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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.



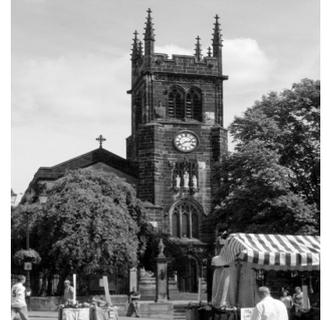
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## FROM THE CLERGY

# Going, going, gone...

**A**FTER MY FINAL Messy Church at All Saints, I admit I felt a little lost. That was the first of many farewells through the month of May. Two Churches, the Team, Christ the King School, Foundations for Ministry and then all those little farewells with people I have met and served over the time I've been here.

After saying goodbye to everyone at the door, Chris Campbell-Kelly touched my arm and said, "Don't worry. We're all going with you to Barnton, it's just we'll all have different names." I laughed and realised she was right.

But that doesn't make it any easier to go. You see, a vicar is like Mary Poppins. We don't arrive with a bottomless carpet bag or special songs or magic which helps get the job done. We don't have an address book full of special quirky friends to help teach us special lessons about life and what really matters.

If this sounds a little farfetched, what is a parish profile and a job description if it isn't the letter which the Banks children write about their perfect nanny? Mary Poppins didn't know where she was going until the ripped up pieces of that letter came into her hands. She knew that was the

place for her. Not a place to be a saviour but rather a place that was fertile for life in abundance.

Vicars arrive as outsiders, mysterious strangers even. They become part of a family of people they've never met, they introduce strange ideas about how things can be done and hold expectations of the likelihood of them being done.

Vicars arrive with a certain sense of "this will not do" and set about putting the house, and all who live in it, in order. When the vicar leaves there should be a kind of mutual flourishing as a result of what they have done and been.

And, like Mary Poppins, the vicar always leaves in the end.

I often say at funerals that the best ones are where the mourners arrive chatting and hugging and laughing because that means the funeral is happening in the midst of real life. I guess the same goes for farewells. To be sent on my way with goodwill and gratitude doesn't puff up my ego (well, ok, it does just a little) but rather it makes me feel affirmed that I am doing what God has called me to do with the people he has called

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me to it with. To be sent on my way with smiles and laughter means that we have shared life together and that is the goal of any priest.

My family and I are grateful for all your love, attention, challenges and affirmations. Thank you for treating us like real people and for letting me have my ups and downs, fruitful periods and fallow ones. But most of all, I hope that because of my ministry, in some way, you have drawn closer to Jesus and allowed God to fill your heart with his love.



*Dave (left) is being licensed as Priest in Charge of Christ Church Barnton on June 26<sup>th</sup>.*

## ...but never forgotten

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## Our Church Community

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## A heartfelt thank you

**T**HANKS SEEMS SO inadequate after the tremendous support you have given to myself and family during Peter's illness and untimely death. I can't begin to thank you enough.

Your support has been overwhelming. The cards, overflowing with bible verses which I have clung to, flowers and phone messages have all helped to sustain me during this difficult time.

Again, thank you to all of you who attended the funeral, for your tremendous support on that day - it meant so much to us all.

I'm sure a Peter would have been pleased and probably surprised by 'Such a Good Turnout'. David was just amazing and did his friend 'proud'.

Finally thanks to Anne and Dek Kite for the beautiful flowers in church donated by them in memory of Peter.

*Jenny Wild*

## Ordinations



Karen and Ruth's ordination (with others) takes place at Chester on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at 10.00am.

Such services are always very special and joyous occasions. Please pray for all who will be gathering on the day.

## Not only, but also...

**T**HE TEAM PARISH is not only going through the sad process of saying farewell to Dave Mock, it is also time to wish 'God Speed' to Ruth Mock too.

As many will be aware Ruth has been preparing for ordained ministry into the Church of England. After ordination (at Chester Cathedral on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July) Ruth will be licensed as a priest-in-charge at Barnton but will begin her curacy at St Matthew's Stretton and St Cross Appleton Thorn.

Ruth and Dave are by no means the only 'spouse teams' who have both been ordained. There are several such couples in the diocese, including our own Bishop Libby.

I guess the only real question is - who will put the bins out?

There will be an opportunity to say 'farewell' to Ruth at the 9.30am service at St Peter's, Windmill Street on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am.



## 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 Aug/Sept edition is Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The views expressed in this edition of Link do not necessarily reflect the views of the editorial team or the PCCs of the churches.

# From the (soon-to-be) Curate of St Michael & All Angels

**H**ELLO - FROM YOUR new Curate, Karen Brady, (pronounced K-Aaron).

I'm really looking forward to moving to Macclesfield and beginning my curacy as part of the Macclesfield Team.

Whenever I've visited St Michael's and met a few people, I've been given such a warm and friendly welcome that I feel I'm already part of the "church family". So if you see me around, please come over and introduce yourself.

I currently live in Appleton in south Warrington and I'm a Reader at St Thomas' in Stockton Heath and its 'sister church' St Mary Magdalene's in Appleton. Until recently, I worked for the Open University (OU) as an Assistant Director. I've also been a student of the OU. If you're a current or former OU student, please tell me. We can reminisce over our shared experiences. Over my 18 years working for the OU, my responsibilities have included Administration, Finance, HR and Facilities Management. So I have great respect and empathy for the constant challenges facing our Churchwardens, Treasurers and Secretaries.

As Martin has said in a previous newsletter, I was only confirmed in 2008, so I'm a relatively 'young' Christian. But God's calling, combined with much prayer,

support and encouragement from those around me, has led me into Reader Ministry and now into Ordained Ministry. My experiences of growing in faith on this journey have made me enthusiastic and passionate about many things but there are three in particular:

Sharing my faith and the Gospel message with others and encouraging them to join our "church family".

Working with others to reveal God's presence and his

infinite grace in our work, school and home lives – not just in church on Sundays.

Walking alongside and supporting people on their personal journeys in faith; so that they too can come to know and experience the transforming power of God's love.

At my ordination on Sunday 2nd July, I'll be asked three questions which summarise these passions far more eloquently than me. Bishop Peter will ask the following:

*"Will you strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example, and have a particular care for those in need?"*

*"Will you work with your fellow*

*servants in the gospel for the sake of the kingdom of God?"*

*"Will you be a faithful servant in the household of God, after the example of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve"*

My reply to each question will be

*"By the help of God I will".*

As I settle into the Macclesfield "church family", get to know the area and get to know you; I hope I can count on your help and your prayers too.

With blessings and good wishes

*Karen Brady*





## Afternoon Concert

All Saints Church,  
Brough Street West  
Macclesfield SK11 8EL



**Sunday 4th June 2017, 4.00pm**

with Lucy-Anne Fletcher, French horn and voice,  
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Lucy Anne is one of eleven students from  
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to a musical visit to Uganda in October  
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The Commonwealth Resounds.

Information at: [www.commonwealthresounds.com/news/return-visit-to-kampala-uganda](http://www.commonwealthresounds.com/news/return-visit-to-kampala-uganda)

But Lucy-Anne needs to raise enough money to fund her own travel - hence this concert!

Free entry (but we will ask for your support for Lucy-Anne!)

[Further information from Dot Graham, 01625 616279](mailto:Dot.Graham@commonwealthresounds.com)

## I remember your face...

**A** REUNION IS being arranged for those who were associated with the St Michael's and St Andrew's (as was)/ All Saints youth clubs in the period 1960s-1980s.

This will take place on Sept 23rd 2017 (a Saturday) we'll meet at St

Michael's for a bring your own lunch and then there will be events in the afternoon and a pub meal together in the evening.

If you were around the youth club in that period you'll be very welcome to drop in for as much of the event (or as little!) as you like.

If you are planning to come it would be helpful to let me know as soon as possible - particularly for the evening meal - and I will be able to give you fuller details.

*Robert Marshall* [robert@capuchin.co.uk](mailto:robert@capuchin.co.uk)  
01625 262151



# The Shack



A NOVEL BY WILLIAM P Young, 'The Shack' spent over a year at the top of the New York Times Bestsellers List.

I first read the book on hearing that Southern Baptist churches in the US had banned their members from reading it! What on earth could be so wrong with it I wondered?

The storyline is of a man, Mack Phillips, suffering a family tragedy. He spirals into a deep depression, causing him to question his beliefs. Facing a crisis of faith, Mack receives a mysterious letter urging him to an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Despite his doubts, Mack journeys to the shack and encounters an enigmatic trio of strangers led by a woman named Papa. Through this meeting, Mack finds important truths that transform his understanding of the family tragedy and change his life forever. Ultimately this is an uplifting story.

There are several parallels with the Christian faith, just as CS Lewis did with his Narnia series. However the story also stands alone as a good read .. and is about to be released as what looks to be a good film.

By the producer of 'The Life of Pi' and 'The Blind Side', The Shack stars Sam Worthington (who played the lead rôle in 'Avatar') and Octavia Spencer (who won an Oscar for her rôle in 'The Help'). I am delighted that 'The Shack' is being screened at Cinemac from Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. See [www.cinemac.org.uk](http://www.cinemac.org.uk) for daily timings.

Was it right to ban church members from reading the book? Some people might find the characterisation of

God a bit challenging; I prefer to see it as a springboard to asking deeper questions of what we believe. So I'm going to the cinema this month; do you want to come along with me?

*Martin Stephens*



A FEW OF THE candles lit at the recent vigil at St Michael's church Macclesfield. The church was packed to overflowing by those who were thinking and praying for all of those affected by the heartless bombing at the Manchester Arena.

We continue to remember in prayer all those whose lives have been shattered by such acts of barbaric and senseless violence.



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**Next concert**  
**23rd June**  
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A programme of concerts at St Michael's for your entertainment by King's School musicians. Free admission and light refreshments served.

### Church or hall bookings

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**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 Ruth Parker: 01625 613068

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 Services

Sundays	All Saints Brough St. West	St Barnabas Lyme Ave.	St. Michael & All Angels In the Market Place	St Peter's Windmill St.
4th June	9.30am Informal Service	11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
11th June	9.30am Holy Communion	11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Choral Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer
18th June	9.30am Morning Worship	11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Storytelling Service with Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
25th June	9.30am Holy Communion	11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Treacle Service	9.30am Holy Communion
2nd July	9.30am Informal Service	11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer
9th July	9.30am Holy Communion	11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Choral Evensong	9.30am Holy Communion
16th July	9.30am Morning Worship	11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Storytelling Service with Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer
23rd July	9.30am Holy Communion	11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion
30th July	Fifth Sunday	Fifth Sunday	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Treacle Service	No Service
6th August	9.30am Informal Service	11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion

## Services in June & July

### Hospital Services

St Luke's Chapel,  
Macclesfield Hospital  
Sunday 11th June  
Sunday 9th July  
Sunday 30th July  
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  
2nd June  
7th July

*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  
2nd June  
7th July  
12.30pm

*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.*

# Cre8 is Great! - it's official

**W**HAT AN HONOUR to receive the Award for Innovation from Cheshire Community Foundation. Innovation is a theme that is crucial to Cre8 - doing something differently, something new, making change, transformation, and a better solution.

The Award was for work supporting hard to reach young people to engage in employment, education and training, using a range of innovative ideas and models.

Cre8 has a number of social enterprises and work experience opportunities including tree care, ground maintenance and land reclamation services, all with the goal of employing local young people, providing training opportunities and college-accredited courses.

Our experienced workers actively went out and knocked on the young people's doors to get them involved in the schemes and as a result, the number of young volunteers increased threefold. In time, it is hoped that these young volunteers



will go on to become full adult volunteers, too.

As if receiving the Award wasn't enough, we got to go to The Clink Restaurant at HMP Styal - a great example of Innovation! Rob & Ash went to collect the Award on Cre8's behalf and loved it. If you haven't been before - go!!! The restaurant is currently #2 of 2,094 Cheshire restaurants on TripAdvisor! The food is all prepared, cooked and served by prisoners who receive training, qualifications and lots of support to aid rehabilitation - and it's working! Have a look at [www.thelinkcharity.org](http://www.thelinkcharity.org)

Zoe Sheppard, CEO of the Cheshire Community Foundation, said: "These awards recognise the outstanding contributions of these incredible charities in Cheshire and Warrington and we are delighted to honour each of them and present them with their prize."

Rob Wardle, Director of Cre8 Macclesfield, said:

*"We are delighted to be acknowledged for our work and our young people have seen that getting involved in doing something worthwhile can be fun and exciting. They now want to be involved in the projects long-term, which is just fantastic."*



A couple of images from the very powerful Easter Festival held this year in St. Michael's.