

## Events for the week 29<sup>th</sup> November —5<sup>th</sup> December 2015

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| Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30am  | Choir Practice   | Choir Vestry   |
| Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 7.00pm   | Contemplative Prayer   | 64 Lansdowne Street  |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 6.30pm<br>7.30pm                                 | Junior Choir Practice<br>Full Choir Practice                                   | Choir Vestry<br>Choir Vestry   |
| Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 10.00am<br>10.30am<br>1.00pm<br>7.30pm<br>8.00pm | Toddler Group<br>Holy Communion<br>Toddler Group<br>Bell ringing<br>Homemakers | St Michael's<br>St Michael's<br>St Michael's<br>Bell Tower<br>1 Cardigan Close |
| Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.10am<br>12.30pm                                | Contemplative Prayer<br>Healing Service  | Savage Chapel, St Michael's<br>Savage Chapel, St Michael's                     |
| Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>   | 10.00am  | Saturday Prayer Meeting  | Savage Chapel, St Michael's  |

### Next week's services (6<sup>th</sup> December— The Second Sunday of Advent)

- 9.30am Storytelling Service
- 11.00am Holy Communion



### Electronic version of church notice sheet

If you wish to be included in the list of those who receive the church notice sheet electronically each week, please email Lynne Spedding at

[stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com)



### 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](http://www.mpcsg.co.uk) or email [enquiries@mpcsg.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@mpcsg.co.uk)

*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.*

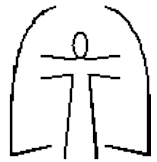


### The Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the  
light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

# 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 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015

### Advent Sunday

#### 9.30 Storytelling Service

**Leader** Jenny  
**Storyteller** Margaret  
**Story** The Prophets and Mary and Joseph show the way to Bethlehem

**Roots Leader** Sue  
**Roots Passage** Luke 21:25-36

**Adult Leader** Lynne

**Songs** Be still  
Hosanna

#### 11.00 Treacle Service

**Leader/Speaker** Lynne Spedding

*The Service will be projected onto the screen*

#### 6.30 Advent Carol Service



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



**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.



### We are a Fairtrade Church

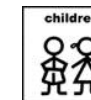
committed to using only Fairtrade tea & coffee.



**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.



**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



**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.

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



## Advent Carol Service

Please note that our Advent Carol Service is this evening at 6.30pm—a feast of Advent music and readings. Do come along!



## Christmas Card Exchange

We will once again be operating our Christmas card exchange system at the back of church from 1<sup>st</sup> December for those of you who like to send cards to people in the congregation. With our eco-congregation status and our wish,

as a church community, to reduce our use of resource, we are also offering an alternative whereby you may like to put one card on the noticeboard and then make a donation to Christian Aid towards their Refugee Appeal. This appeal is supporting humanitarian efforts taking place in Europe and the Middle East providing essential supplies such as food, fuel for cooking, hygiene and sanitation kits, water containers and cash assistance, as well as psychological support for those who are suffering as a result of the conflict. If you would like to donate, please place your donation in an envelope (Gift Aided if you are eligible as a taxpayer) and place it in the glass box and as a church we will send a collective donation off to Christian Aid. Cheques are payable to Christian Aid.



## Possada

Mary, Joseph and the donkey will once again be touring around our homes this December up until

Christmas Day. If you would like to host Mary and Joseph in your home, please add your name to the list today or contact the Church Office in the week – 01625 421984.



## Help Needed—9.30 Service

If you feel you could assist with the 9.30 Storytelling Service (telling the story, craft activities, making the feast, etc.) please contact Gemma on

[g.r.shepherd-etchells@gmx.com](mailto:g.r.shepherd-etchells@gmx.com)



## Volunteers for Assembling Christingle Candles

If anyone is able to help assemble the Christingle Candles, please would you come along at 10am on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec.



## Toddler Group Fundraising

Well done to the Toddler Group, who held a cake stall and raised £70 for Children in Need.



## Storytelling Night

Our next storytelling night will be the 17th January at 7pm at the Cre8 Building and the theme is **cold!** Please see poster on your church noticeboard for more information. Please do

consider telling a story - everyone has one whether you think you do or not! Please please get in touch if you'd like to do one - to keep these brilliant nights going we need people like yourselves to tell stories! Please pass on to anyone you think might be interested. Whether you want to tell a story or not - it would be brilliant if you could join us on the night! And these evenings are open to anyone so please do bring friends and family!



## Just Drop In Carol Service

Just Drop In is pleased to invite you to its annual Carol Service at St. Peter's Church, Windmill

Street on Friday 18th December 2015 Service 6.30-8.00 pm followed by festive treats The Service will be led by Rev. David Wightman and supported by the young people of Tytherington High School Band. RSVP [robert.harrington@justdropin.co.uk](mailto:robert.harrington@justdropin.co.uk) or 01625 665079



## Hospital Service

Please pray for those leading, attending and assisting with the Hospital Service this morning at St Luke's Chapel, Macc DGH



## Healing Service

The next service of prayer for healing and wholeness takes place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 12.30, in the Savage Chapel.



## Christmas Afternoon Tea

Wednesday, 9th December 2.00 - 4.00 pm in St Michael's Church. You are warmly invited to join friends for an

afternoon tea of festive food, fun and entertainment. Please sign on the list at the back of church and obtain a ticket from a Member of the Social Committee. Although there is no charge for this event, donations will be welcomed to cover expenses. Transport can be arranged too - just call Vicky Darlington on Macclesfield 428215.



## Christmas Wrapping in the Grosvenor Centre

HOPE is again offering to wrap people's Christmas presents in the Grosvenor shopping centre on

Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th December. If you would like to help in this project, there is a sheet on the noticeboard at the back of church for you to sign up in different time slots according to your availability. They would like to get at least four volunteers for each slot. For further information please contact Rhona Marshall [rhona\\_cru@talktalk.net](mailto:rhona_cru@talktalk.net) or via the Church Office.



## India Direct Special Christmas Card/Gift

Last chance to buy an India Direct Christmas Card: see Lynne Spedding at any of today's services. Cards cost £12 and cover the cost of a Christmas dinner, a Christmas present and other extras for a child in the India Direct orphanage.



## Homemakers

The next meeting of Homemakers is on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, at 1 Cardigan Close, the home of Kate Porter



## Planned Giving Scheme

St Michael's operates a Planned Giving Scheme, whereby people can contribute financially to the work and mission of the Church. 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.



## Write for Rights

Sunday 13th December 1230 – 1400 in the 1st floor room. Please join local Amnesty International supporters in writing to political prisoners around the world. The

simple act of writing a letter can make a huge difference to people who have suffered human rights abuses, letting them know they are not alone in their search for justice – your messages together have the power to change lives. Messages from people like you bring hope and comfort even in the face of the worst abuses. They can also help keep individuals safe, as sackloads of cards are a sign to prison guards and governments that the world is watching.



Deadline for contributions to the notice sheet: 12 noon the preceding Wednesday.  
E-mail: [stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com) or hand in to the Team Office. Thank you.

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