

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

4th October 2026



The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Create Through the Psalms

Welcome to your invitation to engage with Scripture
in a new and beautiful way.

Join us for this 4-week series, Wonder: A journey to
create through Psalm 8.

Week 1 - How Excellent Is Thy Name

Read through this week's Scripture. Take a
moment to sit with the passage. Prepare your
heart to engage with God creatively.

Psalm 8: 1

**O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all
the earth! Who hast set thy glory above the
heavens.**

WITH YOUR HANDS

Create a piece that shows God's glory filling the
earth and reaching beyond the sky. Use whatever
medium you choose, and consider trying a new
one.

WITH YOUR WORDS

What does "excellent" look like in your corner of
the earth? Try one:

- Write a psalm-style poem of praise about
something you noticed this week
- Do a word study on "excellent": what it carries,
and where else it describes God's name
- Try lettering "how excellent is thy name in all the
earth" as a piece in itself



WITH YOUR ACTIONS

Notice one place this week where you see God's
glory in the earth, and give thanks. Try one:

- Keep a daily list of small wonders you notice
- Spend time in prayer outdoors or by a window
thanking God for each thing you see
- Tell a friend about something that made you
marvel this week

We'd love to see what you create! Please email
stmikesnotices@gmail.com or WhatsApp
+447579820265 so we can share your artwork or
reflections with the church community.

Kirsty



Prayer Support

PRAY

To encourage prayer support for all aspects of
church life, each week there will be a short
section in the bulletin to help us focus on
particular areas/requests.

If you have any particular prayers for inclusion
please let me know. Sue Olley
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Sunday 4th October

Celebrating our food – a harvest thanksgiving with a difference.



This year we are giving thanks for 'bread', both physical and spiritual, and have decided not to request the usual harvest gifts of non-perishable foodstuffs. Instead we are inviting all who come along to bring a monetary offering which will be collected during the service, then sent to a charity which works to reduce food poverty in the UK. Cash or a cheque would be fine, or you could do a bank transfer to the church account with the heading 'Harvest' (bank details: **Sort Code: 16 24 32 and Account number: 12923915**)

We understand that some of you will miss the usual bringing in of Harvest gifts but there are good reasons for the change this year – one being that our obvious recipients last year (the local Foodbank) didn't want actual food as they receive so much at this time. Fortunately, we were able to donate our offerings to a Ukrainian charity, but finding recipients isn't as easy as one might think!

We will still have a harvest theme and sing traditional harvest songs, but we would be really grateful if you could remember to bring some money or a cheque to the service (I know many of you no longer carry cash!) so that we can support a charity which knows how to use the money most appropriately. You might like to pop your donation in an envelope.

Many thanks
Lynne



Music@Mike's



Tomorrow - Friday 2nd October at 1.15pm.

The distinguished and talented Kell Wind Trio - flute, clarinet and bassoon - they will be performing pieces by Haydn, Hahn, Kreisler, Norris, Hallam, Arnold and Wood.

As usual, entry is free, but donations to St. Michael's and the East Cheshire Hospice are welcomed. Angel at my Table cafe is open, for drinks and cakes - no hot food this week and next as Ali is having a well deserved break!

Friday 9th October we have Will Smith (tenor) and Simon Bate (piano) here performing.

We hope you can join us!

Church card reader!



Can anyone who's paid for a Pilgrim book by card reader please let you know? We have a small amount we are trying to track down!

Indian Banquetsave the date!



On the 15th November join us for an evening of delicious food and entertainment!

Soft drinks provided, please bring any alcoholic drinks. Proceeds to the St Michaels Building Fund. Adults £22, Under 11's £12, Family £60.



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Season of Creation: Final week

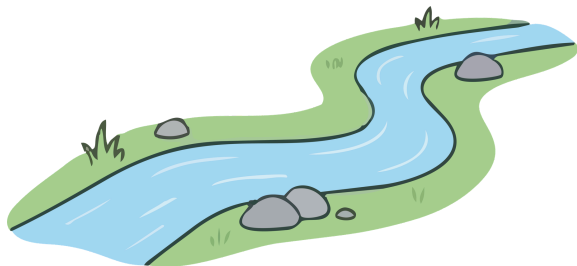


- **Tonight - Apple Pressing on 1st October from 4.00 - 7.00pm**, drop in at Scoop and Scales to press apples and enjoy some juice.
- **Creation Caneteen on Friday 2nd October at 6.00pm**, if you can bring along a meal to add to the sharing feast please book a place at 01625 241984 and let David Mayers know what you will be bringing!
- **Prayer and Praise Service** to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and the 800th Anniversary of his death on **Sunday 4th October at 4.00pm in St. Michael's Church.**

Dirty Business in the Bollin - a talk by Dr Keith Hendry of Mersey Rivers Trust

Tuesday October 13th at 7:30pm at St Michael's Church in Macclesfield Marketplace
Free admission

Organised by the Churches of Hope in North East Cheshire and the Season of Creation



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Saturday November 28th 2026.

Commencing 7pm.

Macclesfield All Saints Parish Church.

Maximum of 6 players per Team. If you wish to enter a Team, please contact Philip Marsh. 07980474742 or allsaintsmacc@gmail.com

Bring your own Snacks and Drinks. Tea/Coffee provided.

Creation Canteen

Friday 2nd October
Arrive 6pm, seated for 6:30pm
Booking Required
01625 421 984
Dietary requirements catered for!

A bring and share meal, there will be plenty of food!

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Living Water
Season of Creation 2026



Macclesfield coffee festival is coming soon, and Angel at my Table are going to be part of it!



Freebies, Discounts
Workshops, Talks,
Live Music



Free event
Sat 17th Oct
10am-4pm

Pick up your festival guide at
Incubation Arts
5-7 Mill Street,
Macclesfield, SK11 6NA



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Harvest thanksgiving

Church Family Worship with Holy Communion

Theme: The Bread of Life

10:00am: The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading: John 6:27-35

Speaker & Leader : Lynne Spedding

Use the link below to stream this
(and previous services) on YouTube
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 - [Link to Facebook](#)

Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

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

Thursday Worship 10:30am (35-40 mins)

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

8th October: Midweek Communion Service

15th October: Morning Prayer

Thursday Homegroup

Meeting for Bible study and prayer
morning and evening groups
Contact Eve & David Budgett (431606) or
David Mayers (420716) for more information

Held in the Silence (Contemplative Prayer)

Friday mornings from 9.20-9.50.

An opportunity for quiet prayer followed
by a cuppa and chat.

Compline/Night Prayer - Every Friday

Topic: Night Prayer | Time: 8.30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting; [Click here to join meeting](#).

Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476

Passcode: compline



Choral Evensong

Usually **2nd Sunday of each month, 6:30pm**
Words from the Book of Common Prayer and
music in the Anglican choral tradition.
Everyone welcome.

Share your Photos with St Mike's Church Family



If you've any photos of recent significant
birthdays or celebrations which you'd like to share in
Church Family News on Sunday mornings, please send
them via WhatsApp to this number: **+44 7579 820265**

You can, of course, also email pictures and text to
stmikesnotices@gmail.com. The deadline each week
is: 12 noon on Wednesdays

How to contact the office...Tel: 01625 421 984



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prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk
Your request will be circulated confidentially to
a limited group of people who will pray for you.