

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

25th October 2026



The Last Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Saints Day

Sunday 1st November



Living as Saints

When you think of All Saints' Day, what or who comes to mind?

On 1st November, Christians celebrate All Saints' Day, remembering those who have lived lives of faith and shown God's love through their words and actions.

But what does it mean to live as a saint today?

We don't have to be perfect or do extraordinary things. Living as saints means following Jesus in the ordinary moments of life: showing kindness, offering forgiveness, caring for others and sharing generously what God has given us.

As a church family, we are all called to play our part in God's mission, using our gifts, time and resources to make a difference in the lives of others.

This All Saints' Day, let us reflect on how we can live out our faith every day and become a community that shares God's love with generosity and joy.



Prayer Support

Pray

Please pray for the Finance and Governance Team and for Laura our Treasurer.

As we face a large budget deficit, pray for wisdom in finding ways to meet and minimise the running costs of St. Mike's.

Pray for generosity in our visitors and our congregation and that regular monthly giving will increase.



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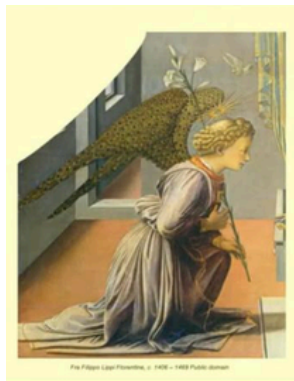
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St Michael's Advent Calendar: reserve your copy now!

The St Michael's Advent Calendar will be available from mid-November, and it's time now to reserve your copy/copies!



There is a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard at the back of church. Please make sure that your name is legible and that you give a contact phone number/email.

Please note that we do invite a contribution of £10 for each calendar to cover the printing and production costs – but don't be prevented from having one by financial constraints – just quietly mention this to Lynne.

The calendar, for anyone who hasn't seen a previous year's, contains a daily reflection from Advent Eve (28th November) to Christmas Day, each reflection comprising some written text and an image or two. The reflections have been contributed by different members of the church family, so there is great variety in style and content.

The aim of this calendar is to encourage everyone to have a quiet spell each day for a few minutes, contemplating the day's reflection and the special meaning of the season: preparation; expectancy; patience; penitence.

If you need further information, please contact Lynne at lynne.norbron@gmail.com, or 07881 423687

Roots Group



Last Sunday the children in the Roots Group made these 'clocks'. You can point the arrow to how you are feeling – you may be happy or sad or angry. You may be ill or having a bad time but God is still with you.

Thank you to our Children's workers, especially this week thankyou Esther and Sharon. God bless you both.

Tricia

God is ALWAYS there



Tree of Light

Hosted by East Cheshire Hospice in collaboration with Macclesfield Town Council - An opportunity to remember and celebrate the lives of loved ones who have died. We invite you to write a message on a tree bauble in their memory. (The box is in the Welcome Area)



They will be placed on the Marketplace tree this Christmas.

Service of Remembering



Sunday 1st November at 4.00pm, St Michael's.

All are welcome to this special service.

An opportunity to give thanks for the lives of those who have died, remember with love those we still hold dear. You are warmly invited for drinks and light refreshments in the Welcome Area, after the service.



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Create Through the Psalms

You're invited 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 4

- Crowned with Glory and Honour

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

Psalm 8:5-9

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour ... O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth!



WITH YOUR HANDS

Create, in whatever medium you choose, a piece that shows the world God has placed in our care.



WITH YOUR WORDS

What has been placed in your care? Try one:

- Write a poem or prayer over something in your care
- Do a word study on "crowned", "glory" or "honour"
- Write a reflection on what it means to be **entrusted**, and why the psalm ends by returning to praise



WITH YOUR ACTIONS

Tend something entrusted to you this week. Try one:

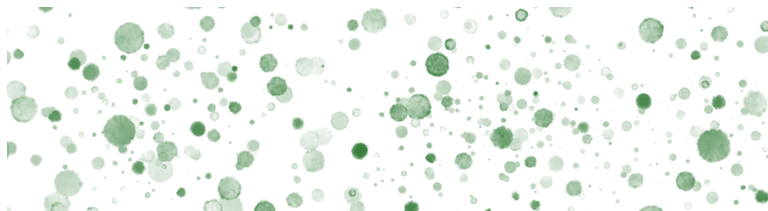
- Care for something, such as a houseplant, a garden or the birds outside your window
- Share something you've made, grown or gathered
- Host a small gathering to share the pieces you have created through the month and read the psalm together



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.



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Indian Banquet



An opportunity for everyone to enjoy a great meal and entertainment provided by our South Indian community - and support the St Michael's building fund!

Pay by bank transfer to St. Michael's Building Fund **10175873 16-24-32 (reference banquet and your name)** or pay by cash in the church office.

Reminder!- Please book your place with the church office so we can add you to the list.

Soft drinks provided, please bring any alcoholic drinks.

Adults £22, Under 11's £12, Family £60.

TODAY at St Mikes

Music@Mike's

Thursday 22nd October - Wendy Nugent to play a variety of classical, film and traditional tunes. Note this is a change from the published programme.



Friday 30th October - Cheshire Chamber Collective - Adrienne Soilsbury (violin) and Julian Davis (piano).

Saturday 7th November - Neil Taylor - organ

Thursday 12th November - Kings School - Starting at 1pm - NOT 1:15!

There's no charge to attend, but donations in support of St. Michael's Church and East Cheshire Hospice would be warmly appreciated.

☕ Our Angel at My Table café will also be open, serving drinks, tasty food and lovely homemade cakes.

People's Emergency Briefing

Cinemas, The Heritage Centre, Roe St.
Macclesfield, SK11 6UT

Wednesday 4 November
7.30pm

A second opportunity to watch and discuss **People's Emergency Briefing**, a powerful presentation featuring some of the country's leading scientists and experts on climate change and its likely impact on us all.

Please see the attached poster for further details.

Attached, we also share an article by Cliff Mills, a former member of St Michael's who is now a member of St Christopher's in Pott Shrigley. Cliff reflects on his response to an earlier screening of the presentation and its impact on him.

All are encouraged to engage with this important subject and consider what it means for us, our communities and the future of our planet.



REMEMBERING GAZA

A Silent Vigil outside Macclesfield Town Hall - **THIS Saturday**

Forthcoming dates: 12noon - 12.30 pm,
Saturdays 24th October, 28th November,
19th December.

Contact David Mayers,
davidjmayers@btinternet.com



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The Last Sunday after Trinity

Church Family Worship

Theme: Living legacy

10:00am

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Leader: Mike Strutt

Speaker: Martin Stephens

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

29th October: Morning Prayer

5th November: Midweek Communion

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.



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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Safeguarding Contact Information

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact
the St Michael's Safeguarding Officer. **Liz Bradbury is
the safeguarding officer:**

Phone: 07465 865 441 - NEW NUMBER!

Email: safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

Donating to St Michael's is easy!

Please scan this QR code or use the
contactless donation point in the Welcome
Area to make a donation. Regular planned
giving is especially valuable, as it helps us plan
ahead and budget for the church's ongoing
work and ministry. Thank you for your
generosity and support.



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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.

