

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

22nd February 2026



Salt and Light Renewed

Vision Day 7th March

Reviewing Our Calling,
Discerning Our Future



Revd Martin speaks about Salt and Light Renewed

I'm really looking forward to our forthcoming **'Salt and Light Renewed' Vision Day** in two weeks' time!

Our last Vision Day (29th Feb 2020) was for 'anyone and everyone' to attend. From that day we clarified our purpose as St Michael's Church, and set some key strategic objectives.

Now, 6 years on, we're asking those who overtly contribute to St Michael's future (through the PCC or one of its Teams, for example), or who do so implicitly by leading/assisting one of our core activities & ministries, to revisit and review what's happened since 2020.

This is **NOT** because 'we've lost our way!' - *we haven't!*
It's **NOT** 'we need some new ideas because nothing's working' - *it is!*

'Salt & Light Renewed' is an opportunity to celebrate what's been good, think honestly about what still needs work, and discern together what God might be asking of St Michael's into the future.

'Salt & Light Renewed' is being led by Jon and Rebecca - experienced and expert facilitators from the Diocese of Chester, and we'll hear from Bishop Sam (*r*) too.



Please can you pray with me for the Day, for those attending, and for a strong sense of God drawing us into His future?

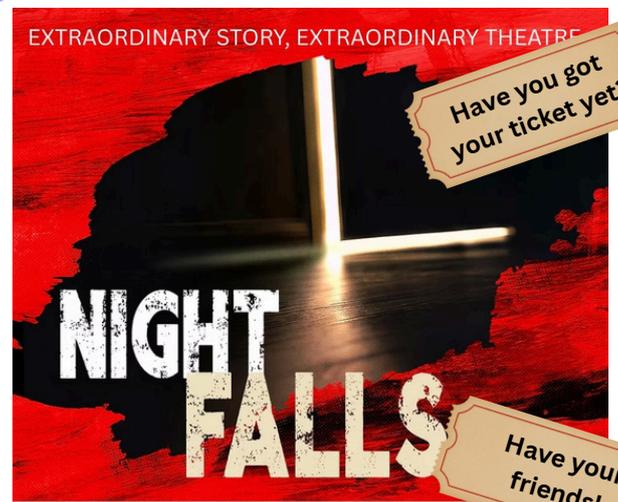
Thank you.

Mark

Whether or not you're expecting to be present on 7th March, I'd really value your input to the conversation.

Thinking about the recent (post-pandemic) past at St Michael's, what 2 things should we celebrate, and where could we improve?

Please complete a response card in the Welcome Area, or an online form via the QR code displayed in the same area, or go to <https://t.ly/rr2sM>. Thank you.



Have you got your ticket yet?

Have your friends!

St Michael & All Angels Church

Thursday 5th March 2026 at 7.30pm

BOOK NOW: www.ridinglights.org/nightfalls

Night Falls is a fresh, vivid and dynamic retelling of the Easter story, blending music and powerful drama alongside space for reflection and worship.



Music @ Mikes

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.

Friday 20th February, 1.15pm
Ivan Hovorun (piano)
Rachmaninov, Mozart and Chopin.

(please note, this is a last minute change to published programme)



Friday 27th February, 1.15pm
Iryna Volkova
Ukrainian Christian Singer



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Lent Services - more detail in church and on last weeks newsletter!

REMINDER

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April, 7pm - Agape Meal with (optional) washing of feet in Savage Chapel

Good Friday, 3rd April - There are two services:
10.30am and the afternoon contemplative service **2pm-4pm**

WHAT'S ON?

Babysing (for 2 and under) - Fridays at St Michael's, 10.30-11.30am

Help your child explore music, rhythm, movement songs. All welcome!

Northern Chamber Orchestra, St Michael's 14th March, 5pm

Tickets available online, £29 for a standard ticket.

KEMS Concert at St Michael's - Sat 21st March, 7.30pm

An eclectic mix of popular band music including Holst's Second Suite in F, Indiana Jones, Lion King, Oliver, Sophisticated Ladies

Experience Easter, churchyard of St Michael's - Saturday 4th April, between 11am & 2.30pm

For all the family, come and complete the Easter Trail around the churchyard. The churches of Macclesfield are coming together to share the true meaning of Easter.

The First Sunday of Lent

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and
prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Music & Art - Sun 29th March, St Peter's Church. Drinks from 7.30pm, Event 8-9pm

ST PETER'S CHURCH
BUILDING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

This event grows out of a season of questioning and searching — Joel & Emily two singer-songwriters sharing honest songs and reflections about faith, doubt, and the journey toward love and meaning.

It's a space for anyone who's ever wrestled with belief or felt caught between faith and uncertainty. Through music, art, and moments of reflection, we hope to create a gentle, open environment where you can simply be — whether you identify as Christian or not.

See attachment for more info



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Would you like to volunteer in our Angel at My Table cafe? Weds-Sat 10-3pm any help would be appreciated!

Contact the church office: 01625 421 984



Stuff!

Items from the Flower Vestry (upstairs and downstairs) are now in the chancel outside. If something is used in church, please label it with its purpose and your name (e.g. "flower arranging"; Freda Bloggs).

If you'd like an unneeded item, label it with your name (e.g. "Fred Bloggs would like this"). Unclaimed items will be disposed of on 9 March.

ECO-FRIENDLY

Borrow instead of buying

Many people are happy to lend their hedge trimmers, log-splitters or wallpaper steamer - just some of the many gadgets you use once and then clutter up your home. Or try Bollington Borrowers who run a Library of Things <https://bollingtonborrowers.co.uk/>



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Sunday 22nd February Worship

10:00am: Church Family Worship with children's groups.

Leader: Paul Simms (OWL)

Speaker: Rev Canon Vivien Gisby

Bible Reading: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Theme: Testing times

Use the link below to stream this (and previous services) on YouTube
www.youtube.com/@stmikesmacclesfield



Share your Photos with St Mike's Church Family



If you have any photographs of recent activities you have been involved in which you would like including in the weekly bulletin/newsletter or in the Church Family News slot in Sunday services, please use this number to WhatsApp them to the relevant people:

+44 7579 820265

You can, of course, also email pictures and text to stmikesnotices@gmail.com

How to contact the office...



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- Safeguarding see box below

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Phone: 07435 568 729

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Email any prayer requests to:

prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

Your request will be circulated confidentially to a limited group of people who will pray for you.

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: **4th March**

Thursday Morning 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

26th February: Holy Communion

5th March: Morning Prayer

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



Sound of 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

