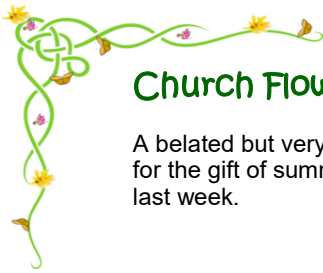




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Church Flowers

A belated but very sincere thank-you to Enid Evans for the gift of summer flowers in the Worship Area last week.

Eco Tip

Simplify!

Simplify your life as much as possible. Keep only those belongings that you use/enjoy regularly. By making the effort to reduce what you own, you will naturally purchase less/create less waste in the future.



Calling all Gardeners!

Please can you spare any flowers and interesting seed heads I can dry for using in church when fresh flowers are difficult to find? Any foliage you might be able to share would be very welcome too!
Please contact me 01625 424531 or leave in a bucket in the Flower Vestry.

Anne K.



Let's Deep-clean the Church!

Wednesday 20th Aug.

(2.00-5.00pm & 6.00-9.00pm - you don't need to stay for the full 3 hours!)



Volunteers are requested to assist with cleaning those parts of our beautiful building which don't regularly get a thorough clean.

There will be a meal at 5.00pm for anyone who would like to come and socialise either before or after your session. For catering purposes please contact Catherine 01625 426110. If you will be arriving after 5.00pm and would like some food keeping, please let Catherine know!

Advent Calendar - Final Call for Contributors

My thanks to all who have offered to contribute a day's written reflection and image for our 2025 Advent Calendar. If you have not yet given me your name but would like to submit something, there are still a few unfilled slots. Email me on lynne.norbron@gmail.com



christian aid

In Solidarity with the People of Gaza

Christian Aid is urging people to fast for 24 hours each Wednesday as a symbolic act of solidarity with the people of Gaza who, as we know, are facing extreme hunger and devastation.

Martin B. and Lynne (from the Social Action and Wider World Team) are taking part (although not necessarily weekly nor on a Wednesday!) and hope to raise money to donate to the work of Christian Aid in the region.

To that end, we will both be armed with a sponsorship form and invite you to give generously. You can speak with us personally or email Lynne on lynne.norbron@gmail.com Martin on salliemartin88@gmail.com to indicate the amount you would like to contribute.

We realise that 24 hours (or, more accurately, 36) once a week without food is little compared with the dreadful situation in the Middle East, but it is one way of trying to do something.

If you wish to find out more, or take part yourself, please use the link [here](#)

Macclesfield Parish FC.

There will be a Charity Match for the Col Smith Trophy between the two teams in our club - Macclesfield Parish FC and MP St Peter's; played at All Hallows College 3G pitch Oxford Road on **Saturday 16th August at 10.15am.**



This is a pre-season friendly with a competitive edge; raising funds for the East Cheshire Hospice in memory of our great friend and team-mate Col Smith.

Spectators welcome; please speak to Jonny Porter or David Mayers for more information.

LETS - cancelled for August



Please note that there will be **no 'Let's Eat Together'** shared lunch next week (17th August.). LETS will resume in September.

Collect for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God,
your Son left the riches of heaven
and became poor for our sake:
when we prosper save us from pride,
when we are needy save us from despair,
that we may trust in you alone;
through Jesus Christ our Lord .

Scaling the Tower



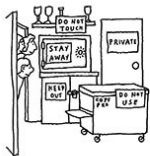
A survey undertaken on the church building on Saturday caused a bit of excitement in the town centre.

This was to check the safety of the stone on the tower: we are waiting for the report.

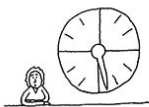


SUMMER HOLIDAYS

WHAT THE CONGREGATION DO WHEN THE CLERGY ARE AWAY



EXPLORE THE VESTRY



HAVE VERY SHORT SERMONS



PLAY BOARD GAMES WHILST EATING ALL OF THE TASTY BISCUITS



CANCEL CHURCH, AND SIT IN THE RECTORY GARDEN, DRINKING PIMMS

WHAT THE CLERGY DO WHEN THE CONGREGATION ARE AWAY



REMOVE THE ROOD SCREEN



BURN THE OLD HYMN BOOKS



DRESS DOWN



CANCEL CHURCH, AND SIT IN THE RECTORY GARDEN, DRINKING PIMMS

Important Reminders

Could you be a First Aider?

In order to ensure that we have First Aid cover when the church is open (for services as well as "Open Church") we have a group of named people who have current First Aid training. This provides immediate help before the emergency services arrive (if they are needed).



We have arranged to run a First Aid Course at St Michaels Church on **Wednesday 17th September** (full day). There are spaces for 12 candidates, and we'd like to fill them.

The training and qualification is valuable at any time – at home, at work or out and about. There will be no charge, but the expectation is that participants make themselves available when in the church building, and, in particular, for a few hours on a Treacle Market Sunday at least once per year.

Please contact the office to book a place.

...and if you already have a First Aid certificate and are not on our list, please let us know!

Season of Creation



PEACE WITH CREATION
SEASON OF CREATION 2025

1st Sept - 4th Oct

The Churches of HOPE in North East Cheshire invite you to join us in this period of reflection and action to cherish and protect our environment.

The eco festival calendar of events coming soon!



Summer Safeguarding Survey

Don't forget to take part in the Safeguarding Survey (as explained in last week's Bulletin by Martin) - using this link:

<https://www.chesterdiocese.org/news-1/an-invitation-to-complete-the-big-summer-safeguarding-survey>



Emergency Evacuation Practice



In order to comply with our legal obligations under the Fire Regulations, we have to carry out a Fire Evacuation practice. We intend to do this at the end of our Sunday service within the next few weeks. It will be announced at the beginning of the service that we intend to carry it out on that day.

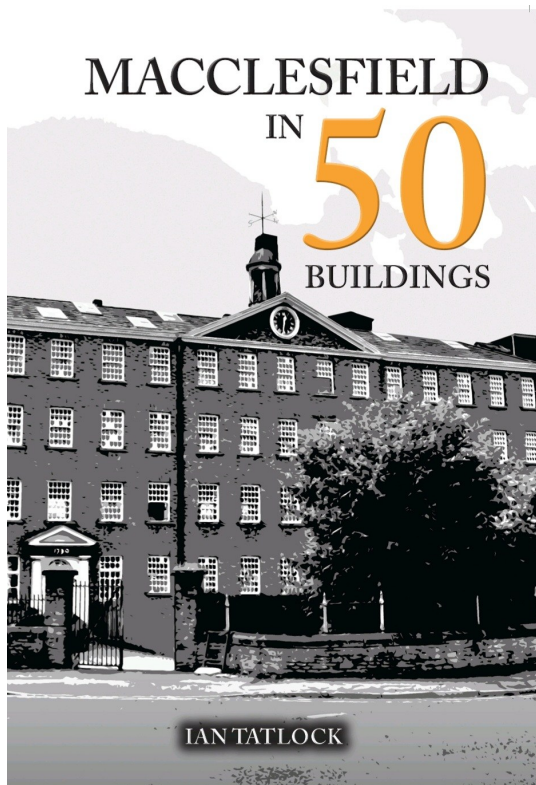
At the end of the service, the Fire Alarm will be activated to show everyone what it sounds like. Everyone will then be asked to leave in an orderly fashion via one of the available exits. Anyone with mobility issues will be assisted if required by one of the Wardens and Welcomers. Refreshments will then be available as normal once the Evacuation is complete.

Steve Bradbury (Health and Safety Adviser)

'Macclesfield in 50 Buildings' by Ian Tatlock

August 15th sees the publication of a new book by Ian Tatlock, called 'Macclesfield in 50 Buildings'.

The title is self-explanatory in that the book discusses the architecture and history of 50 of the town's more eminent and attractive buildings. It is split into four main sections: Churches and Chapels (including St Michael's Church); Public Buildings; Mills; and Other Buildings; and is lavishly illustrated with 120 colour photographs. The final short chapter – 'Macclesfield in Another 50 Buildings' - is simply a list of the buildings that couldn't be accommodated in the main body of the book. It retails for £15.99.



If anyone is interested in purchasing Ian's Book, please have a word with Gordon Darlington either in Church or contact him on 01625 428215 and he can arrange to get a copy for you to either purchase or have a look at in more detail

Gordon Darlington

Planters for the Churchyard - could you plant up and maintain one?

The Town Council was recently awarded a grant to purchase some extra-large (super-expensive) planters for the town centre (you might have seen these now planted up around the market place), and have offered us some of the old 3-tiered planters for the churchyard.

The planters have been delivered and are being stored temporarily at the back of the building on the way to the boiler-house.

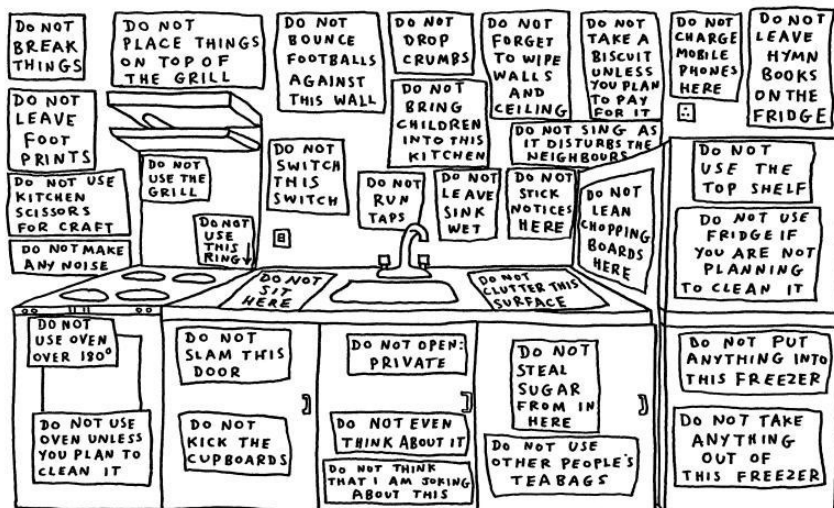
We are now looking for people (individuals or groups/families) from the church family who will take responsibility to plant up and maintain a planter each. As yet, their positioning has not been decided (over to the Buildings and Churchyard Team!).

There is some funding for the purchase of plants (some of the money raised by the SA&WW Team's 'recycle-reuse' stall, for example) or you might be a green-fingered gardener with cuttings/divisions from your own garden.

If you feel that you would like to take responsibility for one of these containers, please let David M. or Lynne know (from the eco-church group).



THE CHURCH KITCHEN



Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

10th August 2025
The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

10:00am: Church Family Worship

Leader: Paul Simms (Occasional Worship Leader)

Speaker: Revd Martin Stephens

Bible reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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 20th 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

14th August: Holy Communion
21st August: 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=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZ0VXdaZz09)

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Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476 Passcode: compline



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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