

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

13th September 2026

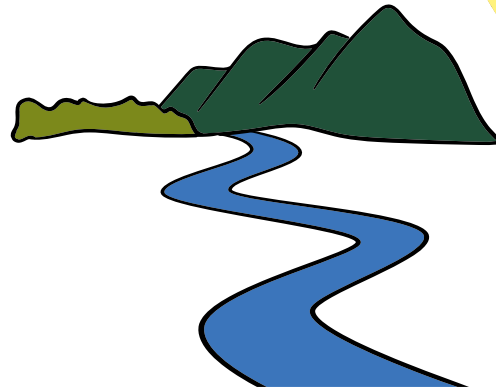


The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,

who in the passion of your blessed Son
made an instrument of painful death
to be for us the means of life and peace:
grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ
that we may gladly suffer for his sake;

who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



WITH YOUR ACTIONS

Notice one "counsel" you're tempted to follow this week - and choose the path of stillness instead.

Try one:

- Spend time in prayer outdoors and pay attention to what pulls your focus
- Sit in silence for ten minutes before starting your morning routine
- Have an honest conversation with a friend about what is shaping your thinking lately

We'd love to see what you create! Please email stmikesnotices@gmail.com or WhatsApp 07579 820 265 so we can share your artwork or reflections with the church community.

Kirsty

September's Art Group - Psalm 1: Week 1

Create Through the Psalms

Welcome to your invitation to engage with Scripture in a new and beautiful way. Join us for this 3-week series, Rooted: A journey to create through Psalm 1.

Week 1 - The Two Paths

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

Psalm 1:1-2

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

WITH YOUR HANDS

Create, in whatever medium you choose, a path moving from shadow towards stillness and light - one path, or a fork between two, whichever speaks to you.

WITH YOUR WORDS

Where is your delight leading you this week?

Try one:

- Write a short poem on the pull between two paths
- Do a word study on "delight" - where else it appears in Scripture, and what it means there
- Write a reflection on a time you chose stillness over the crowd.



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Choral Evensong Service, 6.30pm

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September.**

Words from the Book of
Common Prayer and music
in the Anglican choral
tradition. Do join us.



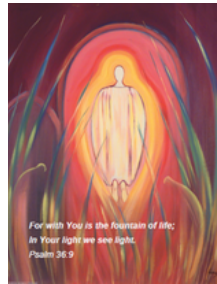
Service of Healing & Wholeness

There will be the opportunity for
the laying-on of hands, as well as
for individual prayer.

11.00 - 11.30 Savage Chapel

**Next week - Friday 18th
September.**

Please speak to Heike or Barbara
for more details.



Pilgrim Online Course

Pilgrim Zoom link

Here are the details for those of you who
wish to attend the online Pilgrim course,
starting from Sunday 20th September:

Topic: Pilgrim Course

Time: Sunday evenings from 20th September
7pm-8.15pm

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83137791839?](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83137791839?pwd=ZTEBo76SxRYzkE2s2Ezf8dNTWS2q3R.1)

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Meeting ID: 831 3779 1839

Passcode: pilgrim



Sunday 13th September

10:00am: Church Family Worship

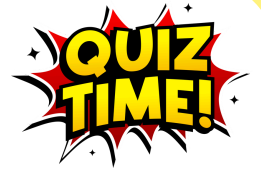
Bible Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

Theme: Go with God

Leader & Speaker: Revd Martin Stephens

www.youtube.com/@stmikesmacclesfield

Quiz night at Button Warehouse



- Monday, September 28
- 7:00 PM 9:30 PM
- The Button House, 44-48 Chestergate

Come along to the Quiz night in aid of St Mikes!

Pre booked tables only. Max 6 per team.

Min £3pp. To reserve a table email
info@thebuttonwarehouse.co.uk.



Big Project Working Group



On Thursday 3rd September, a meeting was held
at St Mike's to discuss the "Big Project".

The next meeting will take place in church on the
evening of Thursday 8th October. The focus will be
on project planning and the proposed schedule of
activities.

More information will be shared soon. In the
meantime, please keep the Big Project in your
prayers as we continue to work through the
arrangements and plan for the next steps.



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Season of Creation: Week 3 highlights



People's Emergency Briefing - Friday 11th September - 7.30pm at St Michael's - find out more about the impacts we can expect as a result of the Climate and Nature crises. No need to book.

Repair Cafe - Saturday 12th September 10 - 2pm at Duke St Community Centre

Scared Circe Dance - Sunday 13th September 3.00 - 5.00pm in St. Alban's Parish Centre SK11 8DJ. Booking required 07401003976

Calling a Wounded Earth Home - Tuesday 15th September at 7.45pm in St Alban's Parish Centre Parish Centre SK11 8DJ. We will explore how Christians can continue to live life in all its fullness in a world affected by climate change. It will reflect on Love, Truth, Wisdom, Justice and explore how we can have Hope. Come along to share your feelings and your thoughts in this 90-minute interactive workshop.

Feeding Bellies not Bins! - Friday 18th September 5.00 - 9.00pm at St. Michael's Church SK10 1DY - like the TV programme "Ready, Steady, Cook" come along to prepare, cook and eat a meal made from surplus food available on the day

River Bollin Clean-up - Saturday 19th September 10 - 3 (drop-in any time) at Riverside Park SK10 2SL; bring wellies and gloves

Big Trees and Mini-beasts - Sunday 20th September 12 - 2pm West Park; discover the amazing natural world around us, fun activities for all the family.



Homemakers



The programme for the Homemakers group begins with a service of Holy Communion. The meeting will be held on **Thursday 17th September at 7:30pm** at the home of Alexa Stenhouse, tel. 01625 429 727. All welcome.

A Quick Poll



For the past year our Ministry Team at St Michael's has been part of a Learning Hub. Ahead of thier next session they've been asked to **survey our church congregation**.

So....please can you complete a two-question survey, using thie QR code?

Thank you,
Martin, Catherine, Lynne,
Martin, Mike & Vivien



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Open The Book Taster Morning

Could you be a
Storyteller in
primary schools?



Come along to this session to find out more at All Saints Church on **Thursday 17th September, 9.30-12.30** - fun, free and interactive session.

Linda from All Saints and Tricia from St Mikes are rehearsing for the next Bible story that we are taking into school. **What parable is it?** We are going to have fun building houses with the children!



But whose will stay standing and whose will fall down?? Please come to our Open the Book Taster Day to see what we do and what fun we have. There will be a puppet show to share what we do and a chance for you to play with our props! More details on the attached poster.



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Walking Together: Pilgrim Place Conference 2026



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Pilgrim Place Conference
Manchester Cathedral: 6th October 2026

The first Pilgrim Place Conference brings together churches, leaders and practitioners to share ideas, resources and inspiration. The day includes a keynote from Archbishop Stephen Cottrell, practical workshops, stories from Pilgrim Places, networking and lunch.

The conference is open to existing Pilgrim Places (us!) and anyone interested in exploring how pilgrimage could enrich their church.

Would you like to attend this with Martin?

Find out more:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-together-pilgrim-place-conference-2026-tickets-1989660621479?aff=oddtcreator>

Church trail

Have you tried the St Michael's History Trail? Now an improved version with pictures as well!

Read the QR code on your smartphone – or ask a friend who can do this. You can enjoy it in the comfort of your own home, but, better still, follow the instructions as you walk around church. We have headphones you can borrow from the office if you don't want everyone to hear.

SCAN ME!



**Thank you from
Norma Stanway**

THANK
YOU

"Thank you to the church family of St Michael's for your prayers, love and visits in recent weeks. I've certainly felt upheld and cheered by all your kindness. It has really made a difference. The best medicine was being back with you all on a Sunday".

Photos or memories of Sunday school, Flower Sunday or Whit Monday



Do you remember when Sunday School children took part in parades around the town, perhaps on Flower Sunday, or on Whit Monday? Each Sunday School carried a banner – we have some of these in the loft at St Michael's and are going to get them out to display next weekend.

If you have memories or even photographs of these events please could you let us have them. Contact Rachel Mayers or send them via the office. (if you sent us your photos a few years ago – we kept copies so you don't need to hunt them out again)

Heritage Open Day

There is lots to see in St Michael's on **Saturday 19th September**. A rare opportunity to see our historic altar frontals and banners; the audio trail; bellringing demonstrations and of course a zipwire for your teddies! Come and have a look – and if you can, stay around a while to share in welcoming others.



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