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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 prepare for Martin's 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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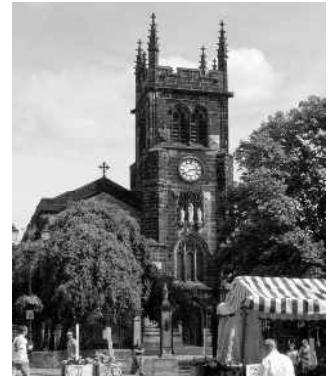
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FROM THE CLERGY

EU: In, Out, Shake it all about

We voted to leave the European Union by a tiny majority and are now living in the upheaval of that decision. It feels to many that so much feels broken at the moment with communities split, neighbours and households split: even our Tory government is fractured with friendships and alliances consigned to the bin. How we will be able to return to normal government and public life is hard to see.

"Do not put your trust in princes, in human beings, who cannot save", writes the Psalmist in Psalm 146. We all know that what is said on the hustings is quickly forgotten in government. When someone promises salvation it's best not to hold your breath.

Christians have been keen as anyone to put their trust in princes over the centuries. While we might rush to embrace candidates who are "saying what we are thinking" the outcome, as we have seen, is not always a good one. What we need is a lens, more than ever, through which we can see politics and power clearly.

It's not that hard to make such a lens. The apostle Paul gives us two really good starting points: where our heart's desires lay and how we should be as people. After all, what we desire and how we believe we should be, set the tone for what we want to see government and society do.

The first starting point is about where our mind should be. Paul writes in Phillipians 4:

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

We should be scouring all politics to find those who support people having



fulfilling and thriving lives regardless of their status. In God's Kingdom everyone will have a stake. On earth as it is heaven, we're told.

The second we find in Galatians 5 where Paul writes about the fruit those Kingdom people produce: *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

If a politician's words or a campaign's slogans don't stand up to that list of fruits then neither will their governance.

Voting as a follower of Jesus frees us from the demands of party and tribal politics. Our identity comes from Christ first and then we may align ourselves with those we fit with. We start as independents who do not find their identity in 'isms' or economics. We are distrustful of slogans like "Take back control" or "Fixing a Broken Britain" because they raise far more questions than they answer.

In light of that, a great nation is one which removes vulnerability from people rather than increasing it; a great nation sees everyone as important to the well-being of the nation and therefore doesn't tolerate margins. It recognises people's limitations but doesn't establish their value based on those limitations.

The Kingdom of God is not going to come through the ballot box. The work of the Kingdom will not be replaced by reasonable policies and legislation. Instead, it comes from transformed people who live by the patterns God put in us at creation and who follow the one who lived it best and makes it possible for us to do it too.

Revd Dave Mock

Archbishops' Response to EU Referendum



Following the UK's vote to leave the European Union, I've made this joint statement with the Archbishop of York John Sentamu:

"On Thursday, millions of people from across the United Kingdom voted in the referendum, and a majority expressed a desire that Britain's future is to be outside the European Union

The outcome of this referendum has been determined by the people of this country. It is now the responsibility of the Government, with the support of Parliament, to take full account of the outcome of the referendum, and, in the light of this, decide upon the next steps. This morning, the Prime Minister David Cameron has offered a framework for when this process might formally begin.

The vote to withdraw from the European Union means that now we must all reimagine both what it means to be the United Kingdom in an interdependent world and what values and virtues should shape and guide our relationships with others.

As citizens of the United Kingdom, whatever our views during the referendum campaign, we must now unite in a common task to build a generous and forward looking country, contributing to human flourishing around the world. We must remain hospitable and compassionate, builders of bridges and not barriers. Many of those living among us and alongside us as neighbours, friends and work colleagues come from overseas and

some will feel a deep sense of insecurity. We must respond by offering reassurance, by cherishing our wonderfully diverse society, and by affirming the unique contribution of each and every one.

The referendum campaign has been vigorous and at times has caused hurt to those on one side or the other. We must therefore act with humility and courage – being true to the principles that make the very best of our nation. Unity, hope and generosity will enable us to overcome the period of transition that will now happen, and to emerge confident and successful. The opportunities and challenges that face us as a nation and as global citizens are too significant for us to settle for less.

As those who hope and trust in the living God, let us pray for all our leaders, especially our Prime Minister. We also pray for leaders across Europe, and around the world, as they face this dramatic change. Let us pray especially that we may go forward to build a good United Kingdom that, though relating to the rest of Europe in a new way will play its part amongst the nations in the pursuit of the common good throughout the world."

Archbishop of Canterbury and
Archbishop of York



Macmillan 4 Peak Challenge

On 18th June Emma and Sue from the Church Office climbed the four Lake District peaks of Scafell Pike (England's highest peak), Esk Pike, Great End and Bowfell to raise over £1200 for Macmillan Cancer Care.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported us.

Sue Reid

Five Years of the HOPE CENTRE

Situated on Park Green, in what used to be (for those with long memories) the Wesley Owen Christian Bookshop, the Hope Centre still sells Christian Books. Music and gifts.

However enter the shop and the smell of delicious fairly-traded ground coffee is in the air.

Freshly prepared food is available all day, from satisfying soup to scrummy cakes-all served with a smile. The HOPE Centre is open Monday to Friday from 9:30 to 5:00, and Saturday from 9:30 to 4:00.

Managed by Christine Togneri, the Hope Centre is staffed by a team of volunteers from churches across the town and further afield. As you walk into the HOPE Centre, as well as that delicious coffee, the first thing that you notice is the atmosphere, a haven of calm, a place where the elderly are not rushed, where children are welcome, a space to come with a group of friends or alone and be offered warmth. Though no one will pressurise you if you are just browsing, if you need help in selecting a Bible or a special gift, one of the staff or volunteers will be pleased to help and if it's not in stock, many items can be ordered. People have time to listen, both volunteers and those who come into the HOPE Centre for just that purpose that are lonely or need to talk to someone; the Listening Service is an important part of the work of the HOPE Centre, again volunteers with listening skills and God's love to share and to spare.

Over the years volunteers have gone on to paid work as a result of the confidence and experience they have gained at the HOPE Centre and young people have worked towards the Duke of Edinburgh award by helping in the café. The HOPE Centre is more than just a café; it is the Church working together to share God's love.

Christine Togneri,
Manager, Hope Centre



Afternoon Tea to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday

On Wednesday, 18th May over thirty people celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday by attending an afternoon tea in the Narthex of St Michael's Church.

Members of the Social Committee provided all the refreshments with the help of some extra cakes and scones contributed by Joyce Firth, Hazel Hidden and Cynthia Cole.

The room was decked out in red, white and blue with bunting, serviettes and white tablecloths and china tea cups and saucers and plates etc.

There was also a memorabilia table containing items of interest linked with the Queen and her years as a reigning monarch.

Once everyone had arrived and sat down at the tables a variety of sandwiches were served, followed by scones, cream and jam and various cakes and cupcakes. The crowning glory was the amazing cake produced by Lynne Spedding and then Pat Hassett was asked to cut the cake as her birthday was actually on the same day as the Queen's, but she hastened to add not the same age! Everyone had a piece of cake or took some home with them.

Later on the sun came out and everyone went outside to have a photo taken by the commemorative tree that has been planted outside the church to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday. Once again, thank you to all the TEAM for hosting the event and thank you to everyone who came along and supported the afternoon, which was very memorable and enjoyed by all those people who attended.

Vicky Darlington

India Direct Golf Day Monday 12th September at 12 noon Tytherington Club, Macclesfield



You are invited to the 6th annual Golf Day. Last year's event was a really enjoyable day and raised in excess of £5,300 and contributed significantly to our work caring for some of India's poorest children and widows.

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For further information, please contact Helen Milligan, Jenny Crawford or Tony Swallow by e-mailing: info@indiadirect.org.uk



Celebrating 40 years of marriage



Lynne and Paul Spedding renewed their vows at St Michael's Church after 40 years of marriage on their actual ruby wedding anniversary.

Friends and family joined them to celebrate this special anniversary with a wonderful service led by David Wightman and a garden party in the sunshine

17th July 2016.



The Great Barnies' Tea Set

We want to try and collect enough bits of tea sets to create a big mix and match tea set for parties, lunches and events.

We need tea cups, saucers, plates, milk jugs, sugar bowls, teapots, even cake stands and bowls.

So please if you have any crockery you don't use, bring it in to us. If you can't carry it we will collect. Any queries contact Jayne 07530944124

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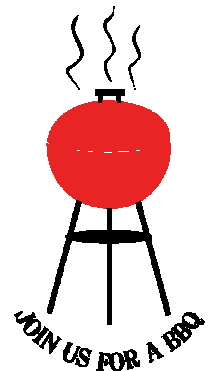
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BIKE RIDE & BARBECUE

Sunday 18th September

Bike ride along Middlewood Way from St Michael's Church starting at 2pm. Return to St Michael's at 3pm for a barbecue on church lawns.

More details to follow via notice sheets.



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.

5th August
2nd September



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

14th August David Wightman
11th Sept Fran Hiles

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 3RD SEPTEMBER
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
7th August Trinity 11	9.30am Informal Worship
14th August Trinity 12	9.30am Holy Communion
21st August Trinity 13	9.30am Morning Worship
28th August Trinity 14	9.30am Holy Communion
4th September Trinity 15	9.30am Informal Worship
11th September Trinity 16	9.30am Holy Communion
18th September Trinity 17	9.30am Morning Worship
25th September Trinity 18	9.30am Holy Communion

St Michael's Toddler Group

Marion Porter and Rachel Bubb are stepping down from running the afternoon toddler session at St Michael's. A huge thank you to both of them for their hard work, commitment and loyalty to the families and young children who have attended these sessions over the years.



We are now seeking a leader and helper to start in September. If you are interested, please speak to Ruth Parker (613068) or Hazel Hidden (612046).

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 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	7th August Trinity 11
11.15am All Age	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Morning Prayer NO CHORAL EVENSONG	9.30am Morning Prayer	14th August Trinity 12
11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	21st August Trinity 13
11.15am Morning Prayer	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Treacle Service (informal worship)	9.30am Worship for All	28th August Trinity 14
11.15am All Holy Communion	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Holy Communion	9.30am Holy Communion	4th September Trinity 15
11.15am All Age	9.30am Storytelling Service 11.00am Morning Prayer 6.30pm Choral Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	11th September Trinity 16
11.15am Holy Communion	9.30am Storytelling Service with Holy Communion 11.00am Morning Prayer	9.30am Holy Communion	18th September Trinity 17
11.15am Morning Prayer	10.30am Joint Harvest Service	9.30am Worship for All	25th September Trinity 18

Team Rector Institution, Induction and Installation Service

Friday 16th September 2016

St Michael's Church

at 7.00pm

with the Bishop of Chester

All welcome.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

Martin's first service will be at 9.30am on Sunday 18th September at St Peter's and then at 11am at St Michael's Church



THE COST OF LONG TERM CARE

HOW 100,000 FAMILIES ARE PAYING MASSIVE CARE HOME BILLS THAT THEY DON'T NEED TO

Every 10 minutes an elderly person has to sell their home to pay for long term care.

Currently if someone has assets over £23,250 they will pay for their own care.

Despite various political parties promises that those who save will see their wealth 'cascade down the generations', today it is estimated that three out of four people whose parents go into a care home lose all or most of their inheritance to pay for the cost of residential care.

As part of the assessment process councils have the power to investigate the way in which any capital or assets have been disposed of before going into care. What they are looking for is 'deliberate deprivation of assets' whether it be signing over a property to a relative or giving away large sums of money.

There are things you can do legitimately to ensure that your family do not lose out.

Make Sure a Relative Lives in Your House

If you own your property but your spouse remains in it when you go into a care home or a relative aged over 60 or incapacitated your home may be disregarded as part of the financial assessment.

Act Early

Speak to a professional as soon as possible. Depending on the age and circumstances of a person, assets can be protected as part of long term estate planning. So act early, when you are fit and well and unlikely to require imminent residential care. How you own a property is crucial. Being 'tenants in common' will protect 50% of the property at least.

Rely on a Family Trust

A person could transfer the ownership of a property into a lifetime discretionary trust. Again this has to be done early and as part of your long term Estate Planning. There are many important benefits of setting up a trust



such as helping mitigate and reduce probate fees, generational inheritance tax planning and sideways disinheritance. This will enable you to keep on living in the property and retain control with the ownership of the property going to the beneficiaries

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Climate Change: Why should you care?

Climate change poses a palpable threat to our security and prosperity, yet many people are unaware of the science or prefer to believe it is just froth from scientists keen to make a living.

On Thursday 29th September in the Cheshire Suite, Macclesfield Library, there will be a presentation which will explore the reality of what's happening to our planet from species loss to melting ice sheets. It will argue that everyone should care and suggest that we shouldn't be afraid of moving to a low carbon future.

The lecture presentation will be delivered by Colin Fenwick who has a BSC in geology and a Ph.D. in geochemistry. In his career, he worked with scientific equipment used by climate scientists giving him a special insight into that community.

Colin was diagnosed with Motor Neuron Disease in 2010 and finished working in 2013. Since then he has been free to research the reality of climate change and has become increasingly worried by what he has found.

All are invited and welcome, and it's free! Please do come along.

David Mayers



Climate Change: Why should YOU care?

by Colin Fenwick

Thursday 29th September
at 7.30pm

Cheshire Suite
Macclesfield Library

10th to 16th October: Lobby of MPs

Part of the campaign strategy of the Climate Coalition is a lobby of MPs in their constituencies during the week starting 10th October. A small group representing all churches in Macclesfield will meet with David Rutley to emphasise the continuing danger to all of us, but particularly to those already suffering the most from hunger and environmental degradation, of climate change. In the run-up to the meeting we will be collecting signatures for a petition to present to David. If you would like to be part of the lobby please contact a member of the eco-congregation team. David Mayers, Graeme Wilkinson or David Wightman.

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Messy Church All Saints

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November 5th	March 4th
December 3rd	April 1st
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Next surgeries are:
25th August
29th September

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 September**. All material needs to be submitted to the Team Office by this date.

The views and opinions expressed in this edition of The Link do not necessarily reflect the views of the editorial team or the PCCs of the churches.

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
(Vacancy for afternoon group - see page 8)

Toddler Groups will re-start in September

St Michael's is Open

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



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St Peter's:

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