

CONNECTING THE CHURCHES OF MACCLESFIELD TEAM MINISTRY

LINK

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FREE



All in a days work for a Church Warden and Administrator! The all important work of inspecting the Church Roof. Plans are coming together for the roof project at St Michaels - a huge task but an exciting one - thinking about how the vast and wonderful space of the Building is used by the community.

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Chester



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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From the Clergy . . .



New Starts

Although this issue of the Link appears during the summer break I suppose we're all beginning to think about the beginning of September when everything restarts. In some ways the beginning of September is more like a new year than the first of January these days. After the summer break there is always a sense of newness in the air, maybe because there is such a long break at this time of year rather than the shorter Christmas break. It may also be due to the fact that a lot of activities seem to wind down over summer. This is true even for our churches with less activity, people being away; it does almost seem that God Himself goes on holiday in August!

For schools the new start really is that, with new children starting school, others have moved or left school, and the rest moving to a new class. It is also a restart for our uniformed organisations and other children's groups. No doubt many parents are relieved that trying to entertain their children for 6 weeks is now over and

life can get back to some sense of normality and routine.

The Bible is full of stories of God calling people to make new starts in life, indeed it seems like that is the way He works with people. Just think of some of the stories we hear as we read the Bible; Noah, Abraham, Moses, David, Mary, the first disciples, and Paul, to name just a few. It seems that when God calls people it is to do things differently, go to different places, see things in a new way, sometimes even their names are changed to reflect this newness.

'New' can be seen as a threat, it's easier to live with the status quo, not to rock the boat, carry on as usual, but that doesn't seem to be God's way. In fact the nature of Christianity is all about a new start and a new life. Our baptism service is all about rejecting an old way of life and turning to Jesus for a new one. In our confession we seek God to make us new. In our communion service we talk about the new covenant that we become part of through faith. We look forward to

the time when God comes to make everything right once more and a new heaven and a new earth.

The need to be made new in Christ Jesus is both a challenge and an opportunity. It is a challenge as we need to accept that, though God loves us and welcomes us as we are, we are not yet living in the way of Christ Jesus - change is part of being made new. It is an opportunity as we all know those areas of our lives that we would like to be renewed, where we would like the opportunity of a new start to put the past behind us.

Becoming a Christian offers all that and much more besides. Let us rejoice that God is the God of new starts, the past put behind us, as future of hope lies before us.

'Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!' 2 Corinthians 5:17

~ Rev Andy Williams

Hope Centre pay-as-you-feel surplus food cafe

The Hope Centre is running a “Pay as you feel” surplus food cafe, open on two evenings a month. It aims to save as much food from the bins as possible by encouraging supermarkets to hand it to the cafe instead.

This is not a food bank, and is open to everyone. This is about us treasuring creation by stopping all this food going into landfill, and building community with people coming together to eat and chat from all backgrounds comes out of that.

We welcome anyone who comes to pay as much as they feel for the food, or nothing at all. So you get a big mix of people sitting around a table talking and eating together.

The fun part is we never know what meals we will be making until the day, as the food delivery arrives!! It's exciting, a Macclesfield version of Ready Steady cook!!! but we are blessed at The Hope Centre to have two fantastic chefs who volunteer their time and experience.

Our pilot evenings have been a huge success, with roast dinners, mexican themed food and burgers all on the menu. We feel ready to open to the public.

If anyone would like to volunteer or book a table please email us at manager@hopecentremacclesfield.org.uk or pop in to the centre for a chat.

“I have been to 3 out of the 4 friday evening meals to-date and have thoroughly enjoyed them all, both the excellent quality food and the welcoming relaxing atmosphere” Ian customer.

“The surplus food cafe has helped me slowly get back into the food

environment in a safe place, I am enjoying the opportunity to be more creative with food and drink” Shane Volunteer chef.

“We took some friends to experience the delights of the ‘surplus food café’ The food was great the personal service really wonderful and we felt highly valued. We will certainly go again and take more friends. The Hope Centre lived up to its motto of Living, Loving, Serving and Sharing” Bob & Mo customers.



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,

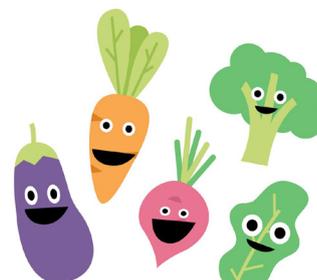
The exact menu will be decided on the day.

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

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

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

manager@hopecentremacclesfield.org.uk



A message from Rob

At the end of July I was announced as the new vicar of Holyhead. For the past two years I have been searching for what to do; I have prayed, I have spoken to Bishops, to colleagues, to Archdeacons to mentors and to friends. For a long time I had thought that I could fulfil a ministerial role of some sort in Macclesfield, but just before Easter it became clear to me that was not going to happen. I began to think that maybe vicaring was just one of those things that I was never really going to experience fully and that I should just be content with what I had already done. I was ordained eight years ago but I have never really been sure what the Church has expected of me, and I was content to let this go.

And then a few weeks after Easter a crazy idea came upon me when a friend told me about a job at Holyhead; I applied. I went through selection and they chose me. I am hugely grateful to the Bishop of Bangor Andy John, to the Archdeacon of Anglesey Andy Herrick and to the wonderful people of Holyhead who are entrusting me with leading three clergy colleagues in Mission and Ministry on Holy Island - Bro Cybi (pronounced Bro Cubby). We will have four Churches including St Cybi's wonderful Celtic Church in the centre of Holyhead. I am encouraged by the faith and the confidence shown in me and I am also more than slightly daunted by the task ahead. And it is very hard to leave Macclesfield, the place where I have lived for 34 years and the place where all my close family live, the place where all my friends are and where we have done so much together.

The last service I will lead in Macclesfield will be at St Michaels Church in the Marketplace on Sunday the 1st of September beginning at 11am.



I have of course been involved in all the team Churches over many years. We held the Focus and Blur youth groups at All Saints for a number of years and we loved it there. St Peters was the first Church I felt fully part of as a community and it was where I worked with so many friends on social justice issues. St Barnabas is the Church which allowed us to begin Cre8; they took risks on us and I think we've repaid them.

But it was St Michaels in the Marketplace that I walked into in 1997 when I was first looking for a youth-friendly Church in Macclesfield. I walked up the steep hill from Waters Green one winter Sunday evening to offer my unskilled help with the Focus youth group. I was met by Dave Mayers, with Sally Bancroft, Dave Davies, Mark Abbott, and Maz. And I was immediately welcomed and I had a fantastic time; I can still remember the activities and the games. I was made to feel valued straight away, for me it was the wonderful beginnings of being part of a team of volunteer youth leaders. And Macclesfield Team continued to nurture and support me. It was John Briggs the St Michael's Team Rector who responded to my ask for sponsorship as a youth work student, John convinced the staff team and the St Michaels PCC to give me a youth work placement. It was the

team vicar Rod Doulton who prepared me for confirmation in 2003, and I was confirmed at St Michael's together with young people from our youth groups. As a student youth worker I helped to co-ordinate the Macclesfield Team youth groups under Dave Mayers' leadership and with the oversight of the Youthwork Committee. I am enormously grateful for the grace and humility shown to me by Dave and the fellow youth leaders at Blur, Focus and 6AB; for supporting me and allowing me to grow and develop into a professional youth worker; I am sure I must have been frequently hugely irritating and I made many mistakes. And it was the St Michaels Team Rector Graham Turner who always affirmed my work at Cre8 and he encouraged me personally; it was he who recognised that I could have more to give to the Church and he recommended me for training as a priest in 2008. And so here I am, 22 years after walking into St Michaels as a clueless would-be volunteer youth leader and I will lead my last Eucharist.

Thank you to everyone in Macclesfield Team for forming me, for challenging me and for questioning me, for encouraging me and for Blessing me.

Reverend Rob Wardle, Vicar of Holyhead and Ministry Area Leader for Holy Island; please pray for me.

#YourBishList



The next Bishop of Chester

Not since Dolly the sheep was born has the Church of England appointed someone to be the next Bishop of Chester.

Who and what is on #YourBishList

The Church of England is looking to appoint the next Bishop of Chester to lead the Diocese of Chester, and the Vacancy in See Committee is seeking your views on who that person should be and the qualities he or she should have.

There are three ways to participate in the consultation and it is open to all, please feel to share and pass on the details.

Parts one and two will form the diocesan consultation. Comments will be received and read by the Vacancy in See Committee, the group tasked with preparing a brief description of the diocese and a statement setting out the desired profile of the next bishop.

PART ONE - Complete the online survey

A short survey of five questions for you to complete. You are invited to contribute your thoughts as an individual, committee, PCC, or group. This forms part of the diocesan consultation. You can access the online survey and copies of the 5 survey questions on the Diocesan website. Go to www.chester.anglican.org/yourbishlist

Deadline for submissions: 10 September

PART TWO - Attend the public meeting

A public meeting hosted by the appointments secretaries for the Archbishops, and the Prime Minister, will be held in the evening of Wednesday 25 September at Hartford. Any person is welcome to attend. Venue: St John's, Hartford - St John's Church, School Lane, Hartford, Cheshire, CW8 1NP. Time: 7.15 - 8.45pm **Date: Wednesday 25 September**

PART THREE - Write to the appointments secretaries

Any person wishing to comment on the needs of the diocese or the wider church, or who wishes to propose candidates, can write to the appointments secretaries of the Archbishops, and the Prime Minister. Writing to the appointments secretaries will feed directly into the wider consultation conducted by the Crown Nominations Commission, the body that will ultimately decide who will be the next Bishop of Chester. Write to:

Canon Caroline Boddington, Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments, Second Floor, Church House, London, SW1P 3AZ E: Caroline.Boddington@churchofengland.org

Mr Richard Tilbrook, Prime Minister's Secretary for Appointments, c/o Honours & Appointments Secretariat, Room G37, Ground Floor, 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ

Deadline for submissions: 30 September

MACCLESFIELD PRIDE 2019



Thankyou to all the volunteers for helping to steward at St Michaels throughout this wonderful event. You helped to make this a welcoming and open place for all.

Harvest 2019 at St Peters

Harvest time reminds us that we depend on our world, and our world depends on the way we treat it. People and the natural world need each other! It's easy to forget this when we live in towns and cities and our food is found on supermarket shelves. Even the small harvests on allotment plots, in back gardens and in our own St Peter's Community gardens are tiny reminders of the source of our food. So this harvest time we're going to celebrate and reflect:

Celebrate: Come to St. Peter's Harvest Hoe down on Saturday evening 21st September, at 7-30pm bring a bottle and join in a Harvest Hoe down Ceilidh, surrounded by produce from our gardens. Let anyone you can think of who would enjoy a Ceilidh in good company know about this! No entry charge, donations towards Christian Aid,

Reflect: Our Sunday service at 9-30am on 22nd September will continue the harvest theme and show how even in a slum area in a Philipino city people are forging new relationships with their environment creating urban gardens, recycling and reclaiming waste – inspiring us to do more as we pursue our own eco-church project.

ST PETER'S CHURCH
BUILDING FOR OUR COMMUNITY



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)

September 14th – God created everything
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  @All Saints Church Macclesfield



Children's Society Garden Party

A huge thank you to all who supported the Children's Society Garden Party. It was an enormous success, you helped us raise £920-00.

We were so blessed by the weather. Dare I say it was almost too hot and sent everyone seeking shade. Thank you to all of you who helped in any way. I couldn't have done it without you.

I'm going to take this opportunity to ask if anyone would consider becoming a box holder for the Children's Society? This means having one of our saving boxes in which to put your loose change. 20p per week raises just under £10-00 per year. It's a great and simple way of helping the Society and is in fact one of their biggest fund raisers. This year the Box Holders from St Michaels' alone raised an amazing £407.54p. Thank you to each one of you for your generosity. If it's something you feel you might like to do the contacts and information are:

St Michael's Judith Wittington

St Peter's Gill Phillipson 428874

All Saints Sue Ryder 266958

The boxes are collected annually, counted and then returned to you. There's nothing to do except pop some money into the box !!!

Close to home in Greater Manchester, the Children's Society have a long standing presence. The area has some of the highest rates of childhood poverty and neglect in the UK. In a climate of declining resources and rising levels of childhood poverty, they need our support more than ever. Last year they worked with over 3,500 children within Greater Manchester.

They are at the forefront of tackling and restoring mental health issues in young and vulnerable young people. Sadly, a problem which is on the increase, Helping victims in danger of sexual exploitation, young carers, refugees and migrants.

Just a few examples of which your support is helping to address.

Thank you again,

Jenny Wild on behalf of the Macclesfield Children's Society Committee.

Our committee is made up of members from the following churches: St Michaels, All Saints, St Peters, St James-Sutton, St Paul's, St James- Gawsworth, Holy Trinity- Rainow and St Johns-Macclesfield. Last year we raised a total of £8,111-00 for the charity.



Street Angels Macclesfield

Need you! Come and join us!



Street Angels are volunteers successfully working with the Police, the clubs, the pubs and the Council.

We help people, whoever they are and whatever their situation, by listening, caring, and offering practical help (including free flip-flops and water!) late on Saturday evenings!

Want to know more?

Just email StreetAngelsMacclesfield@gmail.com
or call or text Pip Mossdrop, the Co-ordinator, on 07715 495701
Or why not join us for a 'taster' any Saturday evening?

Upcoming Events

'Making Aid Agencies Work': Readings and discussion at St Michaels on Tuesday 10th September at 7-30pm

I've just published a book: 'Making Aid Agencies Work: Reconnecting INGOs with the people they serve' (INGOs = International Non Governmental Organisations)

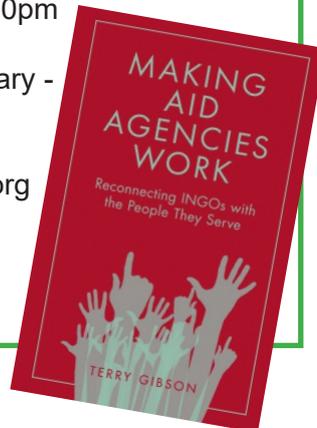
The topics of the book are whether aid could be used better, whether aid agencies could do better, whether there are better ways of working alongside people in the developing world. They're hot topics because of recent problems at some of the big aid agencies, and because the UK's generous aid donations are under threat.

Along with David Mayers and Mark Abbott I'm organising an evening for anyone interested in these questions. I'll be doing some short selected readings from the book but the main part of the evening will be open to the floor for questions and discussion.

St Michaels, Tuesday 10th September at 7-30pm

If you're interested do put the date in your diary - more information will be circulated later. If you've got any questions don't hesitate to contact me: terry.gibson@inventing-futures.org

~ Terry Gibson



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.



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.



The Link

The Link Magazine is a way of sharing our stories, events and adventures and helping to connect the churches, groups and individuals that make up our team of churches.

So... we want to know what you're doing!

Events:

Tell us what your church / group is doing so that we can write about it in the Link Magazine and get people to support your event. All you need to do is write a short piece to say what it is, where it is and when it is, for example:

What: Sunday walk up Teggs Nose

Where: meet at xxxxxx carpark at 2.30pm

When: Sunday the 36th of August

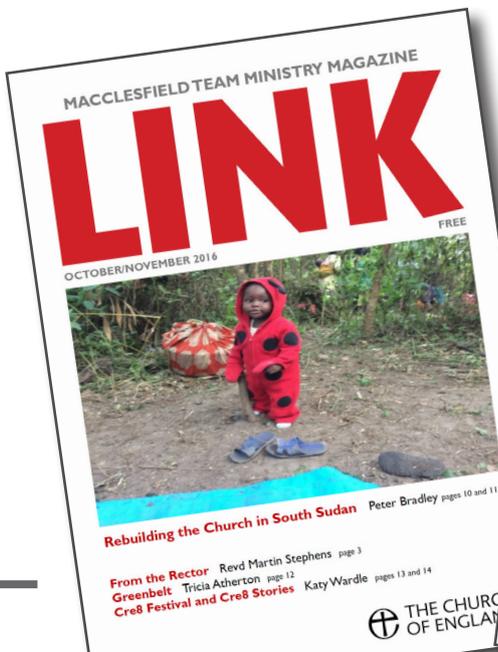
Anything else: Wear good footwear and silly hats

Articles:

We want to try and have an even spread of articles from our different Churches if we can so please also write short stories about things you have done or something that's inspired you. Don't worry about spelling and grammar etc, we can sort that out at editing stage, just tell us the stories - because we all want to know. 100 words about your coffee after a service, messy church, children's event or breakfast or BBQ or meal is perfect. Add a bit of humour in your own style if you can, and the essential photo - remember people like to see pictures of people rather than landscapes or lecterns. Write a few stories at once if its easier and remember - don't worry about the content or whether or not you are a prize winning novelist because - we all know a story so just tell it in words. Poetry is good, jokes are wonderful and a quick-fire Question & Answer is awesome.

Please send to: linkteammagazine@gmail.com

The Link is published every month (July & August and December & January issues are combined).



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 Trecele Service*)	Worship for All
5th Sunday	Informal Worship	Morning Praise	Trecele 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
29th September - Robert Marshall

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.