

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER



17th May 2026

The Seventh Sunday of Easter Sunday after Ascension Day

Risen, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin
may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father



Music @ Mikes



A series of informal lunchtime concerts show-casing the best of our aspiring musicians from the town and further afield.

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

Friday 15th May, 1:15pm



Features the talented duo of Will Smith (tenor) and Simon Bate (piano).
Performing pieces by Schubert, Faure, Gurney and Williams.

Friday 29th May, 1:15pm



Simon Evans (violin) & Julian Davis (piano)
Playing pieces by Stravinsky, Adams and Prokofiev.

Friday 5th June, 1:15pm



Adam Parrish
A classically trained Pianist, Organist, Oboist, Guitarist, Musical Director and Composer.



Church Flowers



The flowers in the worship area have been kindly donated by Beth Marshall in loving memory of her sister, Kathryn.

Thank you Beth.

Donation



Thank for the donation of £17.25 for East Cheshire Hospice from your Easter Fair collection - we are truly grateful for your support.

LETS: 17th May

The next 'Let's Eat Together' Lunch is this Sunday.



Bring some food and eat with others, maybe sharing if you wish. Newcomers are especially welcome: don't worry if you haven't any food - there's usually plenty.

Battery Recycling



Bring in your old batteries for recycling, the box is outside the church office.

Angel At My Table



There is a change of hours to the cafe next week.

Angel At My Table will be open 10 - 12 noon Thurs-Sat and will be closed in the afternoon due to holidays.

Global Justice Macclesfield

Finding Hope in Gaza and the West Bank.

Do come along on Tuesday 2nd June, 7:30pm here at St Michael's.



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Help needed with a few practical tasks!

You may have noticed that we have a smart new door between the boilerhouse and Churchside, replacing a very old and disintegrating one.



It is primed but needs some coats of black paint (and undercoat) – is this something you could help with?

Also... **HELP!**



- We need a team to clean up the paving in the churchyard: sweep thoroughly then treat to make it less slippery, especially near the Youth Centre.
- The carpet in the café could do with shampooing again; probably just that one this time, not everywhere.

If you could help with any of these jobs please have a word with Paul Simms, who is chair of our Building & Grounds Team, Matt or Rachel.

July

Tuesday
21st July at 7pm

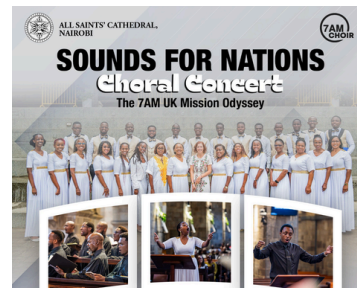
7am choir concert from
All Saints Nairobi Cathedral, Kenya.

A youthful and inspirational group of singers, their commitment, passion and musical talent have earned them a national reputation for excellence in Kenya. The choir sings at the 7am service in the cathedral!

Listen here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-yR8u2ap3t4>

This concert will raise funds for MDMT, the Martyn Donaldson Music Trust, which was set up in 2002. The choir support the music department at Starehe Boys' School in Nairobi, plus the sister school that now caters for girls.



mdmt
martyn donaldson music trust

They recruit young musicians to work as volunteer music teachers for a year or two at each school and also look for instrument donations and pay ABRSM exam fees etc. In Nairobi, they also support a programme of string playing called **El Sistema**, which operates in the slum areas. MDMT also supports musical charities in the UK.

The choir is hoping to find sponsors to help finance their trip; if you would like to know more please contact David Mayers.

We are hoping at St Michael's to raise **£300** toward the cost of this concert and this very worthwhile cause.

Eco Eco - tip

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Sunday 17th May Worship

10:00am: Holy Communion
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

Leader: Rev'd Martin Stephens
Speaker: Lynne Spedding (LLM)
Reading: Acts 1:1-14
Theme: The Ascension of Christ.

 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: **27th May**

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

14th May: Midweek Morning Prayer
21st May: Midweek Communion Service

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



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 Service

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...

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Phone: 07435 568 729

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