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# Welcome to Macclesfield Team Ministry

**M**acclesfield 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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# A tribute to David Wightman

As I look back over 30+ years of knowing David, it seems his greatness of heart, his goodness and his fun-loving personality crept up on me stealthily. But from the outset, all at St Michael's became aware of the Wightman couple: two talented, sociable, entertaining people who complemented each other perfectly. David was, of course, conspicuous for being a Reader, celebrating 50 years of Reader ministry only last Summer. So we listened to David preach, generally impressed that his message was always well-researched, well-structured and entertaining, and confident that somewhere in each sermon would be the inevitable joke at Mrs W's expense, and always a jewel of spiritual teaching for us to take home and ponder.

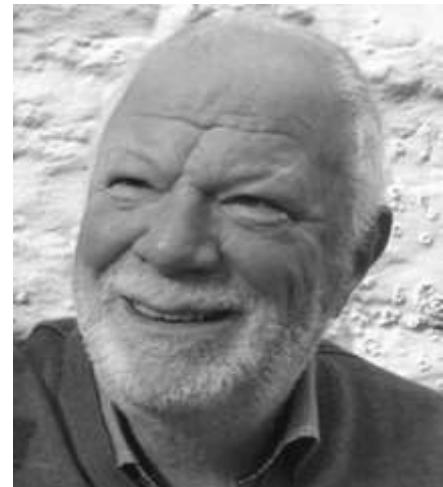
But I guess it was in the mid to late 90s that David really began to make his unique impact. The catalyst was an ongoing agenda item on every church council meeting – “What can be done about the toilets?” After seeming decades of consideration, the building committee decided to get some ideas from an architect, and the upshot was this magnificently and beautifully re-structured building comprising – yes the improved toilet facilities - but also an excellent kitchen, a welcoming entrance area, a variety of offices, meeting rooms, choir vestry – in fact what you see at St Michael's today. The project was ambitious and frightening– it cost £1.4m. It was risky, it met with opposition; it required considerable effort and commitment from a range of individuals, as well as support from the whole church. And it was David who led this work.

Chairing a dedicated team who took responsibility for fund-raising, legal issues, building constraints, publicity, etc., David not only brought to this project his professional skills, but he kept the deeper vision alive. For the project - called “Open Door” – was driven, actually *not* by a desire for an improved building but by a determination to open up the doors of our own minds and hearts, to become what Jesus wants us to be: a loving, sharing, caring church, relevant to the

21<sup>st</sup> century and integral to the life of the town, opening the doors to send us out, as well as to welcome others in. Once the work was completed, David and Chris became church managers, ensuring the smooth running of the facilities as the building was increasingly used by and for the wider town community including a daily café, concerts, exhibitions, meetings and events.

However, it was on retirement from his professional career in the early 2000s that David implemented a significant gear-change and (if you'll excuse the pun) truly “revved up”! David defined a new role: Town Centre Minister and then we all became aware of just what an amazing man David was. You would inevitably hear people saying “David’s been talking about Street Angels”; “David’s thinking of setting up a nightshelter”; “David’s organising the Just Drop In carol service” “David wants us to deliver leaflets to all the shops”; “David’s arranging some lunch-time talks for local shop and office-workers”; “David’s opening the building to the Barnaby Festival”; “David’s helped to organise a holocaust exhibition”; “David’s asked me to help out at ROAR”. David’s contacts spread across every local organisation and body. He was truly ecumenical in his outlook, working collaboratively and effectively with the Baptist, Methodist, United Reformed, Pentecostal and Roman Catholic churches on initiatives to combat hardship, social injustice, and vulnerability. His relationships involved so many from across our town. It seems that everyone knew David. And *everyone* respected and loved him.

It was David who was instrumental in establishing the Street Angels scheme in Macclesfield, whereby trained volunteers walk the streets late on Saturday night, helping those the worse for wear, and calming alcohol fuelled misbehaviour or aggression. PC Neil Cooke recalls how, as he walked his beat, he would invariably bump into David walking his own beat. David always walked the walk, literally and metaphorically. At the many meetings David attended, his positivity and can-



do attitude was legendary – in fact, one committee member joked that David always said “yes”, then asked afterwards what the question was! What drove David was his faith in a loving God, whose overriding concern is for the disadvantaged, voiceless and in need, and whose desire is for proactive harmony and collaborative endeavour. Whatever might help someone in need, whatever might build community cohesion, whatever might bind us all in our common humanity – these were David’s priorities. And it was our blessing and privilege to work with him, knowing we were in safe, wise hands. He made us all better people. He was the embodiment of St Francis’s precept to “preach the gospel everywhere – using words only when necessary”. What a man. What a man of God.

But I cannot end with the David who was instrumental in so many aspects of town and community life, irreplaceable and outstanding though he be. I will end remembering David our friend, *my* friend. If you didn’t really know him, please don’t imagine that David was a stereotypical “do-gooder”. My abiding memory – and yours too I suspect – is of David with a glass of wine (preferably red), or a pint of beer in his hand, a good meal (usually cooked by the inimitable Christine) in front of him, a twinkle in his eyes, mischief in his conversation and sometimes so much fun and humour that he would literally rock to and fro with laughter.

How we loved him.

How we will miss him.

*Lynne Spedding*



# The Big Church Day Out

I attended the BCDO last year along with my 15 year old daughter and her two friends and my son then 11. It was a weekend event, but we were not free on the Saturday, much to the kids' dismay – they rather fancied a night in a tent - so we just went for the full day on the Friday.

To my amazement, it was a full day! I'd envisaged at least one of them saying "Can we go home now? I'm bored!" But no. There was plenty to do to keep all of us busy and entertained throughout the day and they want to go back this year.

I'd checked out the website beforehand and there was a good mixture of things we could all do, if we wished, plenty of which was for free (some were at a cost but generally £2-3 each - we almost managed to steer clear of these).

What we did do was a BMX bike course; a climbing wall; face painting; fair stalls: tin can alley, ball in a bucket, splat the rat; archery; an animal petting/viewing area; chill out hammocks; puppet shows; an area showing religious based Lego animation, with Lego villages to look at, craft tent (cost per item) and Christian bands playing at about three different areas (one of which was in a big top tent)

of varying styles of music. There was also an MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) challenge to do which was fun to do as a family but best for older children/adults as it required a bit of logic!!

There were also lots of areas we didn't manage to visit, so there probably would have been things to do the next day, had we stayed, or come back.

However, the main thing the kids all really enjoyed was the evening. Many churches had clearly come in groups as there were many gazebos arched around the upper part of a big dipped field which acts as an amphitheatre, below them were just lots of bring your own rugs and camping chairs on the slopes and below that a flat standing/dancing/worshipping area in front of a huge, lit stage where everyone came together for the evenings' bands. There was a big screen so, if you wanted, you could sing along too. The girls had also made their own BCDO festival T-shirts in the craft



tent earlier in the day. There was real festival atmosphere and the weather was mainly kind.

It did rain heavily at one point in the day, but there were plenty of tents to duck into. Just go prepared! There were food and drink outlets but we took a packed lunch and tea and do take some seating with you.

My only other tip is to book early to take advantage of the lower costs, otherwise it's a tad expensive and I'd buy a £5 programme next time, so I know who's playing where in the day – the 3 tents are a distance apart!

Hope to see you there in June.

*Judith Whittingham*

Phil Coltman, Churches Relations Manager for BCDO has written to the churches of Macclesfield, encouraging them to book for the next gathering at Capesthorne Hall

We are really looking forward to all things Big Church Day Out and Big Church Live as we enter 2018. The Rend Collective UK Tour is just about to start and our planning for BCDO 2018 has kicked off at a real pace.

For our 10th year we are really pulling all the stops out to make this year a huge celebration of all things that are good, helped along by Matt Redman, Kari Jobe, Crowder, Travis Greene, Housefires, Martin Smith, For King and Country and many, many more to add to the line up!!

We are excited to be returning to Capesthorne Hall in Cheshire and we have been really moved by how we

have been welcomed by all those of you in the Midlands and the North, really looking forward to growing this event and securing the venue for many years to come.

I am busy out and about sharing the heart and vision of BCDO and would love to connect and be connected to Church leaders, networks, people gatherers and influencers. If you can help in any way sharing the good news or helping me to connect with such folks your assistance would be very much appreciated.

It is estimated that we will have 40,000 plus gathering together in unity to worship, pray and

fellowship with each other this year, with a great opportunity to share the gospel and see 1000s respond and make life changing decisions that will change individuals, families and communities.

And finally, for all the information you will ever need and to purchase tickets go to [www.bigchurchayout.com](http://www.bigchurchayout.com)

*There will be local instructions issued soon about how to take advantage of an early bird group booking discounted rate through HOPE churches.*

1st & 2nd  
June  
2018

# From the clergy: Meet Andy Williams

Last November seems so long ago now, but it is only just over two months since Revd Andy Williams accepted the invitation to become the other Team Vicar here in Macclesfield.

I hope you will join me in welcoming Andy and his wife Louise to Macclesfield. His licensing service, officiated by Bishop Libby, takes place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm at St Michael's Church. In the meantime, hear from Andy in his own words ...

Hello everyone,

I'm Andy your new Team Vicar and, together with my wife Louise, am looking forward to joining you in the middle of March. It is both an exciting and daunting time moving from my current post in Brinnington to Macclesfield partly as it's a place that, so far, I know very little about. I am really looking forward to being part of the Team in Macc and sharing ministry with those already there.

Being a Vicar can sometimes be quite lonely as there often aren't people to share things with or work alongside. So part of my excitement is to be working with and supporting others, whilst knowing there are people who share the local vision and I can share ministry with. I very much enjoy being with people and sharing life and faith with them so being part of the Team, in all its variety, will be stimulating.

It will also be a joy to live in a 'proper' house, the first time since my curacy. We are both looking forward to living somewhere not surrounded by a church and graveyard etc. as well as having some neighbours to get to know and share life with.

I am also looking forward to meeting people in the various churches in the Team, especially those of All Saints and St Barnabas. It might take me a while to get to know everyone - so please keep reminding me! It will be good to find out people's hopes and dreams for the future so that we can work together with the Lord to grow His Kingdom.

I am passionate about proclaiming Jesus to the people I meet and sharing His good news. I hope that together we will find new ways of engaging with the communities surrounding the churches as well as continuing to do all that is already working well. Louise and I work as a team and have complementary gifts that I'm sure we'll enjoy sharing with you as we find our feet.

We look forward to coming to live among you, worship with you, and share in being disciples together. I hope that our ministry among you will be a blessing to all.



*Louise and Andy Williams with their granddaughter Olivia*

## Getting to know Andy...

*What three words best describe you?*  
Enthusiastic, creative, passionate

*Which people in your life are the most important you?*

My wife Louise, our children Becca and Hannah and our granddaughter, Olivia..

*What is your favourite TV programme?*  
Doctor Who. I love science fiction and the memories of being scared as a child.

*What is the best thing about the church you belong to?*  
Their willingness to change.

*Who has most inspired you in your life?*  
Roy, a youth leader when I was a teenager. It was his gentle faith that spoke to me about God.

*What book or film did you see/read recently that you enjoyed?*  
The Last Jedi.

*Tell us one thing about yourself that many people would not know?*

I support Blackpool Football Club.

*If you could invite anyone for tea, who would it be?*

Neil Armstrong. Want ask to what it is like to be in space and walk on the moon.

*What is your favourite hymn or song and why?*

'We see love' by Gareth Robinson. It is a song that I find brings me into the presence of Jesus.

*What do you do, or where do you go to unwind?*

Go out for a walk with Louise (coffee and cake usually included).

*What is your prayer for the world?*  
That all people would come to know their Creator through an encounter with Jesus.

# IT'S FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT COME ON IN

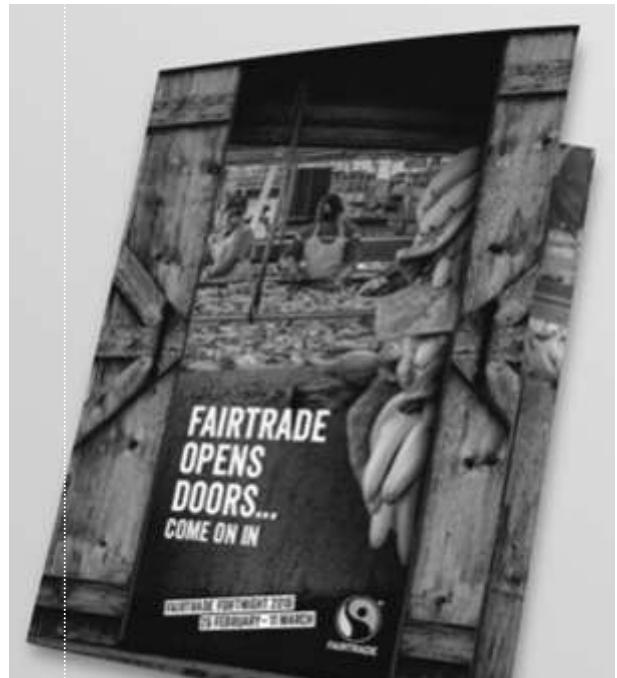
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# Epiphany

Three wise men,  
Three strange gifts.  
Gold, glistening, garish,  
Loud and valuable.  
Transfixing the unwary,  
Transforming the wise to fools and  
fools to wise.  
Kingly pomp on lowly shoulders.

Frankincense from bushes in Sheba or  
Dedan,  
Flying snakes fester them according to  
old Herodotus.  
Aroma or incense rising through the  
atmosphere and sifting  
Like prayers before the throne of God.

Myrrh, said to be bitter, as the hymn  
recollects;  
Fast forward to a crucifixion, from a  
lonely stable to lonely hill.  
From His birth to my re-birth.

Two epiphanies.

Richard Muirhead

## Gordon Hall

It was with great sadness we heard that **Gordon Hall passed away on New Year's Day.**

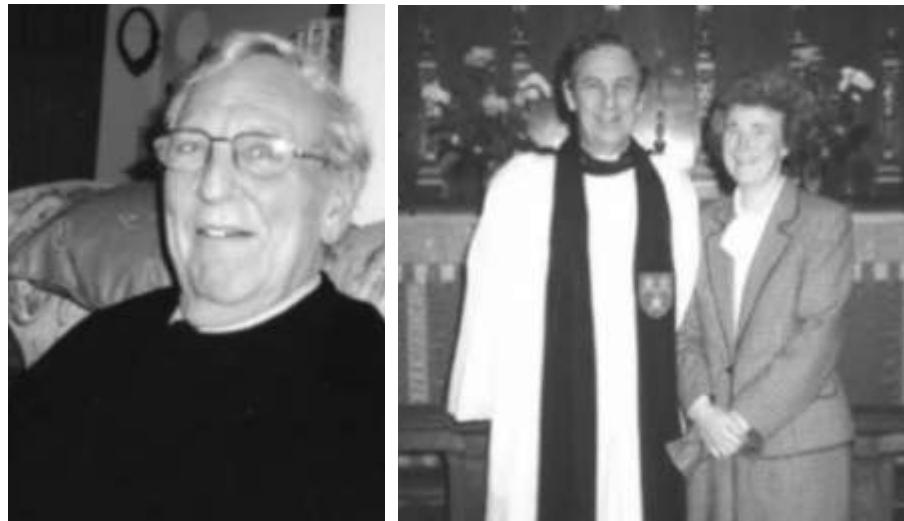
He was a Reader for many years and on moving back to Poynton from North Wales ten and half years ago, Gordon and his wife, Elvina became very much involved in the Healing Services at St Michael's and the services held in St Luke's Chapel at Macclesfield District General Hospital. Sadly, Gordon's health greatly deteriorated over the past twelve months.

A wonderful leader with a strong faith, which he was able to share over the many years with so many people.

Our thoughts and prayers at this time are with Elvina and their family.

Vicky Darlington

# Bishop Michael F Gear



Sadly, we heard that Michael Gear died peacefully on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at the age of 83. Our thoughts and prayers are with Daphne and their family at this difficult time.

### Reflections

**from Gordon Darlington**

Michael, his wife Daphne and their two daughters Sue and Sally joined us at St Michael's upon his appointment as Rector in 1980. During the second half of his eight years with us he also served as Rural Dean of Macclesfield until his appointment in 1988 as Archdeacon of Chester.

In 1993 he was called to be Suffragan Bishop of Doncaster where he remained until his retirement in 1999. On retiring to Maidstone, Kent, Bishop Michael continued to serve the church as an Assistant Bishop within the Canterbury Diocese.

But, what are our memories of Michael during his time spent with us in Macclesfield?

He was certainly a well educated man of great faith, an encourager with a warm smile and a sense of humour. His sermons were always thoughtful, inspiring, challenging and eloquent in delivery, while his management skills and patience were required in the many discussions during the formation of what is now our Macclesfield Team.

### Reflections

**from Pat Gaskell**

I was Michael's Secretary and worked closely with him in his office at the Rectory on Beech Lane during his time in Macclesfield until 1985 when Grace Edgar and Marion Porter took over.

He sat behind me working on his Sunday sermon, or other paperwork and I typed his letters and also PCC papers.

In the corner of the room was the dreaded Roneo Duplicator! What fun! Rolling the stencil around the big inky drum and setting it to run off copies.

On one occasion there were papers flying across the room and it wouldn't stop! I asked Michael to leave the room while I had a good swear! His reply was 'Just say Bother!' I said that wouldn't cut it!

It was always a fun place to be and I found it a real pleasure to count Michael and Daphne, Sue and Sally as my friends. He was the kindest, loveliest man and I shall really miss him.

*Michael's funeral takes place in Kent. Gordon and Vicky Darlington have Daphne's address if anyone would like to send a condolence card.*

# (Christmas) Dinner is served!



Many thanks to everyone who made the annual Christmas dinner in St Michael's such a happy and glorious success.



## TABby News

The Newsletter of TAB Toddler Group at St Peter's



**THANK YOU** to all the hosts who gave Mary and Joseph a bed for the night in December. They made it safely back to church for Christmas Eve! If you haven't already, have a look at the St Peter's Posada Page to see what they got up in and the narrow, watery escape they had on the way! See back page here too!

### Facebook

There is also a St Peter's Toddler Group Facebook page. This is a closed group so you need to friend me, Jenny Fox Eades, or somebody else already in the group to join. I use it to post dates, upcoming events and YOU can use it to post photos, questions, information about TAB.

### Spring Cleaning

As I was filling in the health and safety

audit with our Churchwarden, Richard Lowe, it occurred to me that our toys ought probably to be cleaned occasionally!!! Now, back in the days when I was a reception teacher, I believed in getting the children involved as much as possible in real activities. SO, this term, instead of craft activities, we are going to have a WATER PLAY area, with gentle bubbles (baby shampoo) and plastic overalls, to CLEAN what can be cleaned and I will supervise this. Please be prepared for some spillages!

### Play dough?

The new year seems like a good time to refresh and make new play dough as well as resolutions. Would anybody like to make (or buy?) some fresh play dough? Cheers! Thank you.

### Finally, a New Year's Prayer:

*God, Creator of all life and friend of children and the child-like, hold us in Your love through the dark days of winter and let laughter and love brighten our lives till the flowers come up again. Amen.*

### Dates for your diary

**Half-term 21 Feb**  
**Final session before Easter:**  
**28 March**  
**NO TAB 4 or 11 April**  
**Back on 18 April**

*jennyfoxeades@gmail.com*

# The Nativity

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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 Cre8 Office: 01625 503740

(see advert on page 15)



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.

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

# Sunday and Special Services

Date	All Saints Brough St. West	St Barnabas Lyme Ave.	St. Michael & All Angels In the Market Place	St Peter's Windmill St.
4th Feb	9.30am Informal Service	11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Holy Communion	Away weekend
11th Feb	9.30am Holy Communion	11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Choral Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer
14th Feb Ash Wed.	7.00pm Ash Wednesday at Macclesfield Methodist Church			
18th Feb	9.30am Morning Worship	11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
25th Feb	9.30am Holy Communion	11.15am Morning Prayer	10.30am Treacle All age service	9.30am Holy Communion
4th March	9.30am Informal Service	11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
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19th March	7.30pm Licensing Service at St Michael's with Bishop Libby			
25th March Palm Sunday	9.30am Holy Communion	11.15am Morning Prayer	10.30am Treacle All age service	9.30am Worship for All
29th Mar Maundy Thur.	7.30pm 'Tenebrae at Macclesfield URC			
30th March Good Friday			10.30am Good Friday Service 2.00pm to 4.00pm 'Contemplating the Cross'	
1st April Easter Day	9.30am Holy Communion	11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion

## Services in February & March

### Hospital Services

**St Luke's Chapel,**  
**Macclesfield Hospital**  
Sunday 11th Feb  
    Revd B Langam  
Sunday 11th March  
    Revd M Stephens  
**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

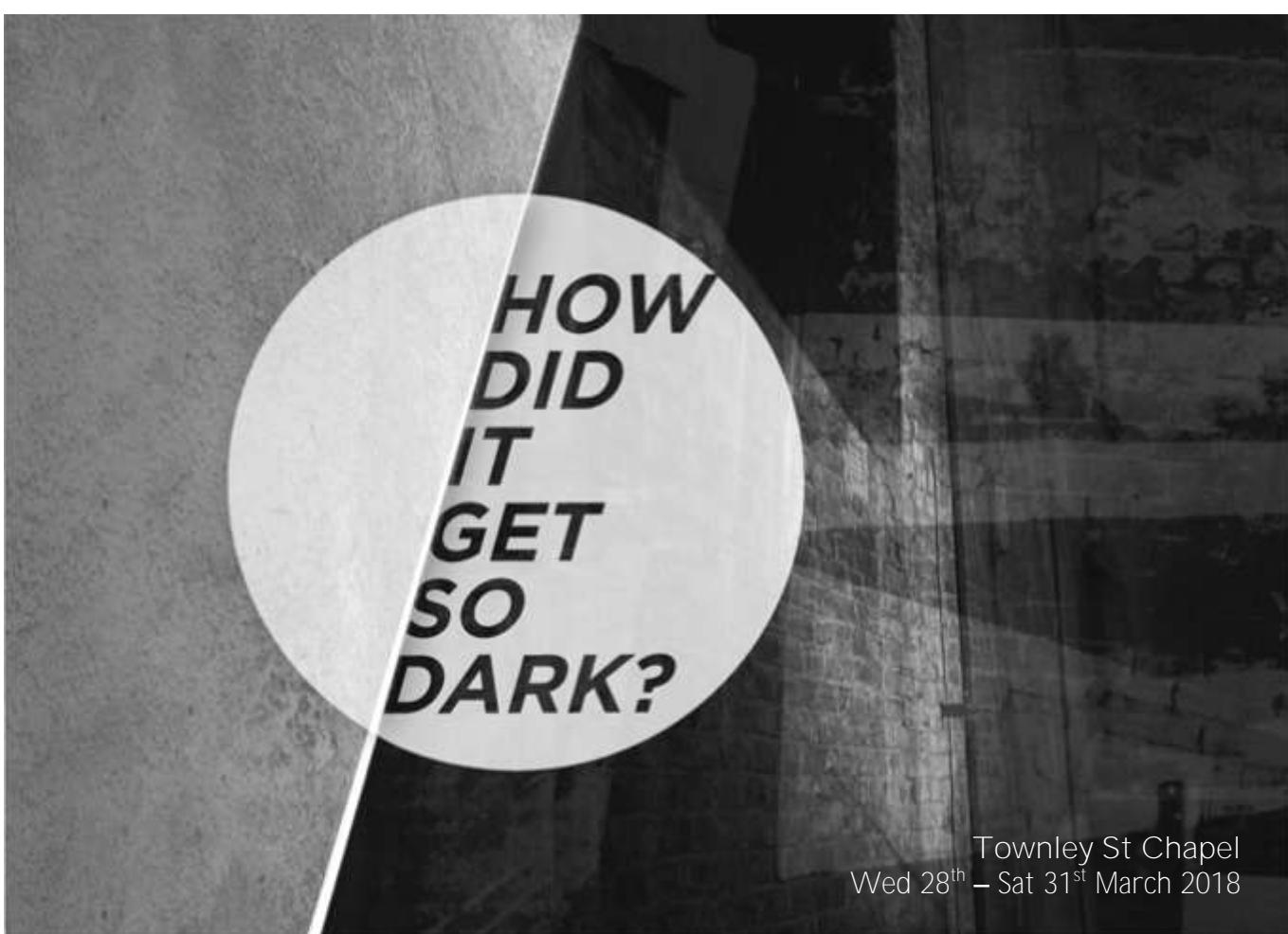


**Messy Church**  
**4.00pm - 6.00pm - All Saints Church**  
Saturday 3rd February  
Saturday 3rd March  
*It's a once a month time of creativity, worship and eating together for families for whom traditional Sunday Services don't work.*

### Midweek Communion

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

**Healing Service**  
**St Michael's Church**  
**Service of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness 12.30pm**  
Friday 2nd February and March  
*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.*



**A space for exploring themes of darkness, shadows and inextinguishable light.**

*In the deepest of shadows, on the darkest of nights, in the valley of our fears, the weight that bears down on us is hope. How can this be? Where does such unexpected treasure spring from?* Gerard Kelly

#### **Rooted in tradition**

Tenebrae (Latin for shadows) is a Catholic ritual dating back to the 9<sup>th</sup> century which, through the contrasting use of candlelight, darkness, silence, spoken word and cacophonous sound, reflects the events of Holy Week. Central to the experience are suffering, betrayal, justice and redemption. It is also known as the 'extinguishing of the lights', where candles are extinguished throughout the service. There remains one small light still glowing, which is symbolic of hope – a glimmer.

#### **Art exhibition**

We intend to create and curate a series of installations that give people the opportunity to consider these themes and issues from their own experiences. These installations seek to create a contemplative, yet challenging, space in which the onlooker is invited to spend time in consideration. There will be sculpture and printmaking, poetry, ceramics, video and soundscapes.

Complementary to the indoor exhibition will be a series of night trails through the town, where groups of people are presented with images projected onto urban surfaces, whilst poetry readings are performed.

Townley St Chapel  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> – Sat 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

#### **We are asking the question: 'How did it get so dark?'**

We are interested in the many responses to the question – be it spiritual, social, personal etc. and where people find light in that darkness.

**To participate in this project, please go to [www.howdiditgetsodark.com](http://www.howdiditgetsodark.com) and simply answer the question yourself in any way you wish.**

Mike Thorpe, Rachel Ho, Erika Groeneveld, Ailsa Holland, Anita Reynolds Jan 2018

**HOW DID IT GET SO DARK?**

*What would your answer be?  
When have you had times of darkness?  
Did you manage to find light and hope?  
Where was that light?*

*We'd like to gather real stories to be part of an exhibition in Macclesfield next Spring.*

*Please write your answer online at:  
[www.howdiditgetsodark.com](http://www.howdiditgetsodark.com)*

All replies will be completely anonymous.

**HOW DID IT GET SO DARK? March 2018 [www.howdiditgetsodark.com](http://www.howdiditgetsodark.com)**

Artist: Mike Thorpe, Erika Groeneveld, Rachel Ho, Anita Reynolds, Ailsa Holland

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**Tots Time**

**Fridays 10am - 12noon**  
**St Barnabas Church, Lyme Avenue**

**£1 entry 0 - 4 years. Just come along, everyone welcome!**

**Lots of space to run around and many toys to play with. Tea and toast provided.**

**Every Friday during term time.**

**Part of the work of St Barnabas Church, Lyme Avenue, Macclesfield**

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## 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](mailto:linkteammagazine@gmail.com) or hand in your contribution at the Team Office. The deadline for the Apr/May edition is Monday 12th March 2018. The views expressed in this edition of Link do not necessarily reflect the views of the editorial team or the PCPs of the churches.

## St Michael's Youth Group

St Michael's Youth Group relaunched in September 2017. We meet on Sunday evenings between 6.00pm and 7.30pm. Open to secondary school aged children. These pictures are from the Christmas Party we held back in December.

This term we are using material from the TV programme that aired on Channel 5 recently called Bad Habits—Holy Orders where a group of wild young women go to live in a convent in rural Norfolk. We see what the experience did to them and what lessons can be learned for our young people from the way the nuns live their lives. We are also preparing to deliver the March all aged Treacle Service.



## Posada Journeys - St Peter's

Posada (meaning 'hotel' or 'inn') invites us to make space to Mary and Joseph in the time leading up to Christmas. St Peter's posada characters travelled as far as Reading this year (photo of them

resting at Norton Canes motorway services), and they saw the latest Star Wars film at Cinemac! Might you accommodate them later this year during Advent?

