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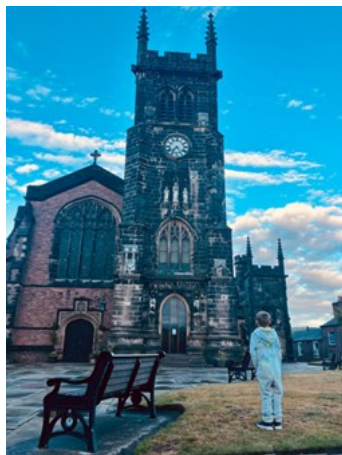


Thank you so much to all those people who came to join in with the Children's activities during the Summer Sundays. It was so lovely to take part in a joint activity with children and adults.

Now that the September term has started we are back to the usual routine, which I will explain below.

There are activities provided for children and young people during every service now - mostly involving them going out of the main service and only staying in on special occasions.

On most Sunday mornings there are two groups.



- (1) Roots for the older ones
- (2) Storytelling for the younger ones, except on the second Sunday of each month when we join together in the Youth Centre.

As you can imagine, we have rotas for everything!!

Would you be willing to go on a rota as a supporting adult? We require two named responsible adults for every group of children.

The opportunities are as follows:

- Sunday morning, except second Sunday - to volunteer as a supporting adult for the storytelling group - no preparation required, just a desire to encourage children and leaders in their pilgrim journey.
- Second Sundays in the month - to join in with the activities in the Youth Centre as you did for Summer Sundays

It would be so wonderful if you wanted to be involved in these activities in a small way - continuing the links we made in summer. Please have a think about it and let me know. This is a developing ministry in our Church Family. Church can be overwhelming for many people, not just children!

Tricia Atherton

Save the date!

The Indian Banquet is back; a feast of South Indian cuisine prepared by our Indian community to raise money for the Building Fund. Indian.

6.00pm for 6.30pm Sunday 16th Nov.



Season of Creation - Highlights coming up!

PEACE WITH CREATION



• Sunday 28th September

Sacred Circle Dance, 3pm-5pm,
St Alban's Parish Centre, Chester
Road, SK11 8DJ.

07401 003 976 to book.

• Tuesday 30th September

'Brilliant Bees', 7.30pm at Macclesfield Methodist
Church, SK10 1BX.

• Thursday 2nd October

Apple Pressing, 4pm-7pm at Scoop and Scales, SK11
6UT. Suitable for all ages!

• Foodie Friday 3rd October

6pm for 6.30pm, 3 course meal, pay as you feel here at
St Mikes. Booking required 01625 421 984.

• Saturday 4th October

Celebration & Feast of St Francis of Assisi.
A Prayer service at 2pm to thank God for the Season of
Creation. Optional soup and bread lunch at 1pm.

**More information in the calendars available in
church and on-line at [https://stalbanmacc.org.uk/
season-of-creation/](https://stalbanmacc.org.uk/season-of-creation/)**

Collect for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God,
defend your Church from all false teaching
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,
that we may enjoy eternal life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Christopher Whall window

A recent visitor to St Mikes shared how fascinating and beautiful our stained glass windows are:

"We found much more stained glass of interest than we were expecting, though the Christopher Whall window was superb. We are very fond of Kempe, Morris and Burne Jones, so plenty to keep us happy, and all the stained glass was of interest."



We will long remember the help we received around this visit, and can only thank you again for your assistance.

We left to the sound of a Satie 'Gymnopodae' being played on the piano, which was an additional treat."

REMEMBERING GAZA

A Silent Vigil
outside Macclesfield Town Hall

5.00 – 6.00pm
Friday 3rd October

We will
remember the suffering people of Gaza,
call for a ceasefire,
and for our government to cease arms
sales and to impose broad sanctions on
Israel

NO CHANTS, BANNERS, FLAGS,
Please don't bring placards

*This event is organised by Global Justice Now
(Macc Group) who will supply placards. We
welcome anyone who shares the aims and
ethos of this vigil*

Homemakers

The October meeting of Homemakers has been changed to **Thursday 2nd October at 7:30pm** in the Savage Chapel. It will be a talk by the Reverend Marion Tugwood on the life of an anchoress or anchorite, who withdrew from secular society to live a life of prayer.



Marion experienced this herself by staying in the upstairs room in the Savage Chapel, as the anchoress would have done.

Martin Bancroft's Licensing Service



Martin will be licensed as a Lay Minister (Reader) in Chester Cathedral on **Saturday 11th October at 3.00pm**.

If you would like to attend and need a lift, Martin Stephens may be able to help. He will be leaving Macclesfield at about 12.45 - 1.00pm. Have a word with him if you are interested.

Music@Mike's

Our next lunchtime concert is on **Thursday 2nd October at 1.15pm**. The Cheshire Chamber Collective - cello, clarinet and piano trio will be here!

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.



Margaret Clay

We are sad to hear the news about the death last week of Margaret Clay. She died of sepsis following a recent fall.

Margaret's funeral will take place at **2:45pm on Thursday 2nd October** at Macclesfield Crematorium. We remember and thank God for Margaret.

10 Years of Village Rwanda

Come and celebrate 10 years of Village Rwanda UK being a registered charity.



Saturday 25th October, 7-9pm

St Michaels church, SK10 1DY

We are a tiny charity but we have had a BIG impact on the rural community by Lake Kivu in Rwanda and we would love to share the news of our progress and our future plans for the project to become sustainable.

There will be African food, dancing, music, a quiz and a short film to explain our work.

Bring your own alcoholic drinks; fruit juices and soft drinks are provided.

£10 per adult, children free. Suitable for all ages.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Tricia, Catherine and Martin



Proposed Toddler Group - Can you help?

We are exploring the possibility of setting up a Toddler Group with a Christian focus at St Mike's, on a weekday.

The aim would be for there to be sufficient helpers so that no-one needs to be available to assist every week.

If you might be interested in helping with this in any way, or would like to find out more about the idea, please contact Jan on jan.rose1000@hotmail.co.uk or speak to her after Sunday morning's service. She will be giving a notice about this on Sunday so you'll be easily able to find her afterwards!

We hope to include music in the sessions!

Foodie Friday: 3rd Oct

Foodie Friday takes place on the first Friday of each month at 6.30pm.

A 3-course meal using surplus food, with guests contributing on a 'pay-as-you-feel' basis (a price is suggested).

Profits from the meal go towards providing free meals for more vulnerable members of our community during the week.

The next Foodie Friday will be **Friday 3rd October**. Contact the church office to book, 01625 421984.

Angel
at my Table



We invite you to our

Service of Remembering

an opportunity to remember and give thanks for the lives of loved ones we now miss

Sunday 19th October 2025
4pm

St Michael & All Angels' Church
Macclesfield
SK10 1DY

Photograph Exhibition



Terry Gibson (St Peter's) is staging a small exhibition of black and white photography taken in and around Macc forest: 'Oak and Owl'.

He has spent a couple of years capturing images of the locality, summer and winter, rain and shine. The exhibition is at the Tegg's Nose Visitor Centre, with a launch on the afternoon of **Saturday 27th September** (with free wine!).

Do go and have a look.

First Aid Training

Last week, 10 of us from St Mikes took part in a full-day First Aid course run by Aid Training and we're delighted to share that we are all now a qualified first aider!

The session covered a wide range of vital skills, including CPR, using defibrillators, the recovery position, helping someone who is choking, and treating shock, burns, and wounds with bandages.

You never know when someone may need urgent help, and we're proud to have strengthened these lifesaving skills within our team.

Here are some photos of us in action....



St Michael's Building for Hire

Do you need to hire a space?

St Michael's has meeting rooms of various sizes to meet your needs, and our large Worship Area with its giant screen and AV system is suitable for presentations, concerts, etc.

Email Elaine: bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

Tel: 01625 421984

Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

28th September 2025
The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10:00am: Church Family Worship

Leader: Sallie Bancroft
Speaker: Paul Simms
Bible Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

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 1st 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

2nd October: Morning Prayer
9th October: 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://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZ0VXdaZz09)
[pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZ0VXdaZz09](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

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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