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Welcome to Macclesfield Team Ministry

Macclesfield Team Ministry is a family of four churches located in the town and part of the Church of England. We are different communities of people seeking to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and trying to bring wholeness and healing. This magazine tells some of the stories from the people of these communities.



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From the Clergy . . .

"As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways" declares the Lord. Isaiah 55:9

I have recently returned from Foxhill, Chester Diocese's Retreat House near Frodsham. I was there with a number of church leaders from Macclesfield. It was great to be together for worship, a bit of business, and time away in a beautiful setting with one another and with God.

Several of us were newish to Macclesfield, and it was good to hear afresh the story of HOPE in North East Cheshire. As we considered the history of this 'network of 39 churches working together in mission', it was commented that the sequence of events and development of activities which occur under the banner of HOPE almost looked as though there had been a strategic plan from the outset. In truth, there hadn't been – at least, not a man-made strategy.

I'm delighted that many of our church members are familiar with HOPE through personal involvement in some of its activities or those of organizations HOPE supports, such as Street Angels, Refugees Welcome, Open the Book, the Hope Centre, Winter Hope Accommodation Macclesfield (WHAM), Silklife Foodbank. If you're unfamiliar with any of these, pick up one of HOPE's 'What's Going On' booklets from any of our churches or look at www.hinec.org.uk



In recent years, in the days leading up to the Christian festival of Pentecost (this year 9th June), has become another occasion when many churches and individual Christians join together

with others. The main focus is not around mission events or social action but prayer. What started as a call to prayer to the Church of England by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York is now a global initiative. Christians from over a hundred countries and the full spectrum of church traditions and styles (over 65 different denominations!) use the eleven days from Ascension Day to Pentecost to pray 'Thy Kingdom Come'.

In doing so, we are mirroring what Jesus' first followers did when, after His resurrection appearances and ascension into Heaven, the disciples stayed in Jerusalem and constantly devoted themselves to prayer (Acts 1:14). On the day of Pentecost itself, they were all together in one place when the Holy Spirit came upon them and the Church was born.

We pray that God will continue to pour His Spirit into us and on our churches, that we and they would be attractive, attentive, and carriers of Jesus – that when people look at us

they would see something of Jesus us.

To join in with praying 'Thy Kingdom Come':

- there are lots of ideas for ways to pray and suggestions of what to pray for at www.thykingdomcome.global;
- children in Y4-6 (ages 9-11) at our two church schools will be receiving Thy Kingdom Come Prayer Maps to use throughout the period (there may be some extra maps available from the Team Office if you'd like one for your child/grandchild);
- there is an ecumenical evening of prayer and worship on Friday 31st May at the Salvation Army church on Roe Street, SK11 6UT, starting at 7pm.

Just as HOPE was obviously part of God's plan, then let's ask for more of His plans for Macclesfield, for our churches, for our friends and families, and for ourselves.

Please God, THY Kingdom Come!

With every blessing,

Martin



ST PETER'S CHURCH

BUILDING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



At St. Peter's we've known for some years that major repairs to our church building are needed, because the tower and parts of the roof are in very poor condition and let in rainwater. However, there wasn't enough money in our church reserves to fund the work ourselves and we needed support from external grants. We had tried to get such additional funding for several years but hadn't been successful.

Therefore, it was really great when we received the news in March this year, that we had been awarded a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of up to £121,500 towards the critical repairs of our church building and an associated programme of heritage engagement activities. Since then we have also been given three supplementary grants for the project from the Garfield Weston Foundation (£10,000), Allchurches Trust (£3,500) and Historic Cheshire Churches Preservation Trust (£1,000). We are very grateful for all these awards, as the project is now fully funded by these grants and some £20,000 of our St. Peter's reserves.

The building aspects of the project are focusing on replacing the church's north aisle and vestry roofs, together with essential repairs to the tower stonework and replacing the tower roof. At present the church building is on Historic England's "Churches at Risk Register", because of the very poor condition of these areas, and undertaking this work will

enable the church to be taken off this register. We received the formal "Permission to Start" approval from the National Lottery Heritage Fund in early April and practical work began just after Easter. If you've been along Windmill Street recently, you'll have seen scaffolding being built around the tower and the actual repairs will start shortly.

Repairs to the tower will be undertaken first and those on the north aisle/vestry roofs will take place in July/August to minimise disruption to all users of the building. The building will remain open throughout the work, but the area under the north aisle and vestry roofs will be partitioned off while the remedial work is being carried out. So it's very much "business as usual" for our church life and activities.

As well as supporting this building repairs work, the National Lottery Heritage grant will also contribute to the funding of a heritage engagement programme, which will create new materials to tell the past and present story of our church. This is a great opportunity to reach out to our local community with the use of historical information, film and craft activities and we'll be supported by local artists and experts in this work. The heritage materials will be developed in parallel with the building repair work and used in Open Church events in 2020.

Since the building was re-ordered in 2005, St. Peter's is now important both as a place

of worship and for community activities. It is valued by our congregation who use it for services and other church activities and is equally valued by many non-church members who use the building regularly as a base for the toddler group, KEMS band/orchestra practices, Community Gardens activities, counselling services, footballers' changing rooms, family celebrations and even for elections as a polling station!

Although there'll be some less major work to be done on the building following these repairs, this project will secure the building's future for the next 30 – 50 years. Therefore, thanks again are due to all the organisations who have awarded us grants which will enable St. Peter's to remain a centre for church and community activities for generations to come.



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Running a Marathon through the Holy Land

Katy Wardle is part of the Cre8 Team and St Barnabas Church. To mark her 35th birthday, she decided to run the Palestine Marathon, an experience she describes as “life-changing”. Here’s her story:

I’d heard of the Palestine Marathon in Bethlehem, but when I signed up in November I don’t think I had grasped just what it would be like. Twenty weeks of training through the coldest months was difficult, but I loved understanding what my body could do if I put in the time and the right fuel.

The occupied West Bank in Israel/Palestine is a beautiful, hospitable, friendly, welcoming place. We spent 10 days in total in Jerusalem and Bethlehem. We visited many places, wandering around getting lost and seeing the parallels between today and Jesus’ time.

The Garden Tomb, the Kotel (Western Wall), Hebron, and Jericho were highlights. The country is a friendly and vibrant place with so many things to see – it’s an assault on the senses.

I managed to complete the Marathon in 3h 56 minutes, coming in as the 3rd female finisher. We ran from 6am in the beautiful Palestinian sunshine. I got slightly lost in Aida refugee camp, knocked over a kid who ran into me

playing football, enjoyed groups of teenagers dancing and laughing in the carnival atmosphere, little kids running alongside me wondering what on earth we were doing but being inspired, and eating dates as energy snacks along the route!

I ran with Palestinians from ‘Right to Movement’ group based in Ramallah who just love to run and made me laugh the whole time. I smiled at everyone – all the young volunteers from schools and the university who marshalling. It was a fantastic atmosphere – I cannot describe how it felt. We climbed 2000ft in total through the hills of Bethlehem. Along the separation wall, through two refugee camps, and turned back at the checkpoint to finish in Manger Square. 7,000 people took part in all the different distances on the day. It was a truly emotional and wonderful experience.

A day later a 17-year-old young adult was shot in the Dheisheh Refugee Camp in Bethlehem; I had run through this camp during the Marathon. He was shot wearing his hi-vis vest as he was a volunteer first aider. I learnt that he had volunteered alongside other young adults at the Marathon and was handing out water. He would have offered me water on

the day and there’s a good chance I had taken it. The rollercoaster of emotions of visiting the West Bank and experiencing this is indescribable.

I managed to raise £750 for ‘The Tent of Nations Farm’, run by the Nassar family, based in Area C section of the West Bank just outside Bethlehem. It’s surrounded by five huge settlements (think of big towns with circa 50,000 residents!). They are constantly harassed to give up their land; but instead they farm, pass on their wisdom and welcome any strangers that come their way. They ‘refuse to be enemies’. They run summer camps for local kids and take in volunteers during harvest season. We were told stories, given tea and our hands filled with great clumps of herbs as we left.

There are so many more stories from the trip – so many highs and lows (getting harassed at airport security on the way out of Israel because they found our Marathon medals was pretty scary!)

I would encourage everyone to visit the area and especially to take part in the Freedom of Movement Palestine Marathon (they also do a half marathon, 10k and 5k). It’s life-changing! 27th March 2020 - see you there!



Visit to Disbury Mosque



Following a generous invitation, a group of over twenty St Michael's church members visited Didsbury Mosque, otherwise known as Manchester Islamic Centre, on 24th March.

The first thing everybody notices about the building is that it certainly doesn't look like what we think of as a mosque – no minarets, no domes! Since it was originally a Methodist church from 1883 until becoming a mosque in the early 1960s this is not so surprising. Whereas outside it appears pretty much unchanged, inside there is a large open prayer hall where the nave used to be, plus a number of other prayer rooms and worship rooms.

We were certainly made very welcome with tea and cake on a couple of

occasions. All the women in our group covered their heads - not essential for visitors, but much appreciated by the members of the Mosque. The afternoon started with an introductory talk by two of the female members of the mosque - it was interesting that the event was led exclusively by women, who started by shaking our hands! We were able to ask questions and have some discussion with our hosts in this fairly formal setting and this was very informative about the Muslim faith and its relationship with Christianity and Judaism. However, in many ways the informal conversations we had during a tour of the mosque, including its library and magnificent washing facilities, were even more informative and we were able to discuss potentially challenging topics such as gender

issues within Islam and the inevitable concerns over extremism. Since the Christchurch massacre had been only nine days earlier, terrorism - from whatever ideology - was very much in everybody's mind. We were also able to witness men at prayer in a smaller prayer room, and to observe a demonstration of the ritual washing undertaken before prayer in the washing areas.

The whole event lasted around two hours and I think we all left with a positive view of the experience. Now we have to decide who we are going to reciprocate with in invitation to the members of Didsbury Mosque!

~ Paul Spedding

St Michaels



St Michael's Choristers presented with Bronze Award from the Royal School of Church Music

Izzy and Eleanor have been studying hard and recently travelled to Mellor to sit their exams. This involved a huge variety of tasks to test their musical skills and ability; singing unaccompanied, singing something they had not seen before from sheet music, an aural test and technical questions, and then a reference/testimonial regarding contribution and belonging to the choir. For three years the girls were also part of the Northern Cathedral Singers spending six Saturdays a year singing Choral Evensong in Cathedrals around the North West region.

Both girls now wear their medals with pride. Huge thanks to Karen Gedd who has supported and encouraged the girls to take up these opportunities.

Prayer for the Planet - The Time is Now

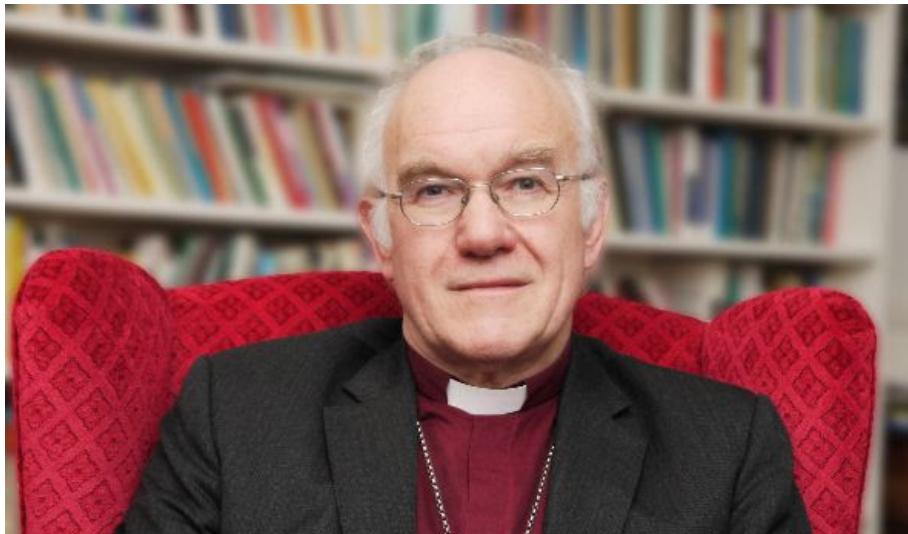
Most of us are more aware now of the damage human beings have inflicted on our planet and the need to do something about it. Christian Aid's latest magazine calls for urgent action. They say "We hope you and your community will join us for 'The Time is Now' - a mass lobby for climate and environmental action on Wednesday 26 June in Westminster. We'll stand together as concerned

citizens and people of faith to lobby our political representatives, pray together and energise one another for the challenges to come".

We can't all go to London, but I feel very strongly that our unique Christian contribution is to give prayer support to all those working to avert disaster. Of course, we must act too, but prayer is powerful and will enable us to act more effectively.



Bishop Peter announces retirement



The Bishop of Chester, the Rt Revd Dr Peter Forster, has announced that he will be retiring from his role on Monday 30 September 2019, after more than 22 years in the post.

In a letter to clergy, published on the diocesan website he says: "It has been a huge privilege to serve in this Diocese, and I am looking forward to my final months in post. At 69, I was beginning to feel ready to retire - with Elisabeth in strong agreement! We will move to our house in Scotland, which we have lovingly built over the past decade or so, and which is ready and waiting for us."

To give thanks for his ministry to us, there will be a farewell Eucharist at Chester Cathedral on Saturday 20 July at 11am. Please contact Sue in the Team Church Office clergypa@macteam.org.uk if you would like tickets.

The Bishop of Birkenhead, the Rt Revd Keith Sinclair, will become Acting Bishop from 1 October 2019.

The process for appointing Bishop Peter's successor will begin in due course.

And there is much to pray for – for those causing the problems and for those suffering as a result. We need to pray that our government and those of other countries, The USA, India and China in particular, will have the political will to establish legally binding net zero emissions targets of greenhouse gasses. We need to pray that the destruction of rainforests will stop – and much more.

The question is, how should we pray? At home alone, in our prayer groups, during intercessions in church? I believe this is so important that we need to keep on praying, on a regular basis. We could form a separate group to pray about these matters and poverty too, which is closely related. Surely The Time is Now to end world poverty and all the suffering that causes.

In the Pilgrim Journeys booklet, "40 Days of Reflections on The Lord's Prayer", suggested reading from Easter to Ascension Day, the author Steven Croft writes, "So every day when we pray 'Your kingdom come', we remember the times in which we live. We lift the suffering of the world to God and we long, with God, for the world to be set right.

So should we lift this all up to God in prayer – and then it is down to us. Up to God and down to us!! Thank you for reading this.

~ Sheila Muirhead, St Peter's

Centering Prayer

I recently attended a workshop at St Dunstan's, Liverpool on Centering Prayer, given by an Episcopal Priest, Cynthia Bourgeault. The workshop was called 'Centering Prayer – from Performance to Gift'. And, for me, the whole day felt like being given a very important gift.

I have been attempting to practice this form of contemplative prayer since reading Cynthia's book, *Centering Prayer and Inner Awakening*, some years ago. The workshop was an inspiring encouragement to keep going, with some very practical pointers to help us to do precisely that. Cynthia said she has been practising centering prayer for 40 years and that it has transformed who and how she is in the world. She spoke simply and clearly but with great power and depth. A small, loving, vital, intelligent and erudite woman she is a good advert for the results of a life-long commitment to this ancient Christian wisdom tradition.

She spoke first about the tradition of meditation, of which centering prayer is a part. She called meditation 'a universal human sacred activity' and a 'universal activity of the human spirit' which can be found in every religion and every philosophical path in some form or other. Though meditation is widely known and practised in the East, many Christians are unaware that there is an ancient tradition of Christian meditation too and the teachings of centering prayer are part of a rediscovery of the riches of this tradition.

All forms of meditation aim to still what is sometimes called the 'monkey mind' – the endless inner chatter that humans engage in. Many forms of meditation seek to do this by training the mind to focus on a single point – the breath is perhaps the most common of these, and mindfulness meditation is a secularised form of this. Another form is the repetition of a mantra or repeated word or phrase. In the Christian tradition, the work of John Main and the World Community for Christian Meditation encourages this single point form of meditation.

Cynthia Bourgeault describes centering prayer as rather different. Though it is

a form of meditation, it is called prayer, she said, rather than meditation in order to honour the intention of the practice, which is to enter a presence that is characterised by love. And rather than focusing on a single point or word, it is based on the principle of learning to let go of each thought, to release, to consent to just being in the presence of the divine in each moment. It is about intention not attention. God, she said, is IN the silence, in the noise of the inner chatter, in the consent to let it go. Centering prayer is a way into a different way of being, a different way of perceiving reality. Each thought that arises is an opportunity to practice that letting go, that release, that consent to be in the presence of God.

The aim of centering prayer is not a deep state of bliss, or profound quiet. The subjective experience of your prayer time doesn't really matter. The noisiest and least settled prayer times may actually teach you the most. The aim is simply to practice letting go of thoughts when they arise, gently, with kindness. It is not hard to do, she said, but it is hard to value and it is of immense value. The value of each tiny act of letting go is that it mirrors the self-emptying of God that Christians see in Christ's birth, life, death and resurrection. It is nothing more or less than the way that we learn, thought by thought, day by day, prayer time by prayer time, to 'put on the mind of Christ' – which is the calling of every Christian, the key to walking the 'Jesus path' as best we can.

And unlike secular meditation methods, like mindfulness as it is widely taught in the West at present, centering prayer is not something you do for yourself. It is not about YOU at all. It is not done in order to 'de-stress' – it is not 'me time' or about reducing your anxiety levels. It is something you offer on behalf of a suffering world. It is not about acquisition but about generosity of heart. It is about creating a space for love to be a little more present in the world, a little more often, about opening up points of eternity in the every day. It is a gift YOU give to the world.

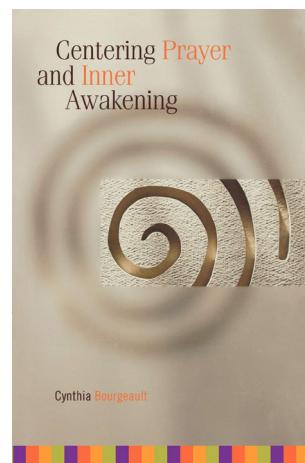
If you want to make a start, these are the four guidelines of centering prayer. It really is VERY simple.

1. Choose a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within. (At our workshop, Cynthia said this would ideally be quite a neutral word or short phrase, like 'Wait' or 'Quiet' or 'Let be' or 'be still'. It doesn't need to be a 'holy' word as such).
2. Sitting comfortably and with eyes closed, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within.
3. When you notice yourself thinking, return ever so gently to the sacred word. (You don't repeat it the whole time, just when you notice a thought)
4. At the end of the prayer period, remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

<https://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/images/uploads/features/FourGuidelines.pdf>

I am hoping to explore this way of prayer more deeply and it would be good to do that in company rather than alone. If you would be interested in journeying together into centering prayer, would you let me know? There is a version of this article, with links, on my website www.jennyfoxeades.co.uk or email me jennyfoxeades@gmail.com

Cheers, Jenny Fox Eades, St Peters



Upcoming Events



Strawberry Tea & Open Garden

with live music from the Arrythmics



9 Beech Hall Drive
Tytherington

Sat 29th June, 2-5pm £3

All proceeds to The Children's Society



CRE8 Summer Celebration

It's been an epic year at Cre8 - significant changes and some wonderful moments for our young people & community.

On Friday 12th July we are going to come together to celebrate with good food, good people and hopefully some good music from our talented music project.

Get the date in your diaries:
Friday 12th July, 6pm, St Barnabas Church. Further details to follow! Check out:
www.cre8macclesfield.org or facebook.com/cre8macclesfield

Coffee Plus

Afternoon 'Cafe' at St Barnabas Church on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of every month from 1-3pm. Lovely homemade food, good biscuits and proper coffee. Everyone is welcome £1.50 donation for a small homemade lunch. We run this in partnership with our friends at Cre8.



Macc Music Centre 25th Anniversary Celebratory Concert

MMC will perform in a special concert at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester on the evening of 6 July 2019. Booking is now open on the RNCM website.

Confirmation Service

4pm on Sunday 17th November 2019 at St Michael's

Confirmation is a service for young people and adults who want to take the next step of commitment in their Christian lives.

We encourage anyone wishing to get confirmed or seeking to know more about this step to speak to the clergy within the Team - Martin, Andy, Rob or Karen.

There will be some preparation provided to help you understand better the steps you are taking. This will be organised locally by the clergy who will be able to provide you with more details.





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Emily Gunnion

Emily, Justin and their 3 children Betsy 3 and 9-month old twin boys Edward and Andrew live in Macclesfield. They are members of St Peter's in Macclesfield. Emily enjoys spending her free time with her family and dogs outdoors!

Meet the Managers



Anna Cerval-Pena

Anna moved to Macc 8 years ago with her husband and son. She joined All Saints Church and began volunteering at the Hope Centre shortly after. She enjoys all sorts of crafty stuff, binge-watching Syfy and murder mysteries.

Emily and Anna took over the management of the Hope Centre in December and in the last 4 months have become very much at home. With the help of the wonderful team of volunteers, trustees and regular customers they have been very welcomed and supported.

They have continued to serve fantastic fair trade coffee and have developed the one water range. Using the veg from St Peter's community garden they have introduced the Hope Centre's new homemade varieties on the new "Spring into Summer" menu, including amazing soups and salads, as well as yummy cakes.

They have made many new links with the community and services within Macclesfield and have already held some great events in the cafe and in the upper-room with a highly successful International Women's Day event and, most recently, the local author Christie Spurling came to talk about his book and work with N-Gage.

They are enjoying getting to know church groups with Tytherington Family Worship, St Albans, Maranatha and Holy Trinity Hurdsfield and the Youth Forum already using the Hope Centre for events, away days, meetings and courses such as Alpha.

Emily and Anna would like to encourage other churches to get in touch, to discuss how the Hope Centre can facilitate churches working within the community of Macclesfield or providing resources.

The vision for the Hope Centre has always been that of a beacon of light in Macclesfield; Emily and Anna hope and pray that this vision will continue in this new chapter of the Hope Centre in new and exciting ways.

Do come down to Park Green, have a coffee and discover what it's all about!!

OUR SERVICES

	All Saints 9.30am	St Barnabas 11.15am	St Michael's 11am	St Peter's 9.30am
1st Sunday	Informal Worship	Morning Praise	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Praise	Morning Prayer
3rd Sunday	Morning Prayer	Morning Praise	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
4th Sunday	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Prayer (or Treacle Service*)	Worship for All
5th Sunday	Informal Worship	Morning Praise	Treacle Service (Informal Worship)	No Service

*In a 5 Sunday month at St Michael's, the Treacle Market Service will be on the 5th Sunday and the 4th Sunday would be Morning Prayer.

Storytelling Service



at St Michael's - 9.30am every Sunday

Weekly service for families with babies and children.

Includes Holy Communion on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Choral Evensong



at St Michael's
6.30pm 2nd Sundays

Includes Holy Communion on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Contemplative Prayer



at St Michael's - 9.10am every Friday

Silent prayer (approx. 30 mins) in the Savage Chapel

HOSPITAL SERVICES

at St Luke's Chapel,
Macclesfield Hospital, 11am
9th June - Robert Marshall
30th May - Revd Barry Langman

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

Midweek Communion:

Thursdays 10.30am
St Michael's Church

Service of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness:

7th June 12.30pm
St Michael's Church

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.

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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

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Our Team Tots & Toddler Groups

PEAS IN A POD AT ST P'S

A Green Toddler Group at St Peter's

For many years there has been a toddler group at St Peter's on a Wednesday morning called Take a Break. Many of you may have attended it or known people who attended it.

Sadly, we have taken the decision to close Take a Break because we don't really have the people available to run it on a Wednesday morning.

BUT, we DO have a community garden that happens on a MONDAY morning from 10-12 and some of us have been wondering, what if we had a toddler group on a MONDAY, that deliberately fostered links to the gardens? What if children were involved in planting or picking or watering before or after they visited the toddler group in the church itself? What if we did craft activities with natural materials collected from the gardens? What if we helped with the recycling, the composting? What if we were a GREEN toddler group, encouraging the environmentalists of the future??

If you think THAT is something you might like to be involved with, do get in touch with me.

The times are probably going to be 9.30 to 11, to allow for a visit to the gardens afterwards if carers wish. The more helpers we have the easier it will be to run. Please spread the word. Jenny, jennyfoxeades@gmail.com 07974 944585

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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All Saints Church '0-5 Club' Parent & Toddler Group

WEDNESDAYS

1.30pm to 3.00pm, Contact Shirley Hill on 01625 426874



The 0-5 Club meets on Wednesdays and is attended by between 10 and 20 children. In the hall, each session, we have playtime, craft work, play dough, jigsaws, books and refreshments - a singsong takes place in the church at the beginning of each session. Once or twice termly we have a biblical story from Godly Play using wooden figures.

Our meetings could not take place without the regular support of church members and friends; a big thank you to them all.



St Michael's Toddler Group

Every Thursday during term time we run a Toddler Group for pre-school children in the morning, 10:00am to 11:30am.

The group is aimed at children up to school age with their parents and carers and is a safe, relaxed and fun environment for the babies and children to play and adults to meet.