for children's toys and presents in aid of Cre8 and ROAR, two local charities we support.
The response has been extraordinary!
There is still time to bring something in if you feel able. The collection box is in the Welcome Area, clearly labelled.
However, it will be emptied and gifts divided between the two organisations on **Tuesday morning (10th)** - so make sure any contributions are put in it before then.

NEW

Contemplative Prayer & Christmas Party

Otherwise known as $(CP)^2$. The group will meet this evening for the usual time of silent reflection, followed by riotous partying for Christmas! All are welcome. 5 Gloucester Close, 6.30pm. Please let Dave Black know if you intend to come along (613629).

NEW

Treacle Market

The next Treacle Sunday is in two weeks' time, 22nd December. Although the Church will be open to members of the public after the Nativity Service in the morning, this will be between 12.15 pm and 1.45 pm only, as the Choir will be rehearsing in the afternoon for the Carol Service in the evening.
On this occasion we will only be serving mince pies with teas/coffees, so if anyone can provide mince pies, serve in the kitchen, steward etc., then please do write your name on the list at the back of church on the noticeboard. Many thanks - Vicky Darlington (Macc 428215)

NEW

Advent Responses
Advent 2: The Prophets

Today is the Second Sunday in Advent: we remember how God spoke through his prophets and told the people of the Christ who was to come.

The prophet Isaiah said, "A child is born to us! A son is given to us! He will be called 'Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace'." *(Isaiah 9:6)*
For prophets declaring the word of God
All: Praise you, Lord.

The prophet Jeremiah said, "The days are coming when the Lord will choose as king a righteous descendent of David." *(Jeremiah 3:15)*
For prophets declaring the word of God
All: Praise you, Lord.

The prophet Ezekiel said, "The Lord will show himself holy among you in the sight of the nations. Then you will know that He is the Lord." *(Ezekiel 20:41)*
For prophets declaring the word of God
All: Praise you, Lord.

The prophet Micah said, "Out of Bethlehem will come for us one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old." *(Micah 5:2)*
For prophets declaring the word of God
All: Praise you, Lord.

The second (purple) candle is lit

As we light this second candle we remember the prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Micah, who prepared the way for the Messiah who was to come.
Amen.

Deadline for contributions to the notice sheet:12 noon the preceding Thursday.
E-mail: **stmikesnotices@gmail.com** or hand in to the Team Office. Thank you.

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