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## Mothering Sunday Service

**This Sunday, 10th March, is Mothering Sunday.**

Please join us at 10.00am - Church Family Worship - for our special celebration.



## Choral Evensong

Join us this Sunday 10th March at **6:30pm** for our traditional service of Choral Evensong, with music from the 16th to the 20th century by Thomas Tallis, Thomas Tertius Noble and John Rutter, the voices of our own St Michael's choir and the inspiring words of the Book Of Common Prayer. Everybody welcome



## LET'S next Sunday

Don't forget that **Let's Eat Together** Sunday is next week, **17th March**. Don't eat alone on Sunday! bring some food and eat with others, maybe sharing if you wish. Newcomers especially welcome: don't worry if you haven't any food - there's usually plenty.



## Easter Sunday

You may have realised that Easter Sunday this year falls on 31<sup>st</sup> March, which is the last Sunday of the month, so there will be a Treacle Market. We have discussed this with the organisers of the Treacle Market, who recognise that it is a very special day for us, but regret that they do have to hold the market on that day in order to fulfil the contracts they have with stallholders.



However:

- there will be no charity stalls in the churchyard on Easter Sunday and they will ensure that access to the church gate is kept clear.
- access to the Town Hall car park will be reserved for church members attending the service at St Michael's (until after 11am), but unfortunately there will not be access to the church parking spaces.
- On this occasion only, we have decided NOT to open the church for refreshments for the general public, or to visitors, in order to enable all church members to celebrate Easter how they wish, with their families or friends.

## The Collect for Mothering Sunday Sunday 10th March

God of love,  
passionate and strong,  
tender and careful:  
watch over us  
and hold us all the days of our life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord

## Music@Mike's

Depending on when you read this Bulletin, you might still be able to come along to the concert on **Friday 8 March (Hyuk Nankoong on piano)**.



The next concert in the series is on **Friday 15 March and features contemporary folk music played by Southland of the Heart**, performing **Songs of Love and Sorrow**

Concerts begin at 1.15pm and last approximately 45 minutes. Entry is free but donations, which go jointly towards the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church are very welcome. Refreshments are available before and after at the *Angel at my Table* café.

## Mayor's Charity Dinner and Auction

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March at 7.00pm**  
Macclesfield Town Hall  
**Tickets: £30**

All money raised will go to the East Cheshire Hospice and the East Cheshire Eye Society.  
Supported by HOPE in NE Cheshire



*Macc Mayor: our own  
Chris Wilcock*

## Church Flowers

The flowers on the Chancel Table are in loving memory of Jane, beloved daughter of Audrey Evans and sister to Helen: sadly missed by many. The lovely flowers in the Worship Area have been graciously given by the ladies in Homemakers. Thank you.



## Cre8 Plant Sale

Cre8 will be holding a Plant Sale at St Barnabas church on 27th April 10am - 2pm. We would be very grateful for any contributions you can offer - indoor or outdoor plants; cuttings, seedlings or plants you have divided - all very welcome. Tea and coffee will be served. Do join us if you can. **More information next week.**



## The Race To Save The Willow Tit & Danes Moss.

**Saturday 16th March 7.00pm in St Michael's**  
A celebration of both bird and place; an uplifting evening of poetry, thought and action for nature and the climate (see attached poster)



## Lent Study Groups

It's not too late to join one of the Lent Groups as we study the Unity Course.

**Tues mornings:** 10.30-12.00 alternating between St Thomas's and St John's. Contact Simon 07957 211 319 for details

**Thursday evenings:** 7.30-9.15 at St Michael's

**Monday afternoons:** 2.30-4.00 **Contact St Paul's Church Office** (01625 501 773) for venue details

Join us for *Worship*



## Sunday 10th March

### Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday

**10:00am: Church Family Worship**

**Leader:** Heike Werner

**Speaker:** Lynne Spedding

**Readings:** Luke 2:33–35 & John 19:25–27

**6.30pm: Choral Evensong**

**Leader/Speaker:** Mike Strutt

Please use the link below to stream this  
(and previous Services) on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmikesmacclesfield>

## Start the Week

Every Monday from 7.30am in church

Morning Prayer at 8.30 am in church and also on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/stmikesmacclesfield>

## Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

Alternate Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Savage Chapel  
lasting 30-40 minutes.

**Next taking place on 20th March**

## Thursday Morning Worship 10:30 am (35–40 minutes)

Our midweek services follow the order from  
the Book of Common Prayer (traditional language) and  
alternate between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion

**14th March: Holy Communion**

**21st March Morning Prayer**

## Thursday Homegroup

Meeting for Bible study and prayer –  
Morning and Evening groups

Please contact Eve & David Budgett (431606)  
or David Mayers (420716) for more information



## Contemplative Prayer

Every **Friday at 9:20am** in the Savage Chapel, lasting half an  
hour. An opportunity for quiet prayer followed by a short chat.

## Compline/Night Prayer

Every Friday

Topic: Night Prayer | Time: 8.30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting; <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09>

Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476 Passcode: compline



## Sponsor the Scarf

Please use the link below to donate towards our “Let’s Knit a Scarf to Keep the Church Warm” project.

[Click here](#)

The scarf itself will (obviously) not keep the church warm, but money donated will go towards our goal of achieving the CoE’s target to be carbon-neutral by 2030. Think ‘more efficient boiler’ and, longer term, ‘solar panels’ -and please give generously!



## How to contact the office...



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- [safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk) to contact Katie Wilcock, Parish Safeguarding Officer

**In person –** The Office, St Michael’s Church, Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY

### ***Please note***

There will be someone in the office every morning  
9.30am– 12.00

Elaine’s office hours are usually **Monday,**

**Wednesday, and Thursday 9:30 am – 1:30 pm.**

## *Temporary Office Arrangements*

While we are trying to find someone to be our new Clergy PA/Administrator, the office staff will be even more stretched than usual, so please limit interruptions and the number of small tasks you might have asked them to do.

Judith Whittingham will be in the office on Tuesday and Friday mornings, so there will be some office cover every day. Judith will deal with urgent email, and arrangements for funerals and weddings.



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