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## Baptism of George McDonnell

Please pray for George, his parents Gemma and Martin, and all his family and friends who will be at our service on Sunday to celebrate George's baptism.



## Save the Date

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00-9.00pm.**

A party in St Michael's Church to celebrate 10 years of Village Rwanda UK being a registered charity.



**Everyone is welcome.**

## A Poem for Gaza

### GAZA

I calmly watch the smoke and rubble,  
I passively look upon the strife and trouble,  
I mull over the chaos and stress,  
The broken head and the torn dress,  
The missiles fly – another day,  
The crowd gathers – the fathers pray,  
The quietness of peace is a distant dream,  
The politicians gloat, the militants scheme.

*Richard Muirhead*

## Cricket News

The final cricket match of the season on Tuesday evening resulted in a very exciting tie between St Michael's and Stockport teachers.

Both teams scored 145 in their 20 overs



## Enjoying our Church Harvest!

Here's the Start the Week Team enjoying some figs grown in our raised beds!



## Season of Creation

The 2025 Season of Creation starts on Sunday 31st August with a stall at the Treacle Market and a prayer Service at 4.00pm at the wild garden behind the Leisure Centre.

See the attached poster for more details; and, if you can help man the stall between 10.00am and 3.00pm, please speak to David Mayers

PEACE WITH CREATION



## Eco Tip

Eat seasonal foods.

At the moment many gardeners and allotment-holders have a glut of runner beans and will be delighted to share them with you. Fresh, young runner beans are a gem amongst the many wonderful vegetables available during the British summer. At their best they are at once tender, succulent and bursting with flavour. There can be few better ways of serving runner beans than piled onto a plate alongside meltingly soft roast lamb, roast potatoes and gravy, with a good glass of claret or perhaps a Coonawarra cabernet sauvignon to wash it all down. Or so we thought until we discovered *Runner Bean and Chilli Sa/sa* (search on-line for this recipe) - a dish with the uncanny ability to be a perfect match with practically any barbecued food.



## Help!

Please water our churchyard containers!

In the current dry weather the pots and raised beds in the churchyard need a lot of watering. You'll find the watering can behind the counter in the welcome area. Thanks!



## Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Join us for *Worship*



## Sunday Worship

24th August 2025  
The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00am: Worship for All  
with the Baptism of George McDonnell  
Plus - Summer Sundays Activities for the Children

Leader: Revd Vivien Gisby  
Speaker: Mike Strutt (Licensed Lay Minister)  
Bible reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

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 3rd September

## 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

28th August: Holy Communion  
4th September: 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://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](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com)

## How to contact the office...



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- Safeguarding see box below

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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:

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## Email any prayer requests to:

[prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)

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

