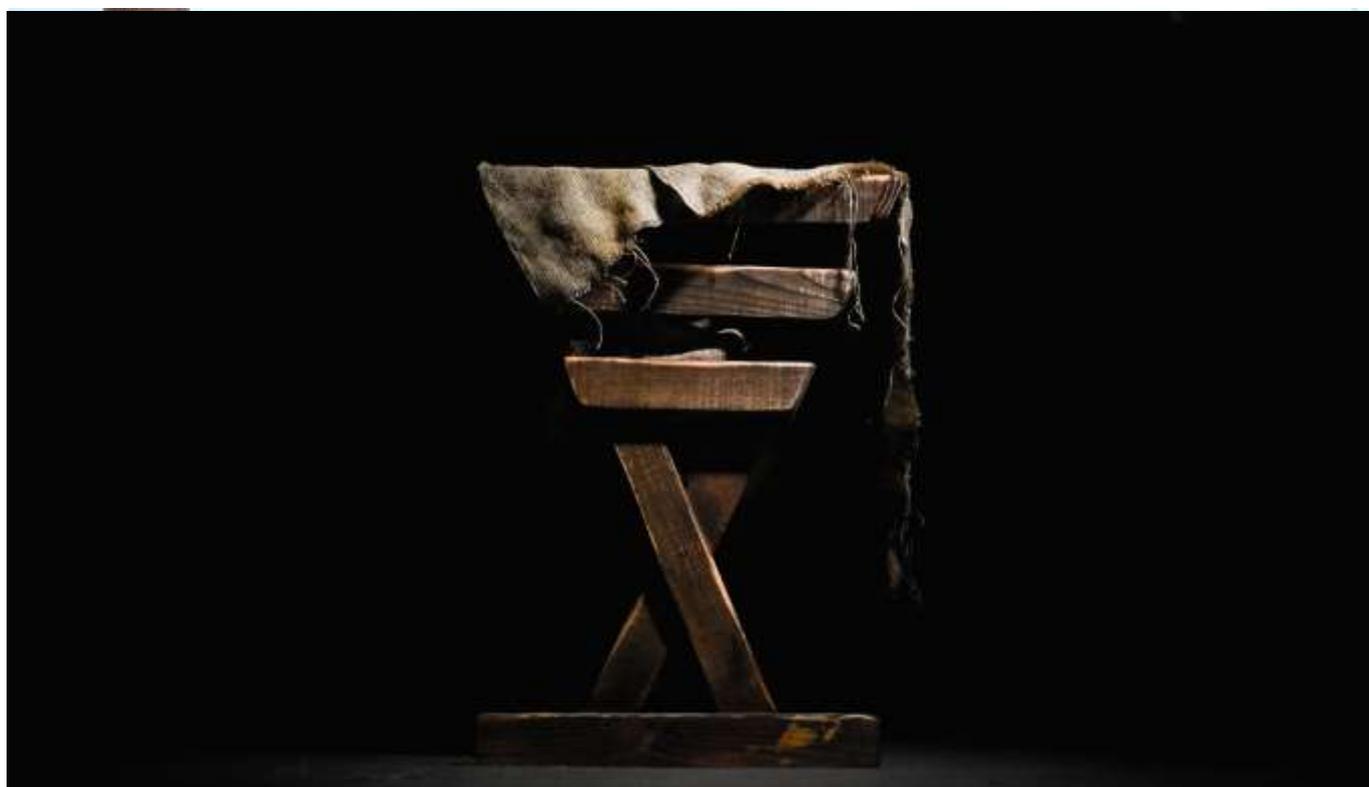


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Welcome to Macclesfield Team Ministry

Macclesfield Team Ministry is a family of four churches that are located in the town of Macclesfield and are part of the Church of England. We are four different communities of people seeking to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and trying to bring wholeness and healing to the wider town.



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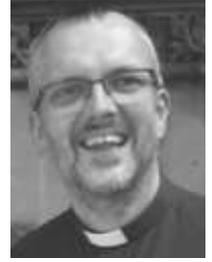
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From the clergy



“Encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace” – 2 Corinthians 13:11a

Elsewhere in this edition of LINK, you'll see a photo of the players of Macclesfield Parish FC and MP St Peter's FC, taken before a friendly fixture against each other earlier this year. I like to imagine that any photo taken after the match might have contained just as many smiling faces, but perhaps not such pristine kit! One of the joys of being Team Rector is hearing what's going on around the four churches, recognising all the good things that many people are doing within their church and wider communities. As you can perhaps imagine, keeping abreast of it all can be quite a challenge, but there is genuinely so much that's good and worth celebrating:

- a new toddler group at St Barnabas, making use of the building on Friday mornings, asked for by young mums, encouraged and facilitated by the Church Council, supported by some older people who perhaps can't get to floor level, but can make tea, toast, and smile.
- confidence at All Saints in their delivering the 1st Sunday Café Church service without a vicar, with the added encouragement (from the Lay Conference in May) that All Saints have been 'ahead of the curve' on this compared with churches elsewhere in the diocese for some time!
- a service marking 70 years since the arrival and dedication of St Peter's bells was followed by a very successful open afternoon – bell-ringing, food, live music and a

communal knit-in drew together lots of people from a wide area;

- the launch of a new youth group at St Michael's on Sunday evenings, providing a place of fun, fellowship and learning for young people of high school and college age. One of their early activities together was an evening at Superbowl.

In the interests of relationship- and team-building amongst the office team,



we (Sue, Emma, Karen, David and I) followed the young people's lead and headed off to Lyme Green for a successful morning of attempted strikes! To be fair, none of us excelled at the sport. Next time, perhaps! However, it was fun, and there was enough embarrassment and impressive success all round to keep the interest levels there. And if you've popped into the Team Office since that morning, you'll perhaps have seen the poster proudly on display (see photo). Of course, all this jollity was in the name of team-building, a very important part of our life together as churches.

Just the other day it was a delight to culminate the work of various groups from our four churches, those who had worked towards the appointment of a new Team Vicar. By the time you read

this, we may have been able to announce who our new colleague is to be. As that individual joins Macclesfield Team Ministry, he will be looking forward to joining our various teams, each of which will require relationship- and team-building. Perhaps, more crucial than going to Superbowl, will be St Paul's words: **“Encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace”**.

As 2017 gives way to a new year, may you, and may our church congregations, find ways to do these – to encourage one another, to be of one mind, and to live in peace? And as you do, may you experience the rest of that verse coming true too:

“And the God of love and peace will be with you.” (2 Cor.13:11b)

With every blessing for Christmas and beyond.

Martin

Everybody Welcome

As part of her curacy, Revd Karen Brady is completing an MA in Practical and Contextual Theology.

To this end, St Michael's will be running the “Everybody Welcome” course over 4 sessions during Lent next year, with Sunday services linked to the theme too.

Karen hopes most church members will participate in the course, both to support her and to appreciate what a good welcome we currently offer. **As part of the process we'll be inviting 'mystery worshippers' to attend St Michael's and give us feedback of their experience too!**

“Everybody Welcome” may be extended further across the Team Ministry, in consultation with the Team Vicar designate.



Link

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this edition of Link. If you would like to submit news, an article or photos, please email linkteammagazine@gmail.com or hand in your contribution at the Team Office. The deadline for the Feb/Mar edition is Monday 8th January 2018. The views expressed in this edition of Link do not necessarily reflect the views of the editorial team or the PCCs of the churches.

“Sainsbury’s – Don’t Ditch Fairtrade”.

On Tuesday 24th October members of Macclesfield Fairtrade Town Group met with Sainsbury’s local store manager to present him with a letter signed by many Macclesfield Fairtrade supporters expressing their concern about Sainsbury’s recent move to drop the Fairtrade certification from their Red Label tea replacing it with their own “Fairly Traded” scheme.

Sainsbury’s has introduced the new scheme to secure their supply chains and, like Fairtrade, their scheme includes a guaranteed minimum price and a social premium. However, crucially, the social premium is kept by Sainsbury’s and farmers and producers have to apply to a board sitting in London to access this money.

Tea farmers in Africa have publicly opposed the move saying “Your

model will bring about disempowerment” as it takes away their power to decide on how the ‘Sainsbury’s social premium’ should be invested to benefit their communities.

Under Fairtrade, the Fairtrade premium is paid directly to

producers and farmers who decide within their own communities on the best use of that money, whether it is reinvested in their business to improve their product or used to improve their

community’s healthcare or education facilities. This together with the other benefits of Fairtrade makes Fairtrade an alternative way of trading that empowers producers to take control and trade their way out of poverty.

Producer empowerment is fundamental to Fairtrade.

Sainsbury’s new Fairly Traded scheme is also confusing for consumers and risks undermining

the credibility of ethical labelling. While the Fairtrade Foundation is open to new ways of working that will make the benefits of Fairtrade available to more producers we do not believe that Sainsbury’s new scheme maintains the standards required for Fairtrade.

Our message to consumers is “keep looking out for

www.macclesfieldfairtrade.org.uk”

Producer empowerment is fundamental to Fairtrade.



Team Notices

Team Social

Were you at the Team Social in February, when Darth Vader turned up as a guest at the Open Door Café?

A time of fun and togetherness, we intend to have another social evening early in 2018. Listen out for more details, but start to plan your act!

**Saturday 10th February
St Barnabas Church**

Our Church Community

Email
linkteammagazine@gmail.com

Christmas

As is usual, there’ll only be one service the Sunday after Christmas, 10.30am on 31st December. As last year, this will include an act of commitment, an opportunity to offer ourselves afresh to God. What will be different this year is that it will be at St Barnabas Church.

Team Vicar Appointment

Thank you for your prayers and support over the past few weeks in respect of the process towards seeking a new Team Vicar. We invited two candidates to attend interview. The panel then met to make a decision, and I’m delighted to let you know that an offer has been made and verbally accepted for the post of Team Vicar in the Macclesfield Team Ministry. For the time-being we cannot divulge the appointee’s details (there are a few necessary HR and other preliminaries to be sorted first), but we will make an announcement in our churches as soon as possible.
Martin

Eco-church news

What happens to all the plastic we throw away?

Some of it gets recycled, but most of it ends up in land-fill or the oceans. Single-use packaging is so widely accepted and expected; and the average UK household gets through 500 plastic bottles a year, all of which contributes to the 50 trillion particles of plastic now estimated to be floating on the surface of the oceans. Almost all of the plastic created still exists, and global annual plastic production was 311m tonnes in 2014 and is still increasing.

So what can we do about this environmental disaster? Buy yourselves a set of re-usables – cups

for coffee (keepcup.com offer containers which fit under any coffee machine), bottles for water (try jerrybottle.com), paper bags for sandwiches, re-usable shopping bags (pop into St Michael's for one of our handy jute bags); and try taking your own containers into shops to be filled with your purchases of rice, pasta etc (this could be tricky, but some shops will do this). And what about buying your friends and relatives re-usable cups and bottles for Christmas? Sign up to the Greenpeace campaign to put a deposit on all plastic bottles.

It's hard work, but ask yourselves how much plastic you are happy to see floating in the ocean or contained in the food and drink we consume.



Photo by Stephen Codrington

Sports Report

Football - the team ministry runs two teams in the South Manchester and Cheshire Christian Football League: Macclesfield Parish FC play in the 3rd Division, and our "2nd" team MP St Peter's FC play in the 2nd Division. Last season, 2016-17, St Peter's managed the fantastic achievement of reaching the final of the cup competition, where they unfortunately lost to Burnley Life Church (who have won the cup for the last 5 years).

It's all-age (16+) football, played under FA supervision with a few additional rules, such as zero-tolerance of dissent and swearing. That doesn't prevent the games being very competitive and serious, but

should add to the enjoyment of players and supporters (and particularly of referees!). We play our home games on the Tip, opposite St Peter's, at 10.30 on Saturday mornings, spectators are very welcome – look on the league web-site for details of our fixtures <https://www.leaguewebsite.co.uk/smccfl>

The aims and mission of our league are as follows:

Aims of the League

To provide an environment through which people can encounter God through playing football which is competitive and played in a sporting, friendly and honest way.

Mission

1. To use football to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ through contact with people who wouldn't normally

go into a Church.

2. To witness through actions and behaviour to non-Christians.

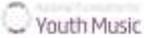
3. To develop friendships with non-Christians and so provide an opportunity to talk about Christianity and share the Good News.

Most of our players like playing for our teams because they enjoy the kind of football we play and being part of a friendly group, but we hope they find out something about the Christian faith at the same time! The photo shows the 2 teams before a friendly fixture earlier in the year.

For more information talk to any of the management team: Col Smith, James Booth, Jonny Porter, Andy Durrant, David Mayers.

(davidjmayers@btinternet.com)




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Every Friday during term time.



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 Lyme Avenue, Macclesfield

Some graphics created by Pixart

★ FOOD GIVEAWAY ★

AT THE COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FEAST

FRIDAY 22nd DECEMBER, FROM 12PM TO 3PM
 AT ST BARNABAS CHURCH, LYME AVE

Calling all our wonderful supporters

We are planning a 'Food Giveaway' at the Community Christmas Feast at St Barnabas Church. Following the incredible response at previous giveaways we realise how important it is for so many, so close to Christmas.

If you are able to donate items (see below) please get in touch with Cre8 on 01625 503740

* Non-perishable food - we will take donations of non perishable items any time between now and Friday 22nd. These can be dropped at the Cre8 House (11 Belgrave Road) or get in touch as we might be able to collect.

* Perishable food - we will take in donations of perishable food (like bread, milk, juice, fruit, veg etc) on Monday 17th until the morning of Friday the 22nd. These can be dropped off at Cre8 or get in touch and we may be able to collect.

* Toys, toiletries, washing powder & nappies - we are VERY keen for donations (unopened / unused). Families and young people are often in need of these.

If you are able to ask your local shop or business to donate something then please do!

We really do appreciate your support for the young people of the New Road estate and their families.

Cre8 is a local charity from the Moss Vale Estate in Macclesfield. Charity number: 1147180. www.cre8macclesfield.org



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Winter Hope Accommodation Macclesfield

The churches in Macclesfield are trying to help people who are suffering due to cut backs and lack of affordable accommodation. Some initiatives are:

- Silk Life Food Bank - emergency food support for people and families who would otherwise go hungry.
- Street Angels - helping people by listening, caring and offering practical help on our streets at night.
- Treehouse - offering free hot meals and drinks to the hungry in a warm, safe, and friendly environment.

Another initiative is WHAM (Winter Hope Accommodation Macclesfield) which will provide winter weekend cover in the period from late December to late March at churches in the town through:

- Each church providing shelter for a

weekend at a time.

- Shelter for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights with host churches providing meals on Friday and Sunday evenings and breakfast each day. Treehouse will provide Saturday evening meals.

While this is only a partial solution to the problem WHAM covers the worst of the winter at times when least assistance is available elsewhere.

Our objective is to *"Begin the end of the homeless experience."*

Churches etc. are open to receive guests from 8.00pm until 10.30pm each weekend evening.

Capacity is limited to eight people and shelters are for adult males only. No alcohol is permitted on the premises.

A leaflet giving further details is available from the Church Office and other locations.

| Week No | Date | Church |
|---------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | 15-18 December | St Michael's Scout Hut |
| 2 | 22-25/26 December | United Reformed Church |
| 3 | 29 Dec - 1 January 2018 | St Michael's Church |
| 4 | 5-8 January | Elim Church |
| 5 | 12-15 January | United Reformed Church |
| 6 | 19-22 January | Macclesfield Methodists |
| 7 | 26-29 January | Salvation Army |
| 8 | 2-5 February | St Alban's Church |
| 9 | 9-12 February | St Michael's Church |
| 10 | 16-19 February | Macclesfield Methodists |
| 11 | 23-26 February | Elim Church |
| 12 | 2-5 March | Salvation Army |
| 13 | 9-12 March | St Alban's Church |
| 14 | 16-19 March | United Reformed Church |



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2nd December
2018
6th January
3rd February
3rd March
7th April
5th May
2nd or 9th June TBC



St Barnabas Church
Lyme Avenue
off London Rd

Christmas Crib Festival

Thursday 14 December 1pm - 5.00 pm
Friday 15 December 1pm - 5.00 pm
Saturday 16 December 10am - 4.30 pm

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have been made or shared by members of the
Congregation and organisations in our parish.
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'Enjoy the real meaning of Christmas'

Confirmation

Warmest congratulations to Cherell Mills (St Barnabas), Beth Rushton (St Peter's), Ed Whittingham (St Michael's) and Connor Shaw (St Barnabas) who were confirmed by Bishop Libby at St Michael's on Tuesday 14th November. It was a very joyous occasion.



New Youth Group

A new Youth Group has just been **started again at St Michael's** for secondary aged children. The Group meets from 6.00pm to 7.30pm most Sundays in term time except for second Sundays when Choral Evensong is on.

The Group is being led by James Booth, Jonny Porter, Catherine Stephens, Ruth Thompson and Sue Reid. A total of 18 secondary aged **children from St Michael's** were identified and invited to join the group. We started the term with a walk at **Tegg's Nose** and discussion about what the young people wanted from a church youth group.

Since then we have met a number of times discussing various issues including how difficult it can be to be a young Christian and what it means to be a Christian. Each session includes food and games and there will be at



least one social event each half term. On one session we went bowling, girls v boys (see picture). The girls **were victorious! At least that's my**



recollection!?! For more information contact Sue Reid clergypa@gmail.com

Fun & Games at All Saints Messy Church



Our story was about two cousins Mary & Elizabeth. We enjoyed fun activities, singing and prayer plus a delicious meal of cottage pie.

Cathedral & Gallery Visit

On Thursday 12th October, 25 members of our congregation travelled from Macclesfield by coach to visit Manchester Cathedral and the Whitworth Art Gallery.

On arrival at the Cathedral, David Wightman had arranged for us to obtain coffee and cakes at the nearby cafe before starting a guided tour of the recently refurbished Cathedral.

Little did we know that we were going to be joined by Pep Guardiola and his wife for coffee – but that is another story!

In the Cathedral we were split into three groups each led by a guide who gave us an interesting and informative tour, which lasted about three quarters of an hour.

One of the highlights of the tour was the “modern” stained-glass windows and to see and hear about the recent refurbishment – ground source heating, new flooring and the wonderful new organ.

The previous organ was a “temporary” one, replacing the one destroyed in the German bombing

during the 1940s. The new organ was made possible when the Cathedral received funding from the Stoller Charitable Trust, an organisation founded by Oldham’s, Sir Norman Stoller.

The organ was built and installed by Kenneth Tickell and Co., based in Nottingham. The structural framework built to support the organ was a major undertaking in its own right. The cost of the organ and



installation works totalled £2.6 million and was completed last year.

Our sincere thanks, again to David Wightman for organising our visit to the Cathedral.

After leaving the Cathedral we made our way to the newly refurbished Whitworth Art Gallery for lunch followed by a guided tour and a time to reflect and appreciate the sculptures, exhibits and architecture of this wonderful restored building as well as the various displays.

We were also able to sit outside and appreciate the beautiful sunshine. We then boarded the coach for our trip back to home to Macclesfield with our excellent driver, Andy. A sincere thank you to Hilary Halliwell for organising the coach.

A truly memorable day and plenty to think and reflect on from our visits to the Cathedral and the Art Gallery.

Vicky Darlington

The Charities Bazaar

The Charities Bazaar is to be held at St Michael’s on **Saturday 2nd December** from 10.00 am to 3.00pm.

Once again the Children’s Society are running a toiletries stall. We are on the scrounge once more for all you unused and unwanted toiletries!

Thank you for your all your past support. Here’s hoping you can dig deeply once more and help us to raise some money for our charity.

Please give any contributions to Jenny Wild, Hilary Halliwell or pop them into the office.

Many thanks

Jenny Wild



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to 25th January.

In Macclesfield there will be a Service for Christian Unity:-

Macclesfield Methodist Church
Sunday 21st January 2018 at 3.00pm

Abuses of human rights are found across the region and we are challenged to consider our manner of welcoming of the stranger into our midst. Human trafficking and modern-day slavery continue to be huge issues. Addiction to drugs and pornography continue to be serious challenges to all societies. The debt crisis has a negative impact upon the nations and upon individuals – the economies of the nations and people have become precarious. Family life continues to be challenged by the economic restrictions which lead to migration, domestic abuse and violence. Lots for our churches to pray for.



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The Town Carol Service

For all who live, work and volunteer in the Town Centre

**Thursday 21st December 2017
at 7.30pm**

St Michael & All Angels' Church, Macclesfield

with Silk Brass Band & St Michael's Church Choir

Speaker:
Pip Mosscrop
 Coordinator, HOPE in North East Cheshire



New Readers start here

On Saturday 21 October at the Reader's licensing service the new Warden and Assistant Wardens of Readers were licensed.

The new Warden of Readers is the Rev Vivien Gisby (centre), Vicar of St John's Weston, but who started her Christian journey in the Team Parish as a member of SMiT, before becoming a Reader, then going forward for ordination,

and serving her curacy at Sutton St James. The Assistant Warden for the Macclesfield Archdeaconry is Fran Hiles (left), a member of the Team, who worships at St Barnabas Church. The Assistant Warden for the Chester Archdeaconry is the Revd Christine Broad (right), who is from the Wirral, but used to be at the adjoining parish to Revd Martin Stephens, when they were both in Lichfield Diocese.




COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS FEAST

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Events & Notices

Music at Mike's

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Church or hall bookings

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Our Church

Mums 'n' Tots Groups

WEDNESDAYS — 9.30am to 11.00am

St Peter's Church 'Take a Break'

Contact the Team Office 01625 421984

WEDNESDAYS — 1.30pm to 3.00pm

All Saints Church '0-5 Club'

Contact Shirley Hill: 01625 426874

THURSDAYS — 10.00am to 11.30am

St Michael's Church

Contact Church Office: 01625 421984

FRIDAYS — 10.00am to 12.00pm

St Barnabas Church

Contact Church Office: 01625 503740

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We work together with the management of Macclesfield Town Centre and the Police to help people, whoever they are and whatever their situation, by listening, caring, offering practical help or referring them to specialist agencies.



Without our volunteers we cannot run this valuable service. We urgently need more volunteers for this role. If you are interested to know more, please speak to David Wightman on 07770 785188.

St Michael's is Open Monday to Saturday 10.30am to 12.30pm. Call in for a look round or refreshments.

Sunday & Christmas Services

| Sundays | All Saints Brough St. West | St Barnabas Lyme Ave. | St. Michael & All Angels In the Market Place | St Peter's Windmill St. |
|---------------------|---|---|--|---|
| 3rd Dec | 9.30am Informal Service | 11.15am Holy Communion | 9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Holy Communion 6.30pm Advent Carol Service | 9.30am Holy Communion |
| 4th Dec - Monday | | | 7.30pm Advent Taize Service | |
| 10th Dec | 9.30am Holy Communion | 11.15am Christingle & Nativity | 9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Morning Prayer 4.00pm Christingle | 9.30am Morning Prayer |
| 17th Dec | 9.30am Morning Worship | 11.15am Traditional Carol Service | 10.30am Joint Nativity Service 6.30pm Carols by Candlelight | 9.30am Holy Communion 6.00pm Carol Service |
| 21st Dec - Thursday | | | 7.30pm Town Carol Service | |
| 24th Dec | 9.30am Carol Service 8.15pm Carols & Communion Service | 11.30am Holy Communion 3.30pm Crib Service | 11.00am Morning Prayer 4.00pm Crib Service | 9.30am Worship for All 4.00pm Crib Service |
| 25th Dec | 9.30am Holy Communion | No Service | 10.30am Christmas Day Communion Service | 10.00am am Holy Communion |
| 31st Dec | 10.30am Team Holy Communion Service at St Barnabas | | | |
| 7th Jan | 9.30am Informal Service | 11.15am Holy Communion | 9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Holy Communion | 9.30am Holy Communion |
| 14th Jan | 9.30am Holy Communion | 11.15am All age worship | 9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Choral Evensong | 9.30am Morning Prayer |
| 21st Jan | 9.30am Morning Worship | 11..15am Holy Communion | 9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion | 9.30am Holy Communion |
| 28th Jan | 10.30am Holy Communion | 11.15am Morning Prayer | 10.30am Treacle Service | 9.30am Worship for All |

Please see back page - and other pages in LINK for details of additional and special Christmas services

Services in December & January

Hospital Services

**St Luke's Chapel,
Macclesfield Hospital**
Sunday 10th December
Sunday 14th January
11.00am

Have you ever thought about helping support patients who come to worship? Can you help out on a weekly or more occasional basis?

For more information please contact
Vicky & Gordon Darlington
01625 428215



Messy Church

4.00pm - 6.00pm - All Saints Church

Saturday 2nd December
Saturday 6th January

It's a once a month time of creativity, worship and eating together for families for whom traditional Sunday Services don't work.

Midweek Communion

**Thursdays
10.30am
St Michael's Church**

Healing Service

**St Michael's Church
Service of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness 12.30pm**

5th January (No service in December)
This service will last about half an hour and all are welcome. It contains intercessions for those who are sick or grieving and there will be an opportunity for those who wish to receive prayer with laying on of hands.

Christmas at St Michael's



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Taizé Service Monday 4th Dec 7.00pm

Christingle Sunday 10th Dec 4.00pm

Nativity Sunday 17th Dec 10.30am

Carols by Candlelight Sunday 17th Dec 6.30pm

Crib Service Christmas Eve 4.00pm

Midnight Communion Christmas Eve 11.30pm

Christmas Communion Christmas Day 10.30am



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CHRISTMAS @ ALL SAINTS CHURCH

2nd December
4.00pm Christmas Messy Church

Christmas Eve
9.30am Carol Service
8.15pm Carols & Communion
with mulled wine & mince pies

Christmas Day
9.30am Christmas Communion

New Year's Eve
10.30am Team Communion
at St Barnabas Church



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3rd December
11.15am Holy Communion

10th December
11.15am Christingle &
Nativity Service

17th December
11.15am 9 Lessons & Carols

Christmas Eve
11.15am Holy Communion
3.30pm Crib Service

Christmas Day No service
St Michael's at 10.30am, St Peter's
at 9.30am & All Saints at 9.30am

New Year's Eve
10.30am Team Service here

Christmas @ ST BARNABAS
Lyme Avenue, Macclesfield SK11 7RS



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SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 6pm
Carol Service
An evening of festive music and carols
for all the community, with chestnuts,
mulled wine and mince pies.

SUNDAY 24th DECEMBER 4pm
**Crib Service &
Christingle**
The Posada (travelling crib)
returns to church

CHRISTMAS DAY 10am
**Christmas Morning
Celebration**

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