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Whilst our regular Bulletin compilers take a brief break, here's a very important announcement from our Diocesan Bishop ...

Big Summer Safeguarding Survey

As part of a Church of England-wide initiative, Chester Diocese is participating in an independent safeguarding audit. This is a fantastic way to understand how well our diocese and cathedral are doing in creating environments where everyone feels safe, valued, and respected, and to learn how Chester Diocese can improve its practice for the good of all.



This process began recently and will be continuing over the summer. The audit will include in-person visits to the diocese from the INEQE Safeguarding Group in early Nov, with Group's reports & observations received early in 2026.

The audit offers a valuable opportunity for the Diocese to reflect, learn, and grow... and for that we need your help!

Have your say this summer

We're inviting everyone in the diocese to take part in a confidential and anonymous online survey. It is what it's called '**The Big Summer Safeguarding Survey**' (though, don't worry, it doesn't take long to complete).

This is your chance to share your honest thoughts: to celebrate what's working well and highlight where Chester Diocese can do better in the area of Safeguarding. Whether you've had positive experiences or see areas for improvement, your insight is essential. The more voices that are heard, the better Chester Diocese can serve and support everyone in our community.

Take the survey now:

<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/chester/>

Let's work together to build a Church where everyone feels safe, supported, and heard. Thank you for being part of this important journey.

This comes with my thanks and prayers

+Mark

The Rt Revd Dr Mark Tanner, Bishop of Chester



And here's a message from Jane Pleace, Diocesan CEO ...

It's my hope and prayer that every church and meeting place across Chester Diocese is safe and welcoming to all who visit – whether they come once or often. Chester Diocese has a hugely valuable opportunity this year to listen and learn how we can all improve. That starts with listening to you!

You have until **Wednesday 3rd September at 11.30pm** to complete the survey and responses will go directly to INEQE, **not** to the Church of England. As Bishop Mark says, we do want everyone to take part.

We're calling it BIG because we want it to reach as many people as possible, far and wide across our parishes. It's a quick and simple questionnaire that should take around 10-15 minutes to complete.

We want to reach families who access our activities – there's a special section for those under 18, as well as adults. And it's not just those in leadership roles, we welcome the views of those who take part in our various groups, the choir, bellringers, people serving in the kitchen ... so you'll be hearing a lot about this in the coming weeks. When you click on the link, you'll see a number of options. Choose the survey which is relevant to you (for most this will be '**The Parish Community**'). A tailor-made set of questions that best suit your own position will then open up. If you have several roles, just pick the one that feels most appropriate.

1. Who should complete the survey?

- **The Parish Workforce** - including, for example, clergy, parish staff, volunteers or bell ringers.
- **The Parish Community** - including, for example, parishioners, worshippers, or attendees of activities in the parish.
- **Victims and Survivors** - If you are a victim/survivor of church-related abuse, we deeply value your input and insight into current Church of England safeguarding practices.
- **Child or Young Person** - If you are under 18, tell us about your experiences and what you want to change. However, if you are under the age of 13 then please do so with the help of a parent / guardian.

2. How long will it take? 10-15 minutes

3. Can I send the survey on to others? Yes, please do share the link with others.

4. Who will see my answers? Just the INEQE Safeguarding Group. This is an anonymised survey and completely confidential.

5. Will anyone follow up with me afterwards? No

6. Can I change my answers? Yes, you can change your answers up to the point of submitting the survey.

Take the survey now:

<https://ineqe.com/churchofengland/chester/>

Thank you for being part of this important piece of work.

Jane Pleace

Diocesan Secretary / Chief Executive Officer



Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

3rd August 2025

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10:00am: Church Family Worship
Holy Communion with Summer Sunday activity

Leader & Celebrant : Revd Martin Stephens

Speaker : Revd Vivien Gisby

Bible reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Please use the link below to stream this
(and previous services) on YouTube

<https://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

<https://www.facebook.com/stmikesmacclesfield>

Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

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

Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th August

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

7th August: Morning Prayer
14th August: Holy Communion

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



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; [https://](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZ0VXdaZz09)

[us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZ0VXdaZz09)

[pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZ0VXdaZz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZ0VXdaZz09)

Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476 Passcode: compline



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...



Phone: Landline: 01625 421984

Email addresses:

- Isobel** clergyga@maccteam.org.uk for ministry issues
- Elaine** bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk for bookings and building matters
- Bulletin/Newsletter** stmikesnotices@gmail.com
- Printing** maccteamprinting@gmail.com
- Safeguarding** see box below

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

Elaine's office hours are *usually* Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am – 1:30 pm

Isobel's Office hours are *usually* Monday & Wednesday 9.00-2.45; and Thursday 9.00 - 1.00 & Friday 8.30 - 1.00

Safeguarding Contact Information



If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the St Michael's Safeguarding Officer, Katie Wilcock:

Phone: 07435 568 729

Email: safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk



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