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Harvest stations at St Barnabas. Giving thanks for the awesome animals of our world and everything we get from them. This station has contributions from the congregation, the Brownies and the Tots Group. More photos inside.

Village Rwanda

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THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

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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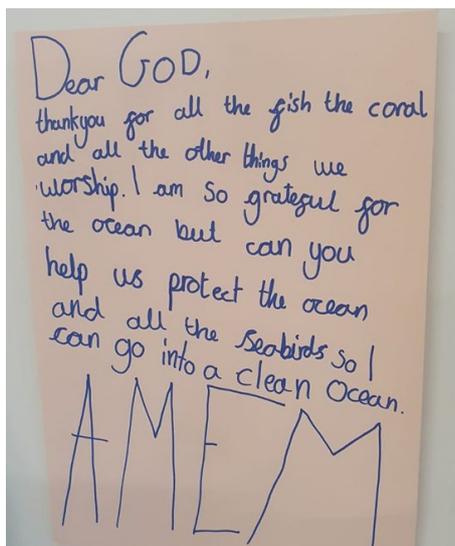
Harvest at St Barnabas

What better way to celebrate all that we have than to fill the church with all the things we are grateful for this Harvest time, as well as lots of people, and plenty of good food!

For Harvest this year we made Harvest Stations; the flock/animals, Garden & Earth, Grain and the Oceans. Members of the congregation, community and groups helped to make the stations and during the service we spent time at each one (it was organised chaos!)

We then heard all about Cre8's Project Grow - a new project that hopes to bring together food, environment, community, health & wellbeing.

Finally, if that wasn't enough, we sat around tables and ate a wonderful meal together - in true St Barnabas style. A great day celebrating and giving thanks.



Riverside Walk



12th October 2019, walk along the Bollin Valley to Prestbury

A group of 15 of us 10 ladies, 5 gentlemen and a dog met at the Riverside car park. The weather was dry but overcast and the forecast was for rain later in the evening so we were feeling thankful. While we were waiting for everyone to gather Ruth, Pam and Myself had a look at the picnic area near the car park. We found a lovely area bordered with Crab apples trees, Apples, Blackberry bushes, Holly loaded with berries, buddleia showing of lovely seed heads, Thyme and lots of other beautiful plants overgrown a place great for insects and birds. We spotted lots of wasps and a lovely comma butterfly but it flew away before I could get a picture of it. We joined the others gathering and set off towards Prestbury.

As we walked along the gravel path the river was flowing well and the fields were very boggy in places we tried to move onto other paths but found them just as boggy. Sally and I spotted a dragonfly hovering above

the path at one point and it flew off in the other direction. The longhorn cattle lying down by the bend in the river as we headed towards Prestbury. It took us about an hour to do the walk and the tea and cake waiting for us was a welcome site. We were joined by 8 other ladies at the Prestbury Church rooms. We were greeted by tables set out beautifully, laden with plates of cake, scones and biscuits. A lovely spread and lots of hot tea. While we sat chatting, eating and drinking it started to rain quite heavy and a few of our number decided to have a lift back with the catering ladies. We gathered for a photo when the rain stopped and set off quite soon after hoping it would stay dry but about a third the way back the heavens opened and we ended the walk back at Riverside quite soggy, but feeling thankful that we had completed the walk enjoying the trees and other living things the Lord has provided and nurtured for our enjoyment.

Pete Marshall licensed as Reader to the team



The wonderful Peter Marshall was licensed as a Reader to Macclesfield Team on the 12th of October at Chester Cathedral.

Pete will mainly be based at St Peter's Church.

Welcome Pete :)

Sitting under the Mango Tree

It has been a very exciting year of change in our rural area of Rwanda and much of that change has come about because of the visits made by friends of Village Rwanda UK.

Our village and its locality were included in a walking tour of the area organised by one of our friends and this was followed up by visits from people at Manchester University and a visit by two of our trustees in June. However, the main impetus for change has come from the six month sabbatical that was taken by Rose Durrant. She gave six months of her expertise, enthusiasm and analytical

brain to the people of Rwanda and as result of this input we are now ready to progress to the next steps in our bid for sustainability through Income Generation. Lots of that work was done by 'sitting under the mango tree', listening and talking to local people.

We are holding an Update Meeting on Sunday 3rd November at about 12.15pm at St Michaels straight after the morning service and you will be very welcome if you can come.

One of our new initiatives is that you can now buy Pigs and Goats! No, not for your garden here but for gardens

of villagers in Rwanda. If you are thinking of Doing December Differently and wondering what to give someone who has everything - don't give them anymore material possessions, instead give them the joy of knowing they have helped a family in Rwanda to make a start in farming.

If you want to know more, please don't hesitate to contact Tricia Atherton at St Michaels or visit our website:

**www.villagerwandauk.com
or our Facebook page - search for Village Rwanda UK.**



Music @ Mike's

The St. Michael's Town Centre Ministry Team runs a programme of lunchtime concerts, featuring mostly young musicians from local schools and the Royal Northern College of Music. The programme is very varied, reflecting the different interests of the many musicians involved; but all the performances are delivered with great enthusiasm, passion and excitement. The format is always the same, a performance from 1.15 – 1.45pm followed by light refreshments. And it's all free! But we do accept donations for the East Cheshire Hospice and a contribution to church funds.



The programme for the rest of the autumn term is as follows:

- Friday 8th November Tytherington High School
- Friday 15th November King's School
- Thursday 28th November Imogen Garner, a mezzo soprano formerly at the RNCM

Macclesfield Parish FC

A group of football enthusiasts from St. Michael's and St. Peter's run 2 adult football teams, playing in the South Manchester and Cheshire Christian Football League. Only one of us is still a regular player, but we all love the game and love to see young men – our friends and in some cases sons and nephews – enjoy playing the game they love in a friendly, sporting and Christian environment. We pray before every game, and organise occasional social events when we have opportunities to share and talk about our Christianity. But we hope that our faith is also evident in our approach to the game and our relationships with the players. Macclesfield Parish FC plays in division 3, and MP St. Peter's (our "2nd" team) plays in division 2. Our home games are played on Saturday mornings, 10.30 kick-offs at Windmill St., opposite St. Peter's.



You can follow the fortunes of the teams on the website at <http://smccfl.pitchero.com/>

If anyone would like to get involved as a player or helper we would love to hear from you: Andy Durrant, Col Smith, James Booth, Jonny Porter, David Mayers (07963802659). Finally, a massive thanks to our president Bernard Rushton and Catering Manager Gillian Rushton who so generously welcome us and our opposition to St. Peter's and provide the best refreshments in the league.

Messy Church at All Saints

On Saturday 14th September we started Messy Church again after our summer break. Our theme was Creation. We explored how our God is a Messy Creator and gave thanks for all he has created.

Messy Church began in January 2011, and is a monthly time of worship for families on the second Saturday of the month. We have a different Biblical theme each month and from this we plan the games, craft and worship activities.

We start our sessions with games as everyone arrives, then introduce our theme. We tell bible stories in a variety of ways. We use our Bible bookcase to discover where our stories come from to give more meaning to the Bible. We offer different activities so all ages from babies upwards can join in. We use the booklets the children receive so everyone has thoughts on each activity and a message to take away. We have a time of worship together with songs and prayers, and think about what we have done and why. We finish with our Messy Church grace and share a delicious meal together.

We use Facebook to show what we have done and send messages. You can follow us on Facebook pages:

@AllSaintsMacclesfieldMessyChurch
and @AllSaintsChurchMacclesfield

So many are involved in Messy Church, planning and helping with the activities and worship, cooking the meal, talking with families, joining in the fun, setting and clearing up and so much more. We make a good team.



You are invited to join us
for an afternoon of family fun
with games, Bible stories, crafts and songs.
At the end there's a delicious meal too!

(suggested donation of £1 per person to cover the cost of the meal)

October 12th – The mustard seed
November 9th – Light of the world
December 14th – Messy Christmas

Messy Church is church for families involving fun.
It is centred on Jesus, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration.
Our Messy Church meets monthly on Saturdays from 4pm - 6pm.

All Saints' Church, Brough Street West SK11 8EL

@All Saints Macclesfield Messy Church  Find us on facebook. @All Saints Church Macclesfield



UPCOMING EVENTS

THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT 2019

SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER

**HUNDREDS OF CHURCHES.
THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE.
ONE BIG QUIZ.**

Get together with your friends, family and church for an epic evening of poverty-fighting fun.

For one night only – churches and other groups up and down the country will be taking part in the biggest multi-venue, nationwide quiz ever. We'd love you to join in!

ALL SAINT'S CHURCH, MACCLESFIELD, SK11 8EL
Commencing at 7pm in the Church
Teams of 4 -6 or join team on night
Own food & drink for sharing - Tea/Coffee provided
Donations to Tearfund
Call Phil Marsh on 01625 471139 for more info and to register

Every pound raised will help transform the lives of people living in poverty. Please visit www.tearfund.org/quiz to find out more.

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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 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.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Older People and Carers Christmas Party

Wednesday 4th December

4pm until 6pm

St Barnabas Church

Lyme Avenue

Macclesfield



Party tea, Bingo, Music, Tombola, Raffle and lots of fun



To Book a place please ring Jayne on 07736621775



Community Garden, Church Clean-Up & Bonfire

Sunday 3rd November

From 2pm

St Barnabas Church
Community Garden & Allotment



An afternoon getting all those autumn jobs done; tidying up, clearing, and cleaning.

Followed by a small bonfire, snacks and cakes.

- ALL WELCOME -

to join in with jobs and enjoy getting warm by the fire.



Living, Loving, Serving, Sharing

CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP & COMMUNITY CAFÉ

16-18 Park Green, Macc SK11 7NA
01625 404384

Surplus Cafe pay-as-you feel Feed bellies not bins!

The meal will be sourced using food that would otherwise go to waste,

The exact menu will be decided on the day.

Pay-as-you-feel, you choose the price.



23rd & 30th Aug
20th & 27th Sept
18th & 25th Oct
22nd & 29th Nov
13th & 20th Dec
5.30pm - 8.30pm

To book a table please contact us via email, phone or pop in.

manager@hopecentremacclesfield.org.uk

Our Confirmation Candidates

Sunday 17th November is our confirmation service (see the events section on pg 8 for details). A little bit of info about our candidates can be found below. We encourage you to come along to the service and support these people on the next step in their journeys.

Lyndsey Nelson

I am 16 and currently at Macclesfield College, studying Health and Social Care. I grew up going to church with others, but for the last two years I have been attending St Peter's on my own through choice. I've grown close to my

church family at St Peter's and really appreciate the support from everyone when I need it most.

Connor Munro

I have attended St Michael's church for many years with my family, and I currently sing in the choir and play in the Treacle Band. Although I have questions about God, religion and faith I am exploring it for myself. I have joined in the preparation group and asked questions and thought about things a lot. I would like to become a member of the church.

Caroline Butler

I was born and bred in Macclesfield and love living in my little bungalow with my two dogs. I only have a small family but we are all very close, I have one son who is nearly twenty five. I started to going to St Barnabas Church just over a year ago where I have made a lot of new friends, and enjoy helping at Coffee Plus. I love going to my church and I feel ready now to confirm my faith through confirmation.

Sri Lankan Afternoon Tea

Sunday 17th November | 3-5pm St. Peter's Church

Come and find out what Ali Griffen, the Guide Ranger leader and member of St. Peter's, got up to on her trip to visit Guides in Sri Lanka this year.

Sri Lankan tea, cake and scone: £5 per person. There will be a raffle and cakes to buy.

For tickets contact ali.griffen@btinternet.com or 01625 502633



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 Treachle Service*)	Worship for All
5th Sunday	Informal Worship	Morning Praise	Treachle 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

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
10th November

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

Alternative Church



at St Barnabas Church
10am every 1st Sunday

*Exploring together our stories.
Good conversation around a
brew.*

Praise Evening



at All Saints
6.30pm every 3rd Sunday

*An hour of modern worship
with biblical reflection and
prayer.*

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 9.30 to 11am, 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

Animal graphics created by Pheasant

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.