



Golden Valley Pilgrimage

The Golden Valley pilgrim way is a recently created pilgrimage route starting and ending at Hereford Cathedral and making a loop westward through beautiful Herefordshire countryside including the valley of the River Wye and the Golden Valley. The route links churches in the Abbeydore Deanery. A week or so ago, twenty pilgrims, most, but not all, from our own congregation, completed this route walking 42 miles over five days and visiting several delightful churches along the way.

We have been organising pilgrimages from St Michael's now for several years, alternating between local routes visiting local churches, and residential trips further afield. For this year's trip we self-catered in a converted farmhouse and buildings near Vowchurch in the Golden Valley itself, with views to the Black Hill and Hay Bluff.

For the last 20 minutes of each day's walking, we walked in silence to find the peace of the countryside and hear just the breeze in the trees and sounds of nature and prepare ourselves for a brief reflection in the final church of the day. The weather was perfect and the whole experience was most companionable.



The pilgrims outside Hereford Cathedral

Harvest Offerings go to Ukrainian Aid

David M took all our harvest donations to the Macclesfield Ukrainian Aid warehouse last week, along with £255 in cash and cheques.

They were very grateful and will be delivering the dried/tinned food to orphanages and families close to the front line and under frequent attack.



Music@Mike's

Our next lunchtime concert is on Friday 10th October at 1.15pm when we welcome back Arthur Marshall with his unique blend of contemporary folk music and witty commentary.



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

Entry is free but donations are invited for the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church, jointly.

Season of Creation

The final service of prayer and celebration is at 2.00pm on Saturday 4th October at St Michael's, led by Marion Tugwood and musicians from St Michael's and St Alban's.

Join us at 1.00pm for a bread and soup lunch from Angel At My Table.



Hope Centre Activities

The Hope Centre, Macclesfield is hosting many new activities:

- Cooking Life Skills: Tuesday 7th October 5.00pm - 7.00pm
- Music Cafe for people living with dementia: every Tuesday 2.00pm - 3.30 pm
- Friendship, Colouring & Crafts: every Wednesday 10.30am - 12 noon
- Knitting 4 Charity every Thursday 10.00am - 12 noon
- Life Skills Course for people looking for employment - every Tuesday from October 14th 10.30am - 12.30pm, and 1.30 pm - 3.30 pm



Eco Tip

Scoop and Scales stock wooden pot and dish brushes and natural loofah scourers - all of which are long-lasting and don't end up releasing toxic waste when incinerated or "forever" micro-plastics and chemicals into the environment.



Collect for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reminders

Save the date!

The Indian Banquet is back; a feast of South Indian cuisine prepared by our Indian community to raise money for the Building Fund.

6.00pm for 6.30pm Sunday 16th Nov.



Proposed Toddler Group - Can you help?

We are exploring the possibility of setting up a Toddler Group with a Christian focus at St Mike's, on a weekday.

The aim would be for there to be sufficient helpers so that no-one needs to be available to assist every week.

If you might be interested in helping with this in any way, or would like to find out more about the idea, please contact Jan on jan.rose1000@hotmail.co.uk or speak to her after Sunday morning's service. She will be giving a notice about this on Sunday so you'll be easily able to find her afterwards!

We hope to include music in the sessions!

10 Years of Village Rwanda

Come and celebrate 10 years of Village Rwanda UK being a registered charity.

Saturday 25th October, 7-9pm

St Michaels church, SK10 1DY

We are a tiny charity but we have had a BIG impact on the rural community by Lake Kivu in Rwanda and we would love to share the news of our progress and our future plans for the project to become sustainable.

There will be African food, dancing, music, a quiz and a short film to explain our work.

Bring your own alcoholic drinks; fruit juices and soft drinks are provided.

£10 per adult, children free. Suitable for all ages.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Tricia, Catherine and Martin



Choral Evensong

Next Sunday (12th October) at 6.30pm.

Join us for this traditional Book of Common Prayer service with beautiful music and a reflective atmosphere.



Martin Bancroft's Licensing Service

Martin will be licensed as a Lay Minister (Reader) in Chester Cathedral on **Saturday 11th October at 3.00pm.**

If you would like to attend and need a lift, Martin Stephens may be able to help. He will be leaving

We invite you to our Service of Remembering

*an opportunity to remember
and give thanks for the lives
of loved ones we now miss*

**Sunday 19th October 2025
4pm**

St Michael & All Angels' Church
Macclesfield
SK10 1DY

St Michael's Building for Hire

Do you need to hire a space?

St Michael's has meeting rooms of various sizes to meet your needs, and our large Worship Area with its giant screen and AV system is suitable for presentations, concerts, etc.

Email Elaine: bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

Tel: 01625 421984

Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

5th October 2025

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00am: Holy Communion

Leader: Lynne Spedding (LLM)

Speaker & Celebrant: Revd Vivien Gisby

Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14

'A Treasured Story'

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 15th October

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

9th October: Holy Communion

16th October: 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



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=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09)

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[pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09)

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 clergypa@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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prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

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

