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## Building Work

At last the long-awaited work on the "Waterproofing Project" is going to start. You will see scaffolding start to go up on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September; it will be around the south side of the tower to enable the tower roof to be replaced. Other work will be renewing part of the guttering on the Savage Chapel roof, and remodelling and renewing gutters and rainwater chutes on the north aisle and above the south porch. The damp patches in those areas will then dry out and the stonework will not deteriorate any further. More details of the work, and how it is being funded, can be found on the noticeboard in the north aisle, or ask a member of the Building Team.

The work may take up to 12 weeks. If you are around while the guys are working I am sure you will welcome them!

..and just to be clear: this project is not to repair the main (nave) roof, though we hope that a few more temporary patches can reduce the drips for a while. Repairing the main roof will be part of an urgent major project that will take 3-4 years to bring to fruition – and for that to happen we need people to get involved...soon.



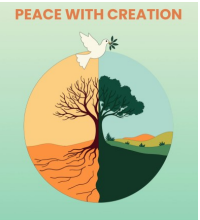
## Season of Creation - 1st Sept to 4th Oct

This year The SoC starts a day early!

- On **Sunday 31st August** there will be a stall in the churchyard as part of the Treacle Market - please come and say hello, or offer to help! (offers to David Mayers). And at 4.00pm there is a prayer service in the rewilded garden behind Macclesfield Leisure Centre.
- Tuesday 2nd September at 7.00pm** in St Michael's Anne K is giving a demonstration of sustainable church flowers - booking required
- Friday 5th September 6.00 for 6.30pm** - a Creation Canteen; a simple meal together to celebrate the start of the Season of Creation. Booking required 01625 421984
- Sunday 7th Sept** - a family cycle ride

**See inside pages for more information!**

Many other events are in the calendar - please pick one up from the Welcome Area (also attached electronically)



## Cheshire Streetwise Needs Used Plastic Carrier Bags

The food scheme at Cheshire Streetwise is in need of plastic carrier bags to hold food that they give out to people in the community.

Please bring your spare plastic bags in and give to **Lynne S or David M** who will periodically make them available to Anne Hulley, [anne.hulley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:anne.hulley@yahoo.co.uk) at Cheshire Streetwise,.



## Parking

While the building work is going on, there will be one or two vans belonging to the contractors on the church parking area. If you are coming to church during working hours, please consider carefully whether you really need to bring your car, as there will be limited space, possibly for only three additional vehicles.

On **Sundays**, please reserve the spaces outside church for those with limited mobility. Those coming to services and evening events can park (free) in the private car park at the end of King Edward St.



## Remembering Gaza

There will be a Silent Vigil on **Friday 5th September at 5.00pm** in Macclesfield Market Place.

The full poster is included on page 3 of this Bulletin.

And on the subject of Gaza, don't forget that Lynne and Martin B are fasting one day each week in solidarity with the people of Gaza - the intention is to send a donation to Christian Aid for its humanitarian work in that area.

If you would like to contribute, please see Lynne or Martin.



## Macclesfield Deanery Synod

**SILKLIFE**  
**foodbank**

The next meeting of the Macclesfield Deanery Synod will be on **Thursday 11 September** starting at 7.30pm. The venue will be the Silklife Centre, George St, Macclesfield SK11 6HS.

**These are open meetings and all are welcome to attend.**

The speaker will be Dan Blackman who is the lead figure for the Silklife Foodbank. This survives on financial donations and there will be an opportunity on the night to make a personal donation should you wish to do so, although these will have to be in cash only.

## Help!

Please water our churchyard containers!

In the current dry weather the pots and raised beds in the churchyard need a lot of watering. You'll find the watering can behind the counter in the welcome area. Thanks!



## Collect for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

# SEASON OF CREATION

## PRAYER SERVICE



**SUNDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST**  
**4pm**

IN THE ORCHARD  
BEHIND MACCLESFIELD LEISURE CENTRE  
MEET AT CARPARK,  
PRIORY LANE  
SK10 4AF

ALL WELCOME!




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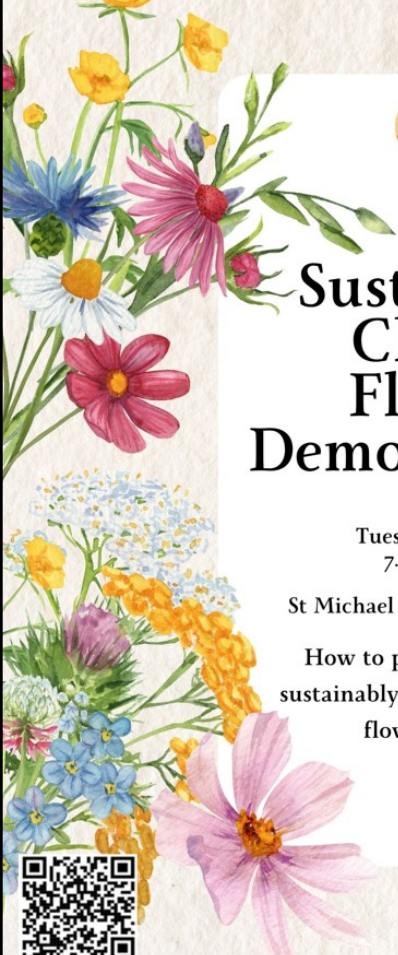

## CARE FOR CREATION

### BIBLE STUDY

1st September - 1<sup>st</sup> October  
Mondays 11.00am  
Wednesdays 7pm  
at  
East Cheshire Hospice Chapel  
SK10 3DR

East Cheshire Hospice  
Where people come to live

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## Sustainable Church Flowers Demonstration

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
7.00—8.30pm

St Michael & All Angels Church

How to provide church flowers sustainably using seasonal and local flowers and foliage.

Booking required:  
01625 421 984

## FAMILY CYCLE RIDE

7 miles along the Middlewood Way to Nelson's Pit for a picnic!

Sunday 7th September 12:30

Meet below Tesco car park SK10 2AB

Bring a packed lunch!

All Welcome!




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**Big Trees and Mini-Beasts**

Family fun in West Park  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
12.00pm - 2.00pm

Meet at the Rangers Hut next to the Café  
All welcome!

HOPE IN NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

**WORKSHOP**

**HOW IS YOUR COUNCIL TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE?**

What can you do to help?  
Come along to this workshop to find out more

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
7.45—9.15pm

St Alban's Parish Centre  
Chester Road  
SK11 8DJ

THE CLIMATE IS CHANGING  
WHY AREN'T WE?

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**Volunteers Wanted**

Help clean up the River Bollin at  
Riverside Park, Beech Lane  
**Saturday September 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Anytime between 10am and 3pm

Bring wellies!

Please register in advance by contacting Steve Oliver  
on 07801 715572 or [steve.oliver3@ntlworld.com](mailto:steve.oliver3@ntlworld.com)

Organised by Macclesfield Methodist Circuit in conjunction with Bollin Valley Partnership as part of The Season Of Creation 2025

For all ages, 12 yrs or over

The Methodist Church

HOPE IN NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

**REMEMBERING GAZA**

**A Silent Vigil**  
outside Macclesfield Town Hall

5.00 – 6.00pm  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September

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*

Join us for *Worship*



## Sunday Worship

31st August 2025

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

**10:00am: Worship for All**  
**Plus - Summer Sundays Activities for the Children**

**Leader:** Esther Lawrence (OWL)

**Speaker:** Lynne Spedding (Licensed Lay Minister)

**Bible reading:** Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Please use the link below to stream this  
(and previous services) on YouTube

## 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 3rd September**

## 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

**4th September: Morning Prayer**

**11th September: 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...



**Phone:** Landline: 01625 421984

**Email addresses:**

- **Isobel** [clergypa@maccteam.org.uk](mailto:clergypa@maccteam.org.uk) for ministry issues
- **Elaine** [bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk) for bookings and building matters
- **Bulletin/Newsletter** [stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com)
- **Printing** [maccteamprinting@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)



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## Donating to St Michael's is easy!

Scan this QR Code or use the **contactless donation point** in the Welcome Area



## 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.

