

CONNECTING THE CHURCHES OF MACCLESFIELD TEAM MINISTRY

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Our touring side at Harewood House near Harrogate during our game against St.George's Church from Leeds. The Team is made up of players connected through our team churches. Interested in getting involved? See page 4 for details.

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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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# Ideas for saying thankyou this Harvest

Harvest Festival is a big thank you time: a time of year when for years, those who relied on local farming were thankful for the food that the earth provided, and to God for taking care of them.

Today, for most of us, food comes already picked and packed from a supermarket or the delivery van, not our own fields – so perhaps it's even more important now to remember that our food comes from God's creation, and to thank God and everyone who harvests and prepares it for us.

## **Saying thank you to God at Harvest Festival**

Check out the Harvest Festival services near you. Most churches hold a Harvest Festival service in the Autumn. Families can get involved in decorating the church and in taking gifts to the special service. Schools often get involved too – it's a good opportunity to talk together about thankfulness.



## **A way to pray for farmers**

Lots of fruit and veg at the supermarket now has the name of the farmer printed on the container. You can put a sheet of paper up in your home, with "Thank you, God, for our food" at the top, and then cut and stick the names of all the farmers onto the rest of the sheet every time you go shopping. When you eat, you can say, "thank you, God, and (all the names) for our food!" (And then finish by thanking those who cooked and will clean up the meal)

## **Thank You For ...**

Thanking God and those who make our food can help us remember to be grateful for the other good things in life. Maybe at the end of the day you could count three blessings from the day or say aloud what you're grateful for this day – from the profound to the very silly! Or maybe you can finish each day by thinking about all the people you met that day and thanking God for how they help you: the bin man who clears up your rubbish, the lady at the shop who helps you find what you need, the toddler group leaders who sing and cut up bananas, the man on the bus who helped with you, the doctors looking after Granddad.

There's a lot to be thankful for every day

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## Team Cricket

You may not have realised that the 4 churches of the team ministry have a cricket team. This summer players from All Saints, St.Peter's, and St.Michael's, plus friends from other churches and from none, have donned their faded whites and joined in playing our great national summer sport – but not quite as you might know it. We play for fun, usually 20-20 games in the long summer evenings at lovely grounds like Kerridge, Chelford, and Over Peover.

We have played 9 matches this year, winning 2 and losing 7 (but

mostly by very narrow margins!). We have been on tour – the photograph shows our touring side at Harewood House near Harrogate during our game against St.George's Church from Leeds. We have brought international cricket to Macclesfield, playing against an Indian XI led by our own Vijay, Uday and Rakesh. But most importantly, we defeated our great friends and rivals Tytherington Family Worship (only joking!)

The lack of success has not deterred us, and we have enjoyed playing and socialising with friends old and new. If anyone wants to get involved next season please contact David Mayers at [davidjmayers@btinternet.com](mailto:davidjmayers@btinternet.com)



## Cre8 smash the RunMaccFest races!

Our running group took part in the 5K and in true Cre8 style they supported and encouraged one another all the way. Some haven't run a race before, some are great runners - but it just doesn't matter cos we're all just taking part and giving it a go and seeing what we can do.

Young people are awesome and we're very proud of them.

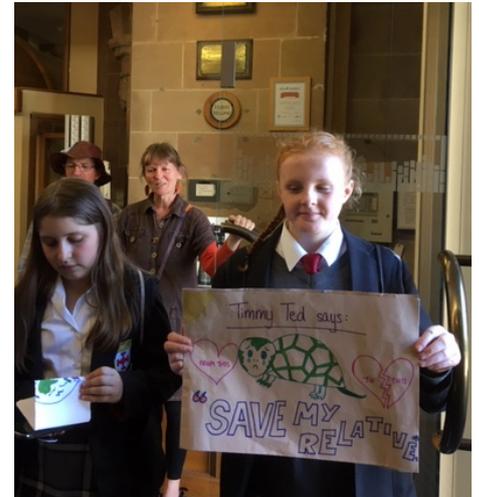
We also had runners representing Cre8 in the 10K and the Half Marathon. Team Cre8 came second in the community team challenge for the Half - thanks to the super speedy Gordon, Geoff and Katy!

If you're able to contribute to our fundraising efforts it's:

[www.give.net/2019TeamCre8](http://www.give.net/2019TeamCre8)



# Supporting young people at the Global Climate Strikes



We thought this might be an interesting and amusing inclusion in the Link. Thanks to Grace Edgar from St Michaels for sending this in.

Enjoy!

*Musical advice given by John Wesley to his congregations.  
(Select Hymns and Tunes Annex: designed chiefly for the USE of  
the people called Methodists, 1761)*

1. LEARN these tunes before you learn any others; afterwards learn as many as you please.
2. Sing them EXACTLY as they are printed here, without altering them or amending them at all .
3. Sing lustily and with good courage. Beware of singing as if you were half dead, or half asleep; but lift your voice with strength . . .
4. Sing modestly. Do not bawl, so as to be heard above, or distinct from the rest of the congregation, that you destroy the harmony; but strive to unite your voices together, so as to make one clear harmonious sound.
5. Sing in Time: whatever time is sung be sure to keep with it. Do not run before nor stay behind it; but attend closely to the leading voice, and move therewith as exactly as you can; and take care you sing not too slow. This drawling way naturally steals on all who are lazy; and it is high time to drive it out from among us, and sing all our tunes just as quick as we did at first.
6. Above all sing Spiritually. Have an eye to God in every word you sing. Aim at pleasing Him more than yourself.
7. Let the women constantly sing their parts alone. Let no man sing with them, unless he understands the notes, and sings the bass, as it is pricked down in the book.

# Enterprise, Empire And Ego: The Road To Extinction?

As history tells us, empires wax and wane. Founded by a heroic leader, established by force, they rise to prominence as weaker nations succumb; the new winners build new palaces, and bask in their increased wealth and prosperity, paid for by those they oppress.

History is the story of who killed who, which kingdom conquered another before itself yielding to the next. Babylonian, Roman, Ottoman, British, American; the old story continues.

Except it has been changing before our very eyes. At some point, constitutional sovereignty over people and land started facing a challenge from commercial enterprise as an effective base of power. Empires started to emerge, founded on scale of production, size of work-force, turn-over and economic might.

These empires are based on the ownership of brands, a dependent work-force, a captive customer-base, and acquisitive investors in pursuit of economic gain. Their turn-over exceeds the GDP of nation-states; and they flex their muscles when states inconveniently seek to regulate their use of private data, or to restrict their new-found ways of extracting fossil fuels.

These corporate empires wax and wane just the same; some gently sink beneath the waves of history (remember GEC, Allied Lyons, Cadbury-Schweppes, ICI and Trafalgar House?); others crash and burn (Enron, Lehman Brothers, Carillion). Of course, there were those which were “too big to fail” (RBS, Lloyds – thank you tax-payers), but that’s another story ...

Today’s corporate juggernauts imperiously shrug off the rule of law without a second thought: banks fined for manipulating interest rates (Barclays – \$200m; UBS – \$1.5b; Lloyds – £218m); Google fined €1.49b for advertising violations; Facebook fined \$5bn for privacy violations. Another day, another \$billion fine.



Hong Kong, Palestine, care workers and taxi drivers. Empire thrives, oppression continues, and “normal” gets redefined. Again.

So far, so gloomy. Where can we look for hope?

In 2008, a systemic and existential threat faced most of the world’s major financial institutions, because their shares were all traded on stock exchanges and their business model encouraged exploring exotic financial instruments. Once these were known to be toxic, the risk was a chain-reaction triggered by one bank failure, leading to melt-down.

But there was one group of financial institutions whose shares are not traded, and whose business model is inherently more cautious because they are not owned by investors. Whilst not immune from the crash, mutual financial institutions were largely unscathed.

There is an advantage to us all where there is a plurality of corporate ownership, as the Ownership Commission found in 2012. Diversity of forms of ownership increases an economy’s resilience, as 2008 proved. This is good news. It acknowledges that the profit motive is not the only possible

basis for enterprise: and that we need other forms of business like mutuals and co-operatives which seek to provide access to goods and services based on the pursuit of fairness and equity, not profits for investors.

Mutuals, co-operatives, and all other types of business which carry on business for the common good, rather than for private benefit, and which exist primarily for a social and community, rather than a private and economic purpose – all of these social businesses, their founders and promoters provide hope for us: they demonstrate an alternative basis for enterprise based on concern for humanity, not personal gain.

That’s all very well, you will say, but our world is dominated by the approach to business which unashamedly pursues profits and growth. We are all caught up in it – as customers, workers, savers – and making different choices is often difficult, commonly impossible. We know that it exploits workers, pillages and lays waste the natural environment, and passes the cost of prosperity for some onto the weakest members of society.

That’s what empires do, and always have done. So how do we respond?

In his book *God's People and the Seduction of Empire*, Graham Turner sets out his reading of the Bible as a call to leave the ways of empire behind and to follow a different path. The message to Abraham, to the enslaved Israelites, the disciples of the first century and the churches of Revelation is to resist and get away from empire (Babylon, Egypt, Rome), away from collusion, oppression and enslavement, away from the pursuit of ego. Turner argues that we too are called to leave today's empires behind and to choose something else.

But leaving something behind requires first that it is named. As Walter Brueggemann argues, the silence which empire enforces must be interrupted by those willing to speak out against oppression, to look the oppressor in the eye, to speak truth to power; like the Old Testament prophets, "unauthorized poets without pedigree or authorization who uttered words from outside the regimes".

Taking a cue from a Swedish teenager

who told an audience at Davos that she wanted them to panic because the house is on fire, the voiceless future of humanity is following Brueggemann's lead. Extinction Rebellion is taking forwards this vital mission. Telling the truth, and explaining the urgency of the crisis are fundamental to their work.

Nowhere is this more needed than in the world of enterprise and the empires of commerce.

Resisting the seduction of empire is always painful and costly, but as long as the happily-ever-after delusion continues to hold us in thrall, we collude in enslavement. Will that change? Will humanity reach and then cross its Red Sea?

I don't know.

~ Cliff Mills, member of St Barnabas Church and Anthony Collins Solicitors

George Sewell

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The family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and support, sending cards, visiting and attending the funeral. Thank you for all the hard work behind the scenes and for the generous donations. We have managed to raise £200 for the RNLi, £80 for the Air Ambulance, £75 for Macmillan Cancer Support and £270 for East Cheshire Hospice.

A tremendous boost to the morale.

Thank you so much.  
Denise Sewell-Ashworth  
Tel 500982 or 07437 184912



**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 12<sup>th</sup> – The mustard seed**

**November 9<sup>th</sup> – Light of the world**

**December 14<sup>th</sup> – 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



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# UPCOMING EVENTS



**2019**

# THE BIG QUIZ NIGHT

**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](http://www.tearfund.org/quiz) to find out more.

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## 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.



Wednesday 2nd October  
Wednesday 16th October

## 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.



# 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.



## Older Persons & Carers Christmas Party

Wednesday 4th December 2019  
4-6pm at St Barnabas Church

More details to follow but save  
the date! It promises to be a fun-  
filled evening with a choir, good  
food and lots of Christmas cheer!



*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](mailto:manager@hopecentremacclesfield.org.uk)

## The Angel's Share?



Two of our eco-church initiatives at St. Michael's have combined this summer to produce the first ever Angels' Honey – produced by the bees living on the roof of the church. They have found plentiful supplies of nectar in the wonderful new raised beds containing an amazing display of wild and bee-friendly flowers.

The honey tastes great; and the flowers look amazing. Thanks go to Derek Kite and Paul Spedding for designing and building the beds, to Lynne Spedding for master-minding the entire project and dealing with angry swarms of bees in the churchyard, and to our Creator God for reminding us of the richness and splendour of the natural world we are in danger of taking for granted.

## Contemplative Prayer Day

On Saturday 14th of September twenty people were fortunate to share a Day Retreat led by Graham Turner (yes, him again) It was at Frandley Quaker Meeting House near Antrobus. Dave Black organised it on behalf of the Contemplative Prayer Group.

The theme was, "Contemplation: It's simple but not easy". Graham gave us four very helpful talks entitled: "What is Contemplation?", "The True Self/False Self Dynamic", "Getting out of the Head, being Present" and "Contemplation and Resistance – a way forward", interspersed by periods

of quiet, individual, contemplation, with a lunch break and opening and closing remarks.

In the breaks we were not compelled to contemplate. We were free to use the buildings (including a library) and also to walk in peaceful countryside, enjoying delightful views on a glorious summery day.

Graham and Rosie seem hardly to have aged since they left us. They were as bubbly as ever. As well as the main talks we learned a bit about Graham's current job as a prison

chaplain. He seems to be enjoying it but retires at the end of the year.

It was good to meet them both again after some time and I think everyone gained a lot and enjoyed it.

At the end Dave gave a closing speech of thanks with gifts to them both. Then everyone shook hands and we all parted.

We were lucky with the weather. The next day was dreary.

~ David Budgett



## 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  
13th October  
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 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

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.