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Bollinbrook School Celebrates its SIAMS Report



Our Church School, Bollinbrook CE(A) Primary, was recently inspected to assess whether or not it fulfils one of its key roles – namely to operate in line with its vision and values as a Christian foundation.

SIAMS – the *Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools* – is additional to an Ofsted Inspection (*which itself was assessed to be Good*). What SIAMS does is to evaluate how the school's **Christian vision** affects the way it operates; how the vision is lived out by the school community, and how it enables everyone – pupils and adults – to '**flourish**'.

I'm delighted, but not surprised (since I know the school), to report that **Bollinbrook School is judged to be fulfilling its purpose and living up to its foundation as a Church school**. A copy of the report is attached / can be read [here](#).

It may surprise you to hear that attention is also given to the flourishing of adults within a Primary School, but that's right! Recognising the care and support given to all staff, extending to pupils' families too, is one of the factors that makes Bollinbrook School such a lovely, friendly and welcoming environment for children to be and learn in.

Lynne le Marinel, Headteacher at Bollinbrook, said:

"I am so pleased to be able to share the final SIAMS report and the positive outcome. Please do take the time to read this as it really does capture our school and the love and support we provide."

A big thank you to Martin and his team for all their efforts. It was great to see the strong relationship with the church acknowledged."

If you would like information about registering a child to attend, contact the school office on 01625 789089, or go to <https://www.bollinbrook.cheshire.sch.uk/>

And if you're interested in possibly supporting the school in some way, please talk to Revd Martin and/or Tricia Atherton. They'd be delighted to tell you more about this special place.

Mark

A copy of the full SIAMS report is attached with this Bulletin if you would like to read it.

Eco Tip

Eat seasonally

Although we need to eat a variety of fruits and vegetables to stay healthy, you can help to reduce the carbon footprint of your festive meals by buying seasonal produce.

This means resisting asparagus which will have been flown to the UK from Peru! Instead, focus on root vegetables like potatoes, parsnips, carrots and beetroots, and winter vegetables like cabbage, squash, broccoli and cauliflower.

For fruit, we can choose UK produce like apples and pears.

We don't have to only eat what's produced in the UK – instead, we can supplement UK produce with fruits and vegetables that have been shipped to the UK by boat such as clementines, pineapples and pomegranates. By being conscious of what we're importing we can reduce the emissions from flying food to the UK. This can also help support UK farmers.



Eco-Group at Church



We have a small but passionate group which meets regularly to pray and plan about how St Michael's can better care for God's amazing creation; and to make progress towards the A Rocha Gold Award.

We are always looking for more people to get involved; our next meeting is on **Tuesday 11th November 7.30pm in church**.

Please speak to David Mayers for more information

Prison Sunday Follow-Up



On Prison Sunday (12th October), we invited monetary contributions towards the purchase of A5 journals which can be given to the women at Styal Prison. These are very therapeutic, providing an opportunity for the women to write down their thoughts and feelings, write poetry or do sketches.

Thank-you to all who have already given me some cash towards our next donation of journals. I shall be putting in a bulk order next week so, if you would like to contribute any money, please let me know as soon as possible (lynne.norbron@gmail.com / 07881 423687).

Lynne

Music@Mike's



The next concert is on Thursday 30th October 1.15pm: a recital by Tim Ward on flute and Julia Harding on clarinet.

The Angel at my Table café will be open for light refreshments.

Entry is free but donations are invited for the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church, jointly.

Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord

Pilgrimage 2026 –

Keep the date

The pilgrimage planning team have met to review this year's most enjoyable residential in the Golden Valley and to consider options for a local pilgrimage in 2026.



The proposal is to walk the Peak Pilgrimage from Ilam to Eyam which we did in 2018. This would be over two weekends, Friday 11th and Saturday 12th September and Friday 18th and Saturday 19th. This would give the best possible chance for as many people as possible to participate in one way or another.

At the end of each day's walking we will have a short service and reflection in the last church of the day. This would probably be in St Giles, Hartington at the end of Friday 11th September, then at St Leonard's, Monyash, on Saturday 12th then St Peter's, Edensor, on Friday 18th and finally reaching St Laurence's in Eyam on Saturday 19th.

We hope that as many people as possible will keep some or all of these dates free to join us. You don't have to walk it all, indeed you can simply join us at a church at the end of the day for our service and reflection followed, we hope, by refreshments at a local tea shop.



Here we all are seven years younger at St Anne's church, Over Haddon.

For further information please chat to one of us. Athos, Porthos and Aramis have now been joined by young D'Artagnan.

Paul Simms, Paul Spedding, Taffy Davies and Pete Munro.

Let's Knit a Scarf (it's not all over yet!)

I still have a number of unsold scarves from last year's 'Let's Knit a Scarf to Keep the Church Warm' project.



I'll be bringing them along to church sometime soon so you can have a look at them as potential Christmas gifts for anyone you forgot to buy one for last year! Let me know if you're interested.

Lynne

Advent Calendar

2025

Our St Michael's 2025 Advent Calendar will be available (I hope) by mid-November at the latest.



If you would like to order one or more copies, there is a sign-up sheet on the notice-board at the back of church.

In case you have never seen one, the calendar comprises a series of daily reflections from Advent Eve to Christmas Day (29th Nov - 25th Dec) each submitted by a member of our church family. The reflections have some written text and an image (or two), all designed to give you something to think about in a time of quiet each day at this busy period of the year.

As usual, we invite contributions towards the cost of producing the calendar, which is around £10 per copy. If you would struggle to find this amount, please don't worry - you can have a copy for free! But if you are able to make a contribution, that would be greatly appreciated.

Please sign up in the next couple of weeks to be sure you receive your copy in good time!

Lynne

Indian Banquet

Book your Tickets Now!



Date: Sunday 16th November

Time: 6.00-9.00pm

Venue: St Michael's Church

Join us for an evening of food and entertainment

All proceeds go towards the St Michael's Building Fund

Pay: online (details below) or by cash in the church office
Please use reference "(Surname), Banquet"

Account: 10175873

Sort Code: 16-24-32

For more information or to inform us of dietary requirements, telephone 01625 421984 or email clegypa@maccteam.org.uk

Foodie Friday: 7th November



The next Foodie Friday will be **Friday 7th November (6.00 for 6.30pm)**

Contact the church office to book, 01625 421984.

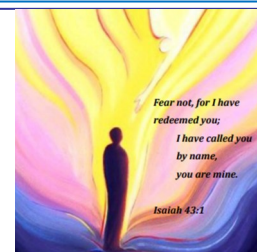
Service of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness

The next Healing Service is on:

Friday 28th November 11.00am in the Savage Chapel

The service will last approximately 30 minutes

All are welcome.



Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

26th October 2025

Last Sunday after Trinity

10:00am: Church Family Worship
'Café Church'

Leader: Revd Martin Stephens

Speaker: Revd Vivien Gisby

Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

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 29th 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

30th October: Morning Prayer
6th November: 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=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09)

[us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09)

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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

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

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