

Events for the weeks 23rd December—5th January

Christmas Week (23rd—29th): none of our usual events scheduled

Week beginning 30th December:

Thu 3rd	8.00pm 8.00pm	Homemakers Homegroup	1 Bluebell Mews 29 Bollinbarn Drive
Fri 4th	9.10am	Contemplative Prayer	Savage Chapel

Services for week beginning 24th December

- **Monday 24th December (Christmas Eve)**
4.00pm Crib Service
11.30pm Midnight Communion
- **Tuesday 25th December (Christmas Day)**
10.30am Family Communion
- **Sunday 30th December**
10.30am Team Holy Communion Service: St Peter's
(no service at St Michael's)



Electronic version of church notice sheet

If you wish to receive the church notice sheet electronically each week, please email stmikesnotices@gmail.com. The notice sheet is also available on the church website: www.stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

Planned Giving Scheme

St Michael's operates a Planned Giving Scheme, whereby people are encouraged to make a pledge to contribute financially to the work and mission of the Church, making our budgeting easier. It is possible to do this either by using a bank standing order or by using special envelopes which can be given in during the Sunday service. If you would like to join the scheme, please see the Treasurer, Mike Strutt, or any one of the sidespeople.

Scout and Guide Groups

Macclesfield Parish Church Scout and Guide Group provides youth activities throughout the week for young people aged from 5 - 26 as well as flexible volunteering opportunities for adults. For more details visit www.mpcsg.co.uk or email enquiries@mpcsg.co.uk



Please remember these activities in your prayers this week. For more information about any of them, please speak to one of the wardens who should be able to help you.

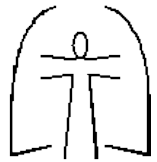
The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



St Michael & All Angels

Macclesfield Team Ministry



Our Purpose

To journey inward and upward to God, whom we know in Jesus,
To journey outward to other people and to all creation.

Welcome

If you are visiting, we hope you feel at home. A welcome card is available near the entrance or from a sides-person. If you are new, please complete one and hand it to a sides-person, so that we can keep in touch.

Sunday 23rd December 2018

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

9.30am Storytelling Service

Leader Mike
Storyteller Chris

Story A Liturgy for Christmas Eve

Songs

O little town of Bethlehem
Let us rejoice and sing



11.00am Treacle Carol Service

Leader/Speaker
Mike Strutt



6.30pm Carols by Candlelight

Please see separate service sheet



Refreshments are served on Sundays between the 9.30 & 11.00 services, after the 11.00 service, and also after our monthly Choral Evensong.



Large Print: We have a number of hymn books and notice sheets in large print format.



Induction loop: St Michael's is fitted with an induction loop; please speak to a Warden if you need assistance with this.

A children's area is available in the Legh Chapel (on RH side as you come into the church) for children under supervision, during services and at other times. There are bags with books and toys for small children.



Roots: Our young people's groups in the 9.30 and 11.00am services are known as "Roots". The young people leave and return to the main service at given points.



Gluten-free wafers are available at all Communion services at this church. If you require these, please say "gluten-free" when you take communion.



We are a Fairtrade Church committed to using only Fairtrade tea & coffee.



Tokens of Giving
As a sign that you give by Standing Order to the cost of mission & ministry at St Michael's, you are encouraged to pick up a glass pebble on your way into Church, and add it to the basket as the Offertory is taken.

Key Events and Notices



Burns' Night
Friday 25th Jan
7.00pm
St Michael's

This is a fundraiser in support of Cre8 Youth and Community Project and the annual trip to Camas in Scotland. Tickets £17.50 per person / £7.50 for children. Available from Cre8 or Anne Kite.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS



Please pick up from the table in the welcome area a Christmas card plus information sheet and write to one (or more) of Amnesty International's chosen prisoners of conscience. This year they are all women who do extraordinary things to protect human rights. Sending a letter or card shows that we care and support them in their struggle for justice.



Foodbank
Urgent request for tins of meat or any main meals in a tin.



ROAR Christmas Dinner
ROAR service users will be hosting a Christmas Dinner on Christmas Day, at the United Reformed Church, beginning at 2.00pm. If you know anyone who may be alone on Christmas Day, or who may be unable to celebrate for any reason, please give them an invitation to this event.



Homegroup
There will be a Homegroup meeting on Thursday 3rd January, 8.00pm, at the home of Alan Wootton (29 Bollinbarn Drive). All welcome.



Team Service on 30th December

There will be **one service only in the Team** on Sunday 30th Dec: 10.30am at St Peter's.

This Covenant service with Holy Communion invites us to reconsider our relationship with God and commit our lives afresh at the start of 2019. This is an opportunity to worship with members from the other churches of Macclesfield Team Ministry. Please come along.

Take Note Please Note



As there is no service at St Michael's on Sunday 30th December, there will be no notice sheet either for w/b 30th. **Services on 6th January 2019** are:

- **9.30 Storytelling Service**
- **11.00 Holy Communion**



Thank-you

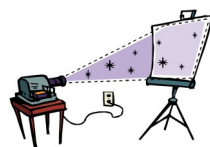
On behalf of all the participants who enjoyed the Christmas Lunch, a very big thank you.

The meal was beautifully cooked and served (up and down stairs in the lift!). The tables looked magnificent with the decorations. Our hostess, Karen, was resplendent in her festive jumper, as were the carol singers who entertained us royally. Many thanks to all who made it possible, for all the thoughtfulness and hard work. We had a lovely time. Norma Stanway.



Homemakers

The next meeting of Homemakers is on Thursday 3rd January, 8.00pm—a games evening at Grace Edgar's home (1 Bluebell Mews). All are welcome.



Film Evenings

We will be holding two film evenings at St Michael's in the new year.

Friday 1st Feb at 6.30pm: It's a Wonderful Life

(I know—we've all seen it before, but it's such a lovely heart-warming film, so come and enjoy it with friends)

Friday 15th Feb at 6.30pm: Babette's Feast
Light refreshments will be served—maybe ice-creams on a tray during an interval! Maybe not. **PLEASE SIGN ON THE LIST IF YOU INTEND TO COME ALONG** (notice board at back of church)



Advent Response for today—the fourth Sunday of Advent

This week's response at the lighting of Advent Candles is:

*For your holy servant Mary:
Thank you God.*



This Week's Eco-Tip

Turn off lights, computers and other equipment when not in use.



Cre8 and The Big Give!

Cre8 has been chosen to receive the surplus fresh food donated by Aldi once the store closes on Christmas Eve. This means we're mobilising for **'THE BIG**

GIVE' to distribute fresh food to families and individuals on the Moss Estate and more widely across Macclesfield.

We're looking for people willing to volunteer some of their time on Christmas Eve.

Collecting the food from Aldi, **from 5.45pm for at least 1 hour.** You don't need to be able to drive - we have drivers & vehicles.

Sorting the donations once collected: **from 6.30pm onwards**

Compiling the food into hampers: **from 6.30pm onwards**

Distributing the food to homes across the Moss Estate and Macclesfield - if you have a car and are willing to transport boxes of food to a few addresses that would be very helpful.

Location: We'll be based at St Barnabas Church, Lyme Avenue, Macclesfield SK11 7RS.

If you are helping to collect the donations from Aldi please meet here at 5.45pm.

We need: Cardboard boxes for hampers - (apparently Sainsbury's has lots at the end of their tills!) these can be dropped at Cre8 anytime from today onwards.

Other donations: We are looking for other donations (pasta, sauces, tins, toiletries, sanitary products, nappies, wipes, baby food, etc.) Please get in touch with Katy if you'd like to help: katy.wardle@cre8macclesfield.org

Deadline for contributions to the notice sheet: 12 noon the preceding Wednesday.
E-mail: stmikesnotices@gmail.com or hand in to the Team Office. Thank you.

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