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Martin Bancroft's Licensing Service

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

Those attending to support Martin will need to arrive and be seated in good time.

For those unable to attend, the service will be live streamed on the [Chester Cathedral Youtube channel](#).



There will be no printed orders of service. The order of service is available to download now from the [Cathedral website](#) onto an electronic device - we've also attached a copy to this email and there will be screens in the Nave.

Visit from Daughter of Thomas Clarke, Vicar & Archdeacon of Macclesfield

My family first came to St. Michael's in 1953, living in the vicarage on Fence Avenue. Later, both my brother Paul and I attended school in that vicarage, by then Macclesfield Preparatory School.

My father served as Vicar and later as Archdeacon, remaining devoted to St. Michael's despite many responsibilities. He died young, at 57, and his ashes rest in the chancel here (in the stone above us) at St Michael's Church.

It's been lovely to revisit these memories and share a little of our family story with St. Michael's once again.

While looking around, I also discovered the 2nd Macclesfield Guide flag in the Leigh Chapel (possibly the same pole I carried though no doubt a newer flag!)

Pauline and Paul Cox



Thank You

Thank you to all the Flower Team who gave their skills, time and offerings of foliage and flowers to decorate the Church for Harvest Festival.



Music@Mike's

Our next lunchtime concert is on Friday 17th October at 1.15pm; a welcome return by pianist Adam Parrish with his usual eclectic mix of popular and classical pieces - everything from Beethoven to the Beatles. Something for everyone!



The Angel at my Table café will be open for light refreshments. Entry is free but donations are invited for the East Cheshire

Collect for the Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life:
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thank You from Gordan Darlington

When you collapse in Macclesfield A & E on a Sunday lunchtime and only start to come round later in the evening, you realise that God is in control of all situations.

It was probably a good 24 hours later, that I learnt that I was suffering from Sepsis and had been cared for by a team of vocational professional carers from Doctors, Nurses, Assistants etc from the Critical Care Unit.

I have now returned home to rest and recover from the infection, but obviously at present it will be a while until I am back to my "normal" self!!

In the meantime, I have been deeply touched by all the cards and phone calls from members of the congregation and especially, very grateful for all your prayers and lovely messages I have received over the last few days.

God Bless you all.

Gordon



Season of Creation Round Up!

Many wonderful events were enjoyed to celebrate this years Season of Creation. We hope you were able to take part in some of them! Thank you for all involved to make it happen!



Sustainable Church Flowers Demonstration



Creation Canteen

Over 30 people enjoyed an amazing shared table which included produce grown in Macclesfield and surplus food from local supermarkets.



Church Flowers

Jo Durbin has graciously donated the beautiful roses on the Chancel Table in loving memory of her dear Mother.

Thank you Jo. The flowers were elegantly arranged by Judith.



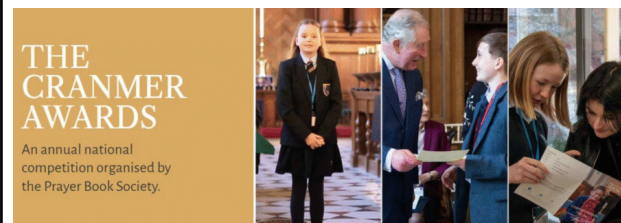
Christmas Tree

St Mike's has a wonderful opportunity to take part in this year's Christmas Tree Festival at Christ Church, launching on 4th December! Trees (between 12" and 6') will be provided, and each one should share a Christian message for Christmas.

If you're interested in taking part or can help to organise and coordinate this, please speak to Martin or Isobel in the office. Tree is to be decorated during the week before the launch.



Cranmer Awards - Chester Heat



Saturday 8 November, 10am

The Cranmer Award is a national competition aimed at encouraging young people to discover the Book of Common Prayer. Competitors recite passages from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer in two age categories. Regional heats are followed by a prestigious national final with cash prizes.

Find out more: <https://www.pbs.org.uk/cranmer-entries/>

Eco Tip

Swap or sell unwanted clothes rather than send them to landfill.

Look at Vinted – <https://www.vinted.co.uk/> app As well as giving users the opportunity to sell second-hand clothing, Vinted also enables people to swap clothes with one another if they wish. Instead of buying brand new clothes, it encourages everyone to purchase 2nd hand clothes and swap items to help the environment. And don't forget all the charity shops in Macclesfield.



Vinted

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

Thankyou to all those people who have already bought or ordered tickets. We are now getting to the point when we need approximate numbers for catering purposes. Please contact Tricia, Catherine or Martin or write your name on the sign-up list at the back of church. It's going to be fun and suitable for children too.

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

This Sunday (12th October) at 6.30pm.

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



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

Baptism of Nathan

We are delighted to share the special baptism of Nathan, son of Rak and Sonia, Sunday 19th October, 10am. We hope you can join as we celebrate and welcome Nathan!



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

Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

12th October 2025

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00am: Church Family Worship

Prison Sunday

Leader: Lynne Spedding (LLM)

Speaker: Jan Rose

Bible Reading: Matthew 25:31-46

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

16th October: Morning Prayer

23rd October: 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)

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[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** 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.

