

Events for the week 25th September —1st October 2016

Sun 25 th	10.00am	Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
Tue 27 th	5.30pm	Counselling Course	Youth Centre, St Michael's
Wed 28 th	10.30am 6.30pm 7.30pm	Prayer Meeting Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice	Upper Room, St Michael's Choir Vestry Choir Vestry
Thu 29 th	10.00am 10.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Group Holy Communion Bell ringing	St Michael's St Michael's Bell Tower
Fri 30 th	9.10am	Contemplative Prayer	Savage Chapel, St Michael's

Next week's services: Sunday 2nd October (Nineteenth after Trinity)

- 9.30am Storytelling Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion



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



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



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.

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.

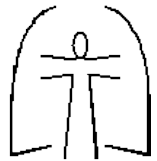
The Collect for Harvest



Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through 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 25th September 2016 Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity



Harvest Thanksgiving

Joint Service at 10.30am



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



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



Large Print: We have a number of hymn books and notice sheets in large print format. If you would like one, please ask a sides-person.



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



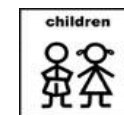
Gluten-free wafers are available at all Communion services at this church. If you require these, please say "gluten-free" when you come up for communion.



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.



Sunbeams: on the first & third Sunday of the month, the Sunbeams group meets during the 11.00am service. This is for children aged 2½ - 6 years.



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

Please look out for people who may like to use these packs and may not know about them.

Key Events and Notices



Harvest Thanks!

Thanks to Vicky and Gordon Darlington who have graciously donated the flowers for the Worship Area and the Savage Chapel for our Harvest Service.

Thanks also to Catherine Wells who has kindly baked the beautiful Harvest Bread, and to Phyllis and Sally Melvin, Sue and Izzy Reid, Sandie Bevan, Audrey Evans, Catherine Wells and Bernice Jones, the Toddler Group and members of the Flower Class who have decorated the Church for Harvest. Thank you all!



PCC Meeting

Reminder - the next PCC meeting is on Thursday 29th Sept., 7:45pm at St Michael's.

Unwanted Toiletries needed

Have you any unwanted toiletries? Once again the Children's Society Committee are running a stall at the Charities Bazaar on November 19th. We are

Christmas wrapping and selling toiletries on our stall. If you have any items you don't require, please pass them on to Jenny Wild or Hilary Halliwell at St Michael's or Gill Phillipson at St Peter's. Alternatively, Jenny Wild is happy to pick up contributions (420352). Many thanks.

Climate Change—why should you care?

Thursday 29th September 7.30 pm at Macclesfield Methodist Church. A simple and compelling presentation of the scientific facts, by Dr Colin Fenwick, based on extensive research.



Toddler Group Volunteers needed

Toddler Group is enquiring if anyone would be available to help on a Thursday morning - maybe on a rota system. If you

are interested please ring Ruth Parker, 613068. Many thanks.



Children's Society Fundraising

The event at St Peter's on Sunday 18th September

raised £267.41

Quiz Results: The St Peter's Quiz winner was Howard Mason (from Sale), and runners up were the Turners and the Pearsons. The quiz raised £378.

If anyone would like to know the answers to this quiz, they are on the notice board at the back of St Michael's church. Thanks to all for their support.

MACMILLAN. COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 1st October we will be serving coffee, etc. as usual but will also be holding a cake stall, the proceeds of which will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. If you are able to provide any cakes or biscuits for this occasion, please contact Vicky Darlington or Sue Reid in the office. Many thanks.

Eco-Sunday 9th October

As part of our day focusing on our concern for the environment, the eco-congregation group is offering a low-carbon/locally sourced Sunday lunch, 12.30 in the Narthex on 9th Oct. Please sign up on the list on the notice-board if you would like to join us.



Music at Mike's

This is a programme of concerts for your lunchtime entertainment. Light refreshments are served. Admission free.

The next concert is **Friday 30th Sept. at 1.15pm**



Climate Change Petition

Part of the response by Macclesfield to the call for a Week of Action by the Climate Coalition is a petition, supported by HOPE, to David Rutley MP and to HMG for priority action on climate change. So far we have 400 signatures. The petition is available for signing in the churchyard **TODAY**, or at the Hope Centre or the Oxfam shop.

It will also be available at *Climate Change – Why should you Care?* Thursday, 29th September at 7:30pm Macclesfield Methodist Church. Hope to see you there!

TARGET
At least 2000 signatures.



Proposed Church History Trail

Our lovely St Michael's church building regularly attracts visitors who are interested in the history of the building,

stained glass windows, effigies and other artefacts. There are people in our church who have detailed knowledge about our heritage and others who would like to learn from them. We are planning to produce a 'History Trail' using photographs of things to look for which will be accompanied by brief information. It would take the form of a double-sided A4 piece of paper and would be available at the entrance to church. If you are interested in this aspect of church life and would be willing to help develop this project and/or act as a church guide, please speak to David Wightman or Tricia Atherton.



Wednesday Prayer Meeting

A reminder that the fortnightly Prayer Meeting will be taking place this Wednesday, 28th Sept., 10.30-11.00am in the Upper Room

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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