



Easter Sunday



God of glory,
by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;
for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Pentecost booklet.

What does being a disciple of Christ mean to you?

As mentioned in last weeks bulletin, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost are times of reflection and renewal. As a follow-up to our Lent Groups, we'd like to create a small booklet reflecting the diverse stories of our Christian community in Macclesfield.

If you would like to be involved, please write a short account (max 250 words) and send any contributions to Isobel in the office (clergypa@maccteam.org.uk)

Printed copies will be available during our Pentecost Service on Sunday May 24th.



Thank you, Tricia & Isobel



Church Annual Meeting - Ahead of our Annual Meeting after the service on Sunday 19th April, we'll be circulating the annual report and accounts early next week for you to read through.



Please note....there will be an important announcement during the meeting so we encourage you to attend!!! :)



Eco tip



Fast...from social media.

We now live in a time full of infinite distractions at our fingertips.

This Holy Week, fast from social media to make space to reflect on the redemptive work of the Cross and its far-reaching effects, including the promises for renewed creation. The average person spends 145 minutes per day on social media, generating approximately 60kg of CO2 annually²—equivalent to driving from London to Edinburgh. This week, we invite you to enjoy the outdoors and find renewed strength to play your role in caring for creation—and to pray for the climate vulnerable and decision-makers.

Would you like to help this Saturday at the Experience Easter event?

We are very much looking forward to the Experience Easter event this Saturday 11am-2.30pm. Fingers crossed the weather is dry for us!

If you are around and would like to be involved, the St Mikes team are overseeing the crucifixion table - the wooden cross has been erected in the church grounds! Do let us know if you could help man the table with David Mayers and Martin Bancroft Thanks.



Experience Easter

Family-friendly stations with crafts, storytelling and hands-on activities PLUS a free gift.

4 April 26
11:00 am - 2:30 pm
St Michael's Church Grounds



 **HOPE** IN NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

A free event organised by the churches of Macclesfield



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

5th April 2026

Easter Sunday

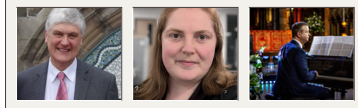


Music @ Mikes
1.15pm

Friday 10th April

Angel at my Table café will be open for light refreshments.

Free entry but donations are invited for the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church, jointly.



**David Smith (baritone),
Sarah Wilkes (mezzo),
Neil Taylor (piano)**

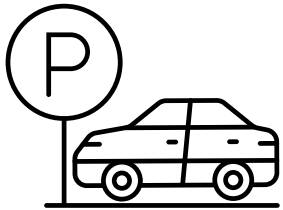
United Utilities Works



Sewer repair in the footpath on Market Place are taking place from **Monday 13th April for 4 weeks!** Hopefully the impact will be minimal with normal access to church....we are awaiting more information!



Parking...reminder!



We would like to remind everyone that parking on King Edward Street is only available at weekends and evenings....**therefore not tomorrow - Good Friday.**



Church bookstand



The church bookstand has been updated with new materials, including resources that explore the meaning of Easter. Please feel free to pick up a copy, and if something is of interest to you—or to someone you know—donations can be made via the donation box.

Macclesfield Cursillo Community

Invite you to join them for

AFTERNOON TEA & CAKE

At St Paul's Church, Glegg St, SK11 7AJ

Sunday 12th April 3-5pm

This free to attend event is for anyone interested in Cursillo, whether you are already a member of the community or just curious to find out more. Come and join us for a friendly chat over tea and cakes and hear how Cursillo could support your Christian living.

Macclesfield Cursillo Community

There is an afternoon of tea and cake being hosted at St Paul's on Sunday 12th April, 3-5pm.



This is for anyone who may be interested in finding out more about Cursillo, both clergy and congregation. Cursillo works alongside the diocese with the approval of Bishop Mark to help and encourage people who may want to develop their spiritual life.

If you've never heard of it then visit the website for more information: www.chestercursillo.org.uk



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EASTER at St Michael's

Throughout school hols

(whenever Church is open)

Maundy Thursday

2nd April at 7pm

Good Friday

3rd April at 10:30am

Good Friday

3rd April at 2pm - 4pm

4 x 25 minute sessions.

Easter Eve

4th April 11am - 2.30pm

Easter Sunday

5th April at 6am

Easter Sunday

5th April at 10am

Augmented Reality (AR) Easter Trail

Find & scan the **AR** QR codes to find out about Easter (device required / WiFi available)

Agape Meal with (optional) Foot Washing in the Savage Chapel

Service of readings, music and silence.

Contemplating the Cross Together

Music, readings & response to Jesus' crucifixion.
Led by St Michael's Church choir

Contemplation and Reflection

Readings, music, poetry and silence
Please leave/arrive at any changeover time
2.00; 2.25; 2.55; 3.25

Experience Easter

Activities exploring Easter - for all the family
including quiet space for prayer and grief

Churches Together Sunrise Service

NB: at Teggs Nose Country Park SK11 0AP

Church Family Worship

Celebrate the greatest day in history
Gather together to celebrate Jesus' resurrection
(includes Holy Communion)

ALL WELCOME!



What's happening in church this month?

April



BabySing

Weekly on Friday's 10:30am – 11:30am

A gentle, uplifting space for you and your baby or toddler (up to age 2). Exploring music, rhythm & movement. All welcome!

Foodie Friday - Friday 10th April

Foodie Friday USUALLY takes place on the first Friday of each month at 6.30pm., but it's a week later this month! A 3-course meal is made using surplus food, and guests contribute on a 'pay-as-you-feel' basis (though a guide-price is suggested).

Profits from the meal go towards providing free drinks and meals for more vulnerable members of our community during the week. To book: contact the church office, 01625 421984.



Music @ Mikes

Friday 10th April - David Smith (baritone), Sarah Wilkes (mezzo) & Neil Taylor (piano)

Thursday 16th April - Cheshire Chamber Collective: Anna Cowham (cello), Emma Tennant (clarinet) & Julian Davis (piano)

Friday 24th April - Simeon Walker (piano)

Refugee Welcome - Ukrainian Cafe

Saturday, April 4, from 10:00 – 11:30am

Monthly on the first Saturday in the Youth Centre of Church.

Cheshire East Council Wellbeing support

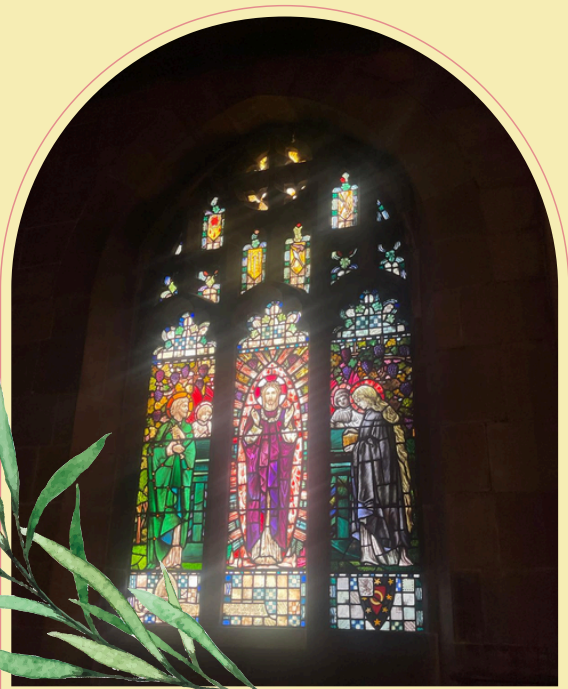
Tuesday, April 14 10:30am

Every 2 weeks on Tuesday. Tel:01270 686209



Lumos Concert - A Vivaldi & Mozart

Candlelight Experience Saturday 2nd May



Sunday 5th April Worship

10:00am: Easter Sunday. Family Communion (plus young people's group).

Leader: Revd Canon Vivien Gisby

Speaker: Revd Martin Stephens

Bible Readings: Acts 10:36-43 / Matthew 28:1-10

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

Next Meeting: **15th April**

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

9th April: Midweek Communion Service

16th April: Morning Prayer

Thursday Homegroup (not on during Lent)

Meeting for Bible study and prayer morning and evening groups



Please 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



Share your Photos with St Mike's Church Family



If you've any photos of recent significant birthdays or celebrations which you're happy to be included in this 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...



01625 421984



Isobel: clergypa@maccteam.org.uk for ministry queries (Office hours usually Mon & Wed 9.00-2.45; Thurs 9.00-1.00 and Fri 8.30 - 1.00pm)

Elaine: bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk for bookings and building matters (Office hours are usually Mon, Tues & Thurs 9:30am - 1:30pm)

- Bulletin/Newsletter stmikesnotices@gmail.com
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- Safeguarding see box below

Postal Address: The Office, St Michael's Church, Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY



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Safeguarding Contact Information

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Phone: 07435 568 729

Email: safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

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prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

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