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Welcome to Macclesfield Team Ministry

A Prayer

We pray for our new Rector, Martin and his wife Catherine and his family as they prepare to move to Macclesfield and leave behind their old parish, friends and colleagues.

We give thanks to God for sending us Martin and his family and for the hard work put in by John Phillipson and our interview panel for selecting a new Rector for our Team Ministry. We pray for their parish of Bucknall as they come to terms with the news of their departure.

Amen

Macclesfield Team Ministry is a family of four churches that are located in different parts of the town of Macclesfield, and are part of the Church of England.

We are four quite different communities of people seeking to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and trying to bring wholeness and healing to Macclesfield and the wider town.

As churches we are made up of all sorts of people, young and old, employed, unemployed and retired, some more able-bodied than others, yet everyone is valued as being uniquely made and loved by God.

Our parishes cover the centre of the town, neighbourhoods along Old Buxton Road and Black Road,

around Chester Road and Oxford Road, and the Moss Rose and Tytherington estates.

While our churches have a history that goes back to 1278 we are working today to enable people to grow in faith and spirituality. We believe that God regards everyone as being infinitely valuable and loveable, and that our local schools, businesses and institutions are an important part of what makes our community a good place in which to live.

The life of each church is centred around its worship. So do feel free to come and meet us at any of our churches whether you have had a long association with the Christian faith or not.



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St Peter's

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FROM

Our New Team Rector



Hello from the Stephens family (that's 'Stephens' with a 'ph'!)

We're excited to be moving to Macclesfield later this year, to join with you all in what God is calling His People to in serving Him.

Martin is a 'Man of Kent' by birth, but since meeting and marrying Catherine - a Nottingham lass - they've lived most of their married life in and around Staffordshire.

We have three daughters: Jessica is a physiotherapist in Leeds, Nicole is just about to finish as a student in Cambridge, whilst Michaela is in Y12 studying for A-levels in 2017.

It's just 20 miles to Macclesfield from our current parish, the Team Ministry of Bucknall, on the eastern edge of the Potteries. There we've had an enjoyable time, working with a very good team of colleagues, whilst we've had particular responsibility for St John's Welcome Centre, a church in the middle of the estate of Abbey Hulton.

Please pray for us and for all the

people and activities we'll be leaving behind as we leave Stoke on Trent. It's been our home for 15 years, and there's much that we wouldn't want to lose, and many people who'll be upset to see us go .. as well as, I guess, some who won't! (*you'll have to get used to Martin's sense of humour*). The excitement of saying 'yes' to Macclesfield also meant saying 'no' to a lot here.

So bear with us as we move! Help us along by being excited for all God will do in and for the people of Macclesfield, and pray for your church leaders (PCCs, Leadership Teams, Team Council, churchwardens and ministers), that as *this* family makes its home in the town we may, together, all seek more of God for one another and for the areas our churches serve.

"My passion", says Martin, "is for people to experience God's transforming love for themselves, and, as they respond to that in the best possible way, that they know what it means to live 'a life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). Being loved without conditions and living with

purpose are worth hungering after and sharing with others. When we start the next phase of our life in Macclesfield I trust we'll meet others with a similar hunger."

You'll get to meet and find out more about us in time to come. We're sure the next few months will fly by too quickly for us. Once we arrive we hope it won't be too long for us to settle in, meet and find out more about you all in the Macclesfield Team.

With our love, prayers, and every blessing.

Martin and Catherine

Martin's Induction Service

Friday 16th September
St Michael's Church
at 7.00pm

with the Bishop of Chester
(more details to follow)

WHAM Nightshelter Feedback



Six churches in Macclesfield hosted the WHAM (Winter HOPE Accommodation Macclesfield) winter weekend shelter over fourteen weekends this winter (2015-16). Participating churches were Elim Pentecostal, Macclesfield Methodists, Salvation Army, St Alban's, St Michael's and the United Reformed Church. The period covered each weekend was from 18th December 2015 through to 21st March 2016.

St Michael's hosted three weekends: January 1st, March 4th and March 17th. A total of 36 volunteers were involved in covering the 90 shifts required. Most of these (30) were members of St Michael's and our other Team Ministry churches. Both 9.30 and 11.00 congregations from St Michael's were well represented and it was a good opportunity to get to know each other. Many of the St Michael's volunteers also did shifts at other churches.

St Michael's hosted probably the coldest and most busy weekends with one night having as many as eight guests.

Some of the meals were provided by our Girlguiding Senior Section (girls aged 14-18) which gave them the opportunity to discover more about the work of the church to which they

are associated and do a 'service' project and practise cooking skills.

The overall picture

Twenty two different males guests were given at least one night's shelter and 104 nights' accommodation were provided in total over the 2015-16 period. Guests, on average, stayed for two nights over a weekend.

Guests really valued the 'safety and security' of the shelter and 'being able to talk with people'.

Other faith led organisations that supported the shelter include Silklife Foodbank, Treehouse who provided the meal on Saturday night and clothing as well as Just Drop In, HOPE NEC and others.

There have been good relationships and support from local police and the Council Housing Options Team and excellent advocacy from the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

WHAM continues to be an example of Macclesfield Churches working together to help with a problem which symbolises the broken makeup of much of our society.

We hope to be able to run the shelter again this coming winter. If you would like to get involved this year or have been inspired to take part having read this feedback, please e-mail Rachel Mayers at

rachel.mayers@btinternet.com

Rachel Mayers, St Michael's Church



Parish Magazine

New Editor(s)

I am delighted to announce that Sophie Molyneux from the 9.30 service at St Michael's has kindly agreed to take on the role of editing the LINK magazine.

Sophie has two young daughters. Her husband, David, is also keen to get involved and help.

Sophie was a teacher at Marton Primary School but is currently taking a break from her career to raise her two gorgeous girls. David has been a journalist. They both bring some excellent skills to the role and we are very excited to have them on board.

Any items for the LINK should now be sent to:-
linkteammagazine@gmail.com rather

than the Church Office.

Sophie hopes to edit her first issue at the end of September just as our new Rector arrives.

Sophie and David enjoy reading the LINK and are keen to keep this valuable communication channel going within our churches.

Please do remember to send Sophie details of any events going on in your churches with photos or any other newsworthy events or items.

Sophie will also be in touch shortly to ask for contributors who are **willing to share their 'Journey of Faith' or to contribute to the 'Getting to Know You' feature.** These features are the ones that people enjoy



reading the most, so we really do want to continue including them.

Team Council

Archbishop's Call to Prayer

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York are inviting churches to pray for the evangelisation of the nation – a great wave of prayer, during the week before Pentecost Sunday. St Michael's responded with a prayer meeting in its Savage Chapel at 3pm on Pentecost Sunday. Revd Marion Tugwood, URC Minister, Revd Dave Mock and Revd David Wightman from the Team churches and Chris Whitely, former minister from Bethel Baptist Church joined forces to deliver a prayer session encouraging us to be confident to evangelise the transforming power of a relationship with God.

In their letter the Archbishops said: "At the heart of our prayers will be words that Jesus himself taught us – 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.' It is impossible to overstate the life-transforming power of the Lord's Prayer. It is a prayer that is reassuring enough to be on the lips of the dying and yet dangerous enough to be banned in cinemas. It is famous enough to be spoken each day by billions in hundreds of languages and yet intimate enough to draw us ever closer into friendship with Jesus

Christ. It is simple enough to be memorised by small children and yet profound enough to sustain a whole lifetime of prayer. When we pray it with sincerity and with joy, there is no imagining the new ways in which God can use us to his glory."



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Our very own Grill Sergeants



On Sunday 10th May, the sun was shining and we were all set for a warm, lazy afternoon of wafting smells of grilling meat, friendly chatter and children playing. Well, it was something like that. No meat was burned in the making of this barbecue, the sun

very definitely did shine on us (for once!) and the children all played well together on the lawns of St Michael's.

A good crowd of people both young and old came along to our barbecue. No particular celebration; just an excuse to get together, relax and enjoy each other's com-

pany which is exactly what we did.

A huge thanks to the Grill Sergeants who worked slavishly at the hot grills for our delight.

Sue Reid, St Michael's Church



Celebrations in honour of: David, Sylvia and Margaret

Margaret Swindells and David and Sylvia Warren came for lunch today to say a huge thank you.

Margaret and David have just retired from St Barnabas Church PCC after many years of faithful service. They have given Cre8 tremendous support over the years; through their roles on the PCC (the PCC is the group responsible for basically everything St Barnabas does!) and coming along to Cre8 events and helping out. Margaret has just stepped down from the role of churchwarden after being in the role quite a number of years.

Their patience, belief, enthusiasm, trust and confidence have been brilliant. Thank you for everything and we hope you can now relax and enjoy! We got them some comfy garden chairs to help with the relaxing!

We had a presentation for them and followed it with a buffet lunch, as a thank you for all their hard work. with a special cake made by Angie.

Fran Hiles, St Barnabas Church and all at the Cre8 Team



... and welcome to Jonny Aiken and Jayne Shaw - our new wardens at St Barnabas



The Servant Queen

Our most observant readers will have noticed that this year marks the 90th birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Queens are lucky as they have two birthdays. Her real birthday is on the 21st April and her official birthday which moves from year to year is on a Saturday in June (June 11th this year) – the idea being to get better weather for the parades etc. Obviously the person who thought of this didn't understand British weather.

One aspect of our Town Centre Ministry at St Michael's is to foster relationships between the Church and the Town in a number of ways. One of these is to host (most years) the Mayor's Civic Service and - since the formation of the Town Council - the Thanksgiving Service for the Mayor's year of office at which the Town recognises the many volunteers from all walks of life who make Macclesfield a better place. We also hold each year the Town Carol service for people who live and work in the town.

This year on the Sunday closest to the Queen's birthday we held a short tree planting ceremony in the Churchyard at which the first of 90 trees which the Town Council are going to plant in commemoration during the year, was planted by the Mayor Cllr Liz Durham. Prayers for the Queen were said at this ceremony. When we celebrate the people in this town – many of whom are worshippers at one of the town's churches – who give of themselves in serving others, we do indeed in a sense celebrate the Queen – the servant Queen and we celebrate the Lord she serves – the servant Lord.

The Bible Society and HOPE have produced a booklet - which we gave away at the planting - which shows how the Queen's life of service is founded on her faith and her ideal of faith driven service. In her Christmas message in 2002 she said

"I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I



know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God... I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.

[If you would like a copy of the booklet 'The Servant Queen' please put your name on the list on the notice board inside the Worship Area. The book is free but any donations to defray cost can be put in the glass box]

Revd David Wightman
(pictured here with Macclesfield Mayor, Cllr Liz Durham)



Genocide - murder of a race of people



Genocide is one of the most heinous sins that mankind can perpetrate—the systematic slaughter of a group of people because of their ethnicity, their religion or their politics. In short: because they are different. Genocide is still taking place in the world today and there have been many other instances, such as Rwanda, in the past 100 years. This article looks at three genocides which have taken place in the last 100 years—not to say they are better or worse than others but because this year marks their significant anniversary. The week commencing 11th July has been earmarked to commemorate them.

Remembering Srebrenica

This year marks 21 years since the Srebrenica genocide, the single greatest atrocity in Europe since the Second World War. It remains a brutal reminder of man's inhumanity to man. In July 1995, more than 8,000 Bosnian Muslim men and boys were systematically murdered because others hated them for who they were. The youngest victim of the genocide was just two days old—shot in the head. The child would have turned 21 this year.

"The name of Srebrenica now stands for one of the darkest chapters of European history... Some dared to believe, after Auschwitz and Birkenau, that such horrors were consigned to history and could never happen again in our modern world. But

they did. So we must learn and act on the lessons of Srebrenica, on the need to act in the face of evil". David Cameron, Prime Minister

Remembering Medz Yeghern

The Armenian Genocide, also known as the Armenian Holocaust, the Armenian Massacres and, traditionally by Armenians, as Medz Yeghern, was the Ottoman government's systematic extermination of its minority Armenian subjects inside their historic homeland, which lies within the present-day Republic of Turkey. The number of victims is estimated at between 800,000 and 1.5 million. On 24 April 1915, the Ottoman authorities rounded up, arrested, and deported some 250 Armenian intellectuals and community leaders from Constantinople to Ankara, the majority of whom were eventually murdered. The genocide was carried out during and after World War I and implemented in two phases: the wholesale killing of the able-bodied male population through massacre and subjection of army conscripts to forced labour, followed by the deportation of women, children, the elderly and infirm on death marches leading to the Syrian desert. Driven forward by military escorts, the deportees were deprived of food and water and subjected to periodic robbery, rape, and massacre. The Armenian genocide was not recognised as such until 1985 due to the West's desire not to alienate the Turkish government.

Remembering The Holocaust

This year marks the 76th anniversary since the Jewish Holocaust, the systematic, bureaucratic, state-sponsored persecution and murder of six million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators. The Nazis, who came to power in Germany in January 1933, believed that Germans were "racially superior" and that the Jews, deemed "inferior," were an alien threat to the so-called German racial community. During the Second World War the Nazis sought to murder the entire Jewish population of Europe and to destroy its culture. In 1941 there were about 11 million Jews living in Europe; by May 1945 the Nazis had murdered six million of them. One-and-a-half million of these were children.

Revd David Wightman & Sue Reid

Genocide Exhibition

hosted by Macclesfield Interfaith Group

St Michael's Church

all week in the Savage Chapel
10.30am to 12.30pm
starting 11th July 2016

Commemorating the significant anniversaries of three major genocides in our recent history.



This years Festival is about **True Light: Celebrating everything that brings light in Faith Change and Community.**

CRE8 YOUTH CONCERT

WHEN: Saturday 11th June

Time: 4 - 6pm

Venue: St Michaels Church, Marketplace,
Young people involved with Cre8 Music will be singing songs they have written themselves, playing instruments they have learnt and covering favourite tracks. The evening is full of incredibly moving, heartfelt performances. The original music gives a real insight into the lives of the young people and their experiences of the world.

FREE



MEET THE TEAM LUNCHES

WHEN: Monday 13th to Friday 17th June

Time: 12.30 - 2.30pm

Venue: St Barnabas Church, Lyme Avenue
Well you may have heard of Cre8 but might not fully appreciate all that we do, so this is the perfect **opportunity to find out more about this area's most successful social enterprise organisation.** There is also the option to have a tour of Cre8 - see what we do and where and we will also have an amazing exhibition of art and creative craft at the Cre8 House. Fabulous home-made food will be provided by some of the young people who have benefitted from Cre8, and there will also be opportunities to speak to our staff and some of the volunteers who regularly work with us.



HOG ROAST, CELEBRATION & AUCTION EVENING

WHEN: Friday 17th June

Time: 6 - 9pm

Venue: St Barnabas Church, Lyme Avenue
A scrumptious Hog Roast for only £1 which includes entry into our fantastic raffle! This will be followed by an evening celebrating Cre8 over the last 10 years. Then let the bidding go crazy with our Auction; all raising money for Cre8.

If you'd like to donate a Lot - maybe an item or a 'promise' e.g. baking a cake, a flower arrangement or washing cars, then get in touch! We're on the lookout for interesting and exciting ideas!



Cre8 Festival

11th - 17th June 2016
+ True Light

Celebrate everything that brings light
in Faith Change and Community

visit www.cre8festival.org
to find out more



STORYTELLING - LIGHT

WHEN: Tuesday 14th June

Time: 7pm to 9pm

Venue: The Park Tavern, Park Lane

Whether you want to join in and tell your story on the theme of 'Light' or just hear some tales, come along to our storytelling nights - they're going to be nights full of emotion, laughter and maybe a few tears.



COMMUNITY GAMES EVENING

WHEN: Wednesday 15th June

Time: 7 - 9pm

Venue: St Barnabas Church, Lyme Avenue.



BUSINESS EVENING [AND LAUNCH OF THE WILDLIFE AREA]

WHEN: Thursday 16th June

Time: 6pm

Venue: Cre8 Community Building, Mayfield terrace SK11 7TG

Midweek Services



Thursday Communion Services

10.30am at St Michael's Church

Healing Service

Service of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness

12.30pm at St Michael's Church
First Friday of the month.



3rd June
1st July

This service will last about half an hour and all are welcome. Its contains intercessions for those who are sick or grieving and there will be an opportunity for those who wish to receive prayer with laying on of hands.

Macclesfield Hospital Hospital Service

11.00 am, Sundays at St Luke's Chapel

12th June Mike Wootton
10th July tbc
31st July tbc



Have you ever thought of helping support patients who come to worship? You can help out on a weekly or more occasional basis. For more information please contact:

Vicky & Gordon Darlington T: 01625 428215

Messy Church

at All Saints Church
SATURDAY 4TH JUNE
SATURDAY 2ND JULY
4pm - 6pm



It's a once a month time of creativity, worship and eating together for families for whom traditional Sunday Services don't work.

Our Services

	All Saints Brough Street West
5th June <i>Trinity 2</i>	9.30am Informal Worship
12th June <i>Trinity 3</i>	9.30am Holy Communion
19th June <i>Trinity 4</i>	10.30am Open Air Service for Barnaby
26th June <i>Trinity 5</i>	9.30am Holy Communion
3rd July <i>Trinity 6</i>	9.30am Informal Worship
10th July <i>Trinity 7</i>	9.30am Holy Communion
17th July <i>Trinity 8</i>	9.30am Morning Worship
24th July <i>Trinity 9</i>	9.30am Holy Communion
31st July <i>Trinity 10</i>	9.30am Fifth Sunday



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

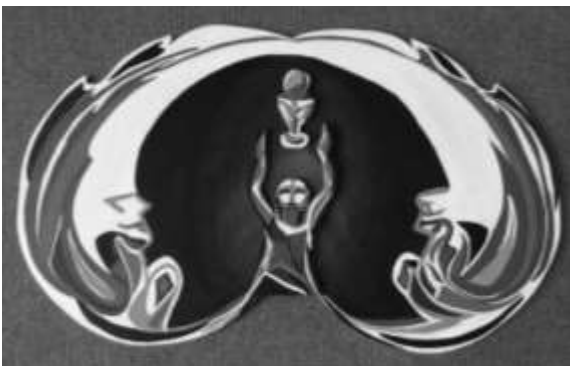
Bike ride along the Middlewood Way followed by Barbecue back at St Michael's Church

Sunday 3rd July 2016

Further information to follow in due course

across the Team

St Barnabas Lyme Avenue	St Michael & All Angels In the Market Place	St Peter's Windmill Street	
11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Storytelling Service with Holy Communion 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Morning Prayer	5th June Trinity 2
11.15am All Age	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Choral Evensong	9.30am Holy Communion with Bishop of Chester	12th June Trinity 3
10.30am Open Air Service in the Market Place			19th June Trinity 4
11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Treacle Service (informal worship)	9.30am Worship for All	26th June Trinity 5
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11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Morning Prayer	9.30am Worship for All	24th July Trinity 9
11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Treacle Service (informal worship)	No Service	31st July Trinity 10



The Art & Faith Group at St Michael's has been working on a modern icon which will be eventually located in the Narthex of the Church. It was presented to the church during the celebration of Pentecost. The piece is called 'A Shadow of Things to Come' which is taken from Colossians 2.17. All together the content of the piece will unify the old and new covenant. This is reinforced through the pattern of colours that relate together as a whole, infinitely. Do come along and take a look at it in colour and read the artists' statement.

Book this date in your diary:

BARNABY OPEN AIR SERVICE

in the Market Place
Sunday 19th June 2016

Last year over 500 people from churches across **Macclesfield worshipped in the open air. This year's** service will be accompanied by Macclesfield Silk Brass Band.



Silk Brass



Big names at St Michael's

Household names including the Macclesfield born, former BBC Political Editor, Nick Robinson and Brian Cox, Professor of Particle Physics at the University of Manchester will be featuring at St Michael's Church on Friday 17th June and Saturday 18th June.

The theme of this year's festival is Space and our Open Air Service on Sunday 19th June will be about creating a space where we can tell Jesus' story. As has become customary, each church taking part in the service this year will bring a board decorated in a theme linking to this.

St Michael's will play host to a large number of visitors coming to see events both in the church and the churchyard over the Barnaby festival ten day period.

One further highlight at St Michael's is Francesca Martinez who explores the issue of difference in particular in relation to disability. She explores through comedy the very real issues faced by people with disabilities.



**The 2016 theme is 'Space'
In every sense: cosmic to curious,
outer to inner...**

Visit to Dorothy Clive Gardens



To use Satnav, or no Satnav, or use AA Route Planners, or even use Eve Budgett's directions? In the end eventually eighteen of us met up at Dorothy Clive Gardens for a wonderful day out on 13th May.

We were shown around the garden by the Head Gardner, who had been working there for seven years. As it is about six years ago since I last visited the gardens I was very impressed and delighted to see there had been four big projects initiated since my last visit.

There is now a Winter Garden and next winter the garden will be open at weekends for people to especially look round this new part of the gardens. A

huge Glasshouse had been erected which will house tropical plants etc and is an ongoing project but no doubt again will be a further additional attraction for the future.

An edible section of the garden had been created where the old "Mess" shed had stood. Plus, another bed which is in the middle of being transformed and will be planted up for next year. All these schemes were very interesting and it will be exciting to watch these four projects developing in the gardens over the coming months.

After a wonderful and informative talk by the Head Gardner we all went our separate ways, but not before we all had a super lunch at the cafe and sat outside in the beautiful sunshine.

Everyone then walked around the gardens again absorbing all the colours and variety of spring flowers in bloom, especially in the Quarry Garden before making their way home. However, some people did go and buy some fresh asparagus from the nearby farm shop. An end to a perfect day!

A lovely day out – thank you Eve, for organising the trip and no doubt everyone will be visiting the gardens during the various seasons to see the new sites develop!

Vicky Darlington
PS - We were all fortunate to actually see a Woodpecker and to watch him disappearing into his home!! A real bonus!



I'M HERE WHEN PEOPLE NEED ME

A lot of people need us. That's why our volunteers are always around to give anyone who is struggling to cope the space and time to talk.

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St. Michael's Church
 Market Place
 MACCLESFIELD

Whisky & Hot Pot Supper Evening

Fundraising event host: Neil Raval

Taste Single Malt whisky from all over Scotland.

Hot-Pot Supper served in the interval.

Friday 3rd June 2016 7.30pm

Proceeds in aid of Church Funds
 Cost £25.00p
 Payable in Advance to D. A. Smith
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 Macclesfield SK10 2EL. Also ticket sales available from the Parish Office and Portland Wine Company, Chester Road.

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Team Parish Cricket



Cricket, lovely cricket: come and enjoy England's great summer sport at one of the prettiest of grounds, Ker-ridge Cricket Club on Clarke Lane. Come to play, or just to watch. All mid week games start at 6.30pm

Tuesday 24th May	tbc
Wednesday 8th June	Macc Occasionals
Tuesday 21st June	
Tuesday 28th June	Ash Tree
Monday 4th July	Macc Occasionals
Sunday 31st July	St George's Church, Leeds Away—Harewood House 2pm
Wed 10th August	Macc Occasionals 6pm

Other opposition still to be confirmed

To confirm attendance or for more details contact David Mayers 420716 or 07963802659 (or e-mail davidjmayers@btinternet.com)

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We work together with the management of Macclesfield Town Centre and the Police to help people, whoever they are and whatever their situation, by listening, caring, offering practical help or referring them to specialist agencies.

Without our volunteers we cannot run this valuable service. We urgently need more volunteers for this role. If you are interested to know more, please speak

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St Peter's

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at St Michael's

Monthly on Thursdays 10.30-12.00

Next surgeries are:
16th June
21st July

What's What

The Link Deadlines & Other Information

You can submit contributions for the magazine by email or by hand to the Team Office.

The deadline for the next edition is 1st July. All material needs to be submitted to the Team Office by this date.

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Our Church Toddler Groups

WEDNESDAYS

St Peter's Church 'Take a Break'

9.30am to 11.00am
Gillian Rushton: 01625 612426

All Saints Church '0-5 Club'

1.30pm to 3.00pm
Shirley Hill: 01625 426874

THURSDAYS

St Michael's Church

10.00am to 11.30am
1.00pm to 2.30pm
Ruth Parker: 01625 613068 (for am)
Marion Porter: 01625 612964 (for pm)

St Michael's is Open

Monday - Saturday
10.30 am to 12.30 pm
Call in for a look round



Safeguarding Who can help?

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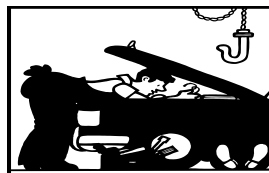
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Friends of St Michael's

An iconic landmark in Macclesfield, St Michael's church has for centuries been an important part of the backdrop to the lives of the town's inhabitants who live and work within sight of it, or within earshot of its peal of twelve bells.

Tracing its foundation to 1278 or earlier, the main structure of St Michael's today is late Victorian, designed by Sir Arthur Blomfield, the architect who also designed the Bank of England and the Royal College of Music. There are two medieval chapels with fine tombs and notable stained glass. The building is graded 2* and is awarded three stars in Simon Jenkins' book "England's Thousand Best Churches". The church bears the marks of adaptation in every century since its endowment by Queen Eleanor of Castile.

Today, St Michael's church building plays many parts. It is the town's main Anglican place of worship and in addition to its regular Sunday services, weddings, baptisms and funerals, hosts civic services, the Town Carol Service and school services. It is a major venue for concerts and performances, public meetings on important matters of general interest and is a major tourist attraction on the edge of the Peak District.

We cannot take St Michael's church building for granted and the congregation are asking for your help to keep it open.

In the last ten years or so, the congregation of St Michael's has found over a million pounds for a major refurbishment of the building and maintenance projects.

Each year it costs over £50,000 to maintain and service the building. Major annual costs include insurance (£10,000), heating, lighting and water (£15,000) and repairs (£10,000). £250,000 is needed urgently to complete the roof repairs. The beautiful stained glass also need cleaning and refurbishment, costing around £15,000.

The congregation is finding it



increasingly difficult to support these costs which are additional to the costs of Christian ministry, such as clergy costs and salaries. All costs, with the exception of around £12,000 from lettings and the coffee shop, are met by the congregation. Finances are currently running at a deficit of £10,000 per annum - and the deficit is growing. Contrary to widespread belief we get no support from the Church of England centrally.

Friends of St Michael's are a community of people who help preserve this wonderful building for this and future generations in Macclesfield. *Friends of St Michael's* welcome individuals and families, community groups and schools, businesses, associations and professional bodies, who have an interest in making Macclesfield a great place to live, to visit or to work in.

All funds from the *Friends of St Michael's* are devoted only to maintaining the fabric of this wonderful

building. Any donation is welcome of course, but we suggest that £30 per year might be a good guide for individuals / families - preferably via a standing order of £2.50 per month - less than 10 pence per day. If you can give more then please do so. Please gift aid any donations if you can.

There are several benefits from becoming a Friend of St Michael's

- Above all, to help keep St Michael's church building open for future generations to enjoy
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Emma Kingdom & Paul Spedding
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