

Events for the week 9th –15th December

Wed 12th	6.30pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice	Choir Vestry Choir Vestry
Thu 13th	10.30am 7.30pm 8.00pm	Holy Communion Bell ringing Homemakers	Savage Chapel St Michael's Bell Tower St Michael's
Fri 14th	9.10am 12.00noon 5-7.00pm	Contemplative Prayer Christmas Lunch Nativity rehearsal	Savage Chapel St Michael's St Michael's

Services for Sunday 16th December (Third Sunday of Advent) One service only

• 10.30am Nativity Service



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.

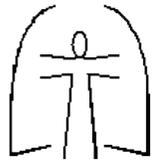
The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

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 sides-person, so that we can keep in touch.

Sunday 9th December 2018

9.30am Storytelling Service

Leader Mike
Storyteller Gemma
Story Joseph and Mary, and the Magi
Songs How deep the Father's love
Alleluia, alleluia

Roots Leader Jenny
Adult Leader Mike



11.00am Morning Prayer

including the baptism of
Ariana Dejeva

(led by Revd Martin Stephens)
and a celebration of the

50th Anniversary of Homemakers

The Second Sunday of Advent

Leader Neil Raval
Speaker Mike Strutt
Bible Reading Luke 3:1-6

Hymns
MP 538 On Jordan's bank
MP 249 How lovely on the mountains
MP 110 Darkness like a shroud
MP 424 Lo, he comes

Roots Leaders Jonny & Pam

4.00pm Christingle Service

Leader Revd Martin Stephens
Speaker Revd Karen Brady



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



Thank-you from the Varney Family.

Liz Varney and family wish to thank the wider church family for their cards, condolence, prayers, and donations in memory of

Gordon for the funeral on Nov 8th. The support and love expressed was, and has been a continuing source of strength, and is gratefully acknowledged.



Cre8 News

Please see the latest Cre8 Newsletter which is on the notice board.

Toddler Group Christmas Break

Toddler Group has now broken up for the Christmas Holidays. It will be back on Thursday, 10th

January, 2019. Happy Christmas, everyone!



Second Sunday Discussion

This morning (9th Dec) after the 11.00am service. An opportunity to discuss the morning's Bible readings and sermon. All are welcome.



Team Service on 30th December

There will be only one service in the Team on Sunday 30th Dec: 10.30am at St Peter's. This Covenant service

with Holy Communion invites us to reconsider our relationship with God and commit our lives afresh at the start of 2019. This is an opportunity to worship with members from the other churches of Macclesfield Team Ministry. Please come along.



Nativity

Our Nativity service will be held next Sunday, 16th, at 10.30am. This will be the only service that day.

Please come along to celebrate the Christmas story in drama and music – and, of course, **make sure you get dusting off your halo, crown or shepherd's headdress** so that you can enter into the spirit!



Can You Help? Items of Clothes Needed

Yvonne Yates, one of the Chaplains from Styal Prison

gave a moving talk at Church last Sunday. She said that they would be most grateful for donations of socks and knickers for the women in Styal Prison and, at this festive time, any donations of Selection Boxes. Donations can be left with either Tricia Atherton or Anne Kite.



ROAR Christmas Concert

REACH OUT & RECOVER This will be held in St Michael's on 21st December, 7.00 - 8.30pm. Coffee, tea and cakes will be served. The concert is to raise money for the ROAR Christmas Day Lunch at the United Reform Church, Park Green at 2.00pm. This is for the elderly, homeless, lonely and vulnerable, with the request being that no one be under UNDER THE INFLUENCE. Items for the raffle gratefully received. Please contact Anne Kite.



Homemakers

The next meeting of Homemakers is on Thursday 13th December, 8.00pm here at church, for Advent Songs and readings. All are welcome.



Christmas Lunch

Friday, 14th December at St Michael's.

An invitation to join friends for a traditional Christmas

Lunch. Drinks and nibbles on arrival at 12.00 noon followed by the lunch at 12.30pm. There will also be entertainment and games and a chance to join in some carol singing! If you would like to come along, please sign the list at the back of church - on the rear of the noticeboard and obtain a ticket (£10.00 per person) either from the Church Office or a member of our Social Committee. If you require a lift or have special dietary request, please indicate on the sheet. Many thanks and look forward to seeing you on the 14th December! Vicky Darlington - 428215



Contemplative Prayer Christmas Party

The Contemplative

Prayer group will be meeting for reflection and, afterwards, a Christmas party, at 5 Gloucester Close, on Sunday 16th at **6.30pm** (please note the earlier than usual start).

David Mayers is leading our time of contemplation with the topic 'The sound of the angels'.

A contribution of £5.00 is requested towards the cost of the refreshments. All are welcome.



Advent Response

Our first Advent candle reminds us of Abraham, Isaac, Moses and David – our predecessors in faith history – who looked forward to the coming of Jesus.

Today is the Second Sunday of Advent, and we remember how God our Father also spoke through his prophets and told them of the Christ who was to come.

This week's response at the lighting of the Advent Candles is:

For prophets declaring the word of God: Praise you, Lord.



This Week's Eco-Tip

Which Christmas tree to buy? Unless you already have an artificial tree it is much better to buy a real tree, locally sourced, preferably with roots on and therefore, if planted in the

garden after Christmas re-usable year after year.

If you can't get one with roots on recycle it at: <https://www.eastcheshirehospice.org.uk/echtrees>. Artificial trees are made of plastic in the Far East and so have a large carbon footprint.

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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