

## ST MIKE'S BULLETIN

25TH MAY 2025



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## Welcome, Nathan!

We're delighted to share in Sonia and Rak's joy on the arrival of Nathan, born on Monday 12th May.

Congratulations to the happy parents - we all look forward to meeting Nathan when he's ready to come to church!

Sonia and Rak would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and love they've received.

Bishop Sam to attend our  
Morning Service on 25<sup>th</sup>  
May.

We're delighted to be welcoming +Sam to St Michael's once again. Whilst with us, he will **confirm** Andre Nicholls and

Martin Bancroft..

**As a change to our usual schedule, this service will also include Holy Communion**



The family of Florence who was baptised in last week's service have sent the following message of thanks:

*We just wanted to say a massive thank you for welcoming us to the church and for such a lovely service for Florence's baptism. Everyone was really welcoming and we had such a good day. Also thank you for Florence's lovely candle and jigsaw.*

*We will hopefully see you at a service again soon!*

*From Becca, Ben, Joshua and Florence*

## Two Fundraisers for St Mike's

- **Quiz Evening at The Button Warehouse (44-48 Chestergate)**

**26th May (Bank Holiday Monday) 7:00pm - ish start** (doors at 6:30pm) All monies taken on the night go to a chosen charity for the month, this month being St Mike's.

The quizmaster is particularly dapper and entertaining!

Teams of up to six.

If anyone wishes to form a team and participate, please email [info@thebuttonwarehouse.co.uk](mailto:info@thebuttonwarehouse.co.uk)

- **Silk Brass Concert**

**Sat 31st May at 7.30pm at St Mike's**

Tickets £12 (u16 free) available on the door on the evening; from Macc Visitor Centre (in the Library) or via [priorbooking.com/silkbrass](http://priorbooking.com/silkbrass)

Proceeds to go towards our Lighting Fund

## Advance Warning

Please note that there will be no bulletin for Sunday 8th June.

If you know you need an item including, please ensure it arrives at [stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com) by noon on **Wednesday 28th May** for inclusion in the Bulletin for 1st June.



## Eco-tip

Help make Macclesfield's roads safer by joining a community cycle ride to campaign for better cycling facilities. Join the ride and the fun at 11am on Saturday June 7th at Whalley Hayes car park. We will be calling for more protected cycle lanes, 20mph speed limits, and fixing the potholes!

Come early for a bike check with elov.

All ages are welcome; the ride will be carefully stewarded and avoid busy roads. Speak to David Mayers for more information.



## Collect for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,  
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:  
help your Church to obey your command  
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,  
to the glory of God the Father.

## Children's Groups at St Mike's over the Summer

Dear All,

I have made a plan for the School Summer Holidays and I am happy to prepare resources and plan the activities with others who may be able to help and support this programme. It should be fun and I hope the children and adults involved will enjoy something a little different.

Each week we will follow a set format with a Gathering prayer or song, then the story and shared prayer time, there may be crafts and games. We will end with a set blessing.

I hope you may feel able to volunteer to help.

Please let me know when you can join us in the Youth centre during these services on Sunday mornings.

There is only one week when I know I will not be available but I will help to plan and prepare for someone else who is able to lead.

*Tricia A.*

### Summer Programme 2025: Draft 1

Date	Theme		I could help:	Not available
1. July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Where's Jesus? Luke 2. 41-52, p. 110	Getting lost?		
2. August 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jesus' Special Friends. (Calling Disciples) Luke 5.1-11, p. 116	Choices		
3. August 10 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus calms the Storm. Mark 4. 35-41, p.128	Learning to trust Jesus		
4. August 17 <sup>th</sup>	Jesus and the Bully. Zacchaeus meets Jesus (Luke 15.1-6, 19.1-10)	Jesus shows us how to live.		
5. August 24 <sup>th</sup>	The Sad Centurion, Matthew 8. 5-13, p 120	Asking Jesus for help		Tricia
6. August 31 <sup>st</sup>	Four good Friends. Luke 5.17-25, p. 118	Helping each other		

Page numbers refer to The Storytelling Bible by Open the Book.

## THE HOPE CENTRE: ANNOUNCEMENT

The HOPE CENTRE was established in May 2011, Its key purpose to 'Serve Others'. For 14 years it has provided a space where the love of God can be clearly demonstrated to meet the needs of everyone in the community. The Hope Centre is now moving to further develop its activities and moving into a challenging but exciting time in seeking to meet identified needs within our community. As a result changes will be taking place in the management structure.

Hazel will be moving to a new role:

- **CAP Job Club Manager**

The Hope Centre has entered into a partnership with the Salvation Army to establish a CAP (Christians Against Poverty) Job Club. Its key purpose, working closely with the DWP (Department of Works & Pensions), is to support people back into employment. Hazel has started her training and the courses are planned to commence in early September 2025.

- **Homeless People**

Hazel has had an increasing amount of her time supporting the growing need of the homeless in our community.

In addition to her role as Job Club Manager, she will seek to develop a strategy of how best to meet and support the homeless, drawing on the significant experience within the Salvation Army.

### **Hope Centre Manager**

We are pleased to announce that the role of 'Hope Centre Manager' will be taken over by Ruth Corn, who will join us in the last week of May. Ruth will take over Hazel's existing responsibilities, and handover from Hazel to Ruth will take place during June as Hazel also takes on her new role and responsibilities.

**Joe Jackson** will assume the responsibility of Kitchen Manager. We are also pleased to announce that Joe will be leading a course in Cooking Classes to help those in our community to develop skills in cooking to a budget. It is hoped these will start in July.



## Some Diocesan Events

### Foxhill Events

### Let Go and Let God

A creative stitching retreat at Foxhill, led by Karen Herrick.

1st-3rd August

Price £285 including accommodation and meals.

Using the story of Bartimeaus alongside creative, quiet led Biblical reflections, we will explore ways in which we come to God, and how meeting with Jesus has the potential to transform lives. Participants will be supported to respond prayerfully through individual **hand stitched** journaling, allowing colours, threads and textures to speak as we ponder what God may be saying to us. There will be supportive space to be creative, listen, reflect, and receive from God. The emphasis will be on allowing the power of God's gift of creativity to draw us closer to Himself, rather than on a polished finished product.

All materials will be provided, but if you have your own sewing kit or threads that you prefer to use, then please do bring them with you.

#### About Karen:

Your retreat guide will be Karen Herrick, from [Harlequin Arts](#) who will be leading and supporting you throughout the retreat. Karen is a freelance artist-educator, delivering creative sessions for wellbeing across many sectors of the community. She enjoys enabling and inspiring others to be creative, facilitating connections through creativity and contemplation - combining teaching skills with her love of colour, textiles, and Christian faith. She is part of the Derby Diocese spiritual accompanier training course team and enjoys supporting others to draw closer to God through both her art and creative quiet days and retreats. She stitches stories of faith through textile art and writes a blog "Sanctuary in Stitch", journaling her spiritual journey in stitch.

For more information and to book, click [here](#)



### Ready for Walk-ins?

A Zoom meeting on Monday 7th July, 12 noon to 1.00pm



Recent research from the Bible Society has suggested a 'Quiet Revival.' Many parishes in the diocese are reporting a greater number of people appearing in church, often with no prior connection.

So how do we prepare for this? How do we welcome people in a way that matches their desires and expectations?

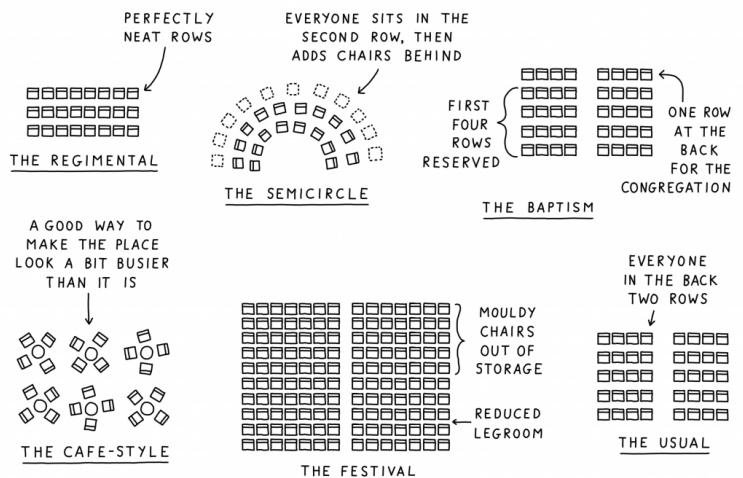
We will be hearing from church leaders from across the diocese and helping each other to think how we can improve our own church welcome.

This is a one hour lunchtime Zoom meeting - please register to help us plan well

For more information and to book your free Zoom ticket, click [here](#)

### THE CHAIRS

WAYS TO ARRANGE THEM



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### Is God calling you to something new?

As we explore together how God is calling us all to bless the 1.5m in this diocese, are you thinking how God might be calling you to serve?

If that's you, then the 'Called to Serve' roadshow events could be what you need to help you explore the next step.

'Called to Serve' is a chance to explore and find out more about the opportunities for different types of ministry and service. It will include information on exploring a call to be an ordained or licensed lay minister like a Pastoral Worker, Reader or Church Army evangelist but also a variety of other ways of serving God in both the church and the world.

Come to our next information event on Monday 2 June at 10.30am.

Book your free place by clicking [here](#)



Let's celebrate this wonderful time of year with a poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1899):

### God's Grandeur

The world is charged with the grandeur of God.

It will flame out, like shining from shook foil;  
It gathers to a greatness, like the ooze of oil  
Crushed. Why do men then now not reck his rod?  
Generations have trod, have trod, have trod;  
And all is seared with trade; bleared, smeared with toil;  
And wears man's smudge and shares man's smell: the soil  
Is bare now, nor can foot feel, being shod.

And for all this, nature is never spent;

There lives the dearest freshness deep down things;  
And though the last lights off the black West went  
Oh, morning, at the brown brink eastward, springs —  
Because the Holy Ghost over the bent  
World broods with warm breast and with ah! bright wings.



Join us for *Worship*



## Sunday Worship

25th May 2025

### The Sixth Sunday of Easter

**10:00am: Confirmation Service with Holy Communion**

**Speaker:** RR Sam (Bishop of Stockport)

**Leader:** Revd Martin Stephens

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 28th May**

## 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

**29th May: Morning Prayer**  
**5th June: 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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**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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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](mailto:safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)



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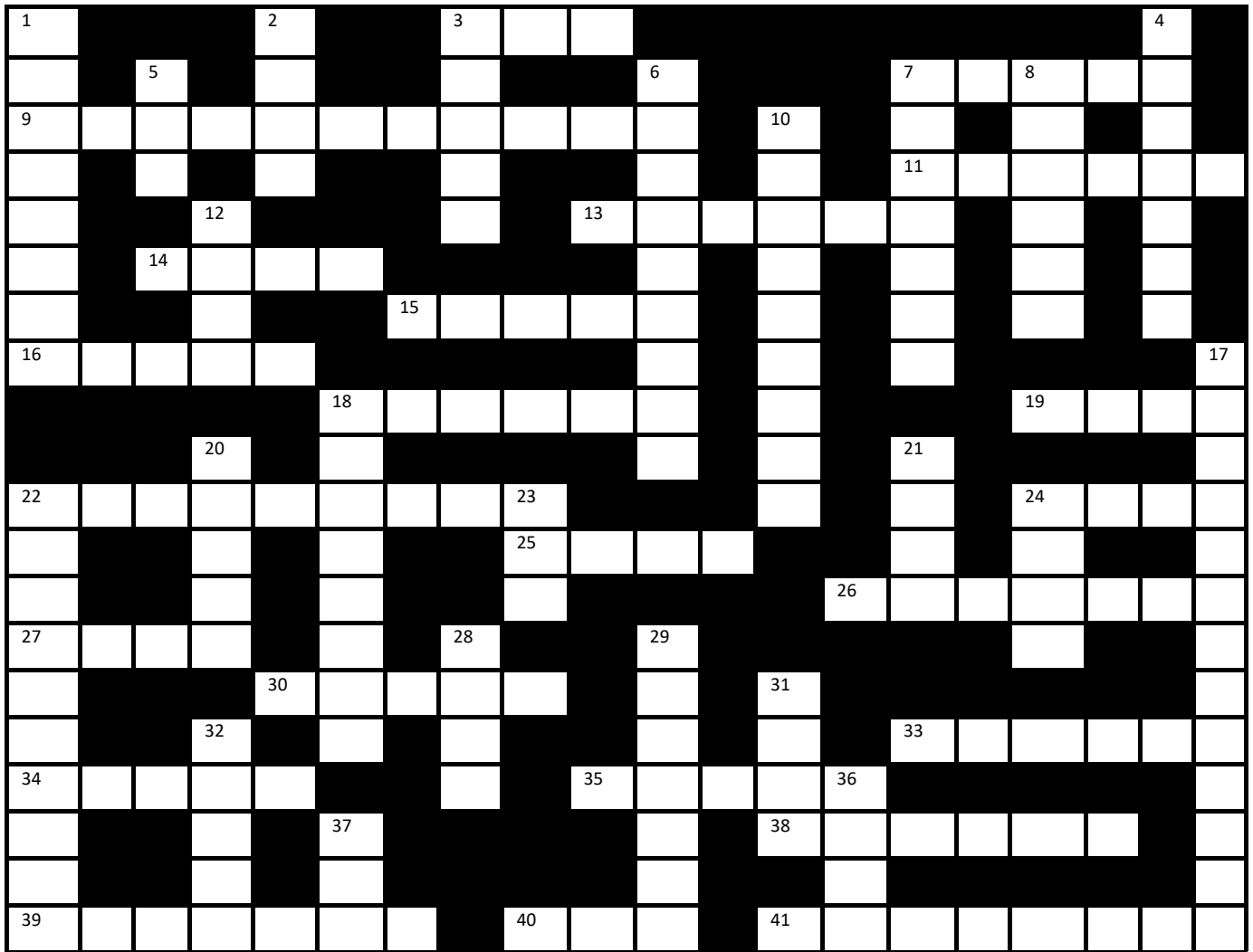
## Email any prayer requests to:

[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.



## May Crossword from the Connecting People Team



### Across

- 3** What blameless, God-fearing man lived in Uz? (3) Job 1:1
- 7** The books, "Best Instructions Before Leaving Earth" (5)
- 9** "Do not let any \_\_\_\_\_ talk come out of your mouths" (11) Eph 4:29
- 11** What did Jacob name the place he dreamed about angels and built an altar? (6) Gen 28:18
- 13** For how many days did King Darius' officials suggest that people should worship only the king? (6) Dan 6:7
- 14** On what did the wise man build his house (4) Matt 7:24
- 15** One of Jacob's twelve sons, mother Zilpah. (5) Gen 35:26
- 16** In the bible lands, a wind from which direction brought rain? (5) Prov 25:23
- 18** What kind of wood was used to make the poles for carrying the ark of the covenant? (6) Ex25:13
- 19** The law will go out from here (4) Isa 2:3
- 22** Who is Eliam's daughter? (9) 2 Sam 11:3
- 24** "... to grasp how \_\_\_\_ and long and high and deep is the love of Christ" (4) Eph 3:18
- 25** "The Teacher asks: where is the guest \_\_\_\_ where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?" (4) Luke 22:11
- 26** I planted, \_\_\_\_\_ watered. (7) 1 Cor 3:6
- 27** "Who \_\_\_\_ them up like meat for the pan" (4) Micah 3:3

- 30** In whose home did the two Jewish spies to Jericho find shelter? (5) Josh 2:1
- 33** To whom was it said, "Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent."? (6) 2 Sam 7:2
- 34** Who married a Cushite woman (5) Num12:1
- 35** To whom did King Achish give the city of Ziklag? 1 Sam 27:6
- 38** Zechariah prophesies the coming of the king riding what animal? (6) Zech 9:9
- 39** In which book do we read, "It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sin."? (7) Heb 10:4
- 40** A son of Noah (3) Gen 9:18
- 41** "A quarrelsome wife is like a constant \_\_\_\_\_" (8) Prov 19:13

#### **Down**

- 1** In which chapter of Romans do we read about how to treat our "weaker brother"? (8)
- 2** What did Michal place in David's bed to trick Saul's men into thinking David was ill? (4) 1 Sam 19:13
- 3** Who did no sin, yet was made sin? (5) 1 Pet 2:22
- 4** What is the first book of the bible? (7)
- 5** How many sons did Eli have? (3) 1 Sam 1:3
- 6** Who was Elizabeth's husband? (9) Luke 1:5
- 7** What city did Jeremiah prophesy would be destroyed and remain desolate forever? (7) Jer 51:62
- 8** "For the \_\_\_\_\_ is not yours, but God's" (6) 2 Chron 20:15
- 10** In which city was Paul educated? (9) Acts 22:3
- 12** What did Moses have to toss into the air to bring the plague of boils in Egypt? (4) Ex 9:8
- 17** What does prostitution and alcohol take away from a person? (13) Hosea 4:11
- 18** Who was king Nebuchadnezzar's chief official? (8) Dan 1:3
- 20** To what animals are people compared in Isaiah 53? (5) Isaiah 53:6
- 21** The 24 elders who "fell down before the Lamb" each had one. (4) Rev 5:8
- 22** What kind of tradesman was non-existent in Israel when Saul became king (10) 1 Sam 13:19
- 23** What came to rest on the mountains of Ararat? (3) Gen 8:4
- 24** Where did Joseph's brothers put him for safekeeping before they sold him? (4) Gen 37:22
- 28** Who was shipwrecked three times? (4) 2 Cor 11:25
- 29** Which of David's sons "stole the hearts of the men of Israel"? (7) 2 Sam 15:6
- 31** "The price is \_\_\_\_\_ come let us enter in ..." (4) Graham Kendrick
- 32** The rock disciple (5 ) Matt 16:18
- 36** "If anyone hears my voice, and opens the \_\_\_\_\_ I will go in..." (4) Rev 4:11
- 37** "His compassions never fail. They are \_\_\_\_\_ every morning" (3) Lam 3:23