

## Events for the week 4<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2016

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Choir Practice	Choir Vestry
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<i>The Battle for Christianity</i>	St Peter's Church
Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Contemplative Prayer	64 Lansdowne Street
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am 6.30pm 7.30pm	Prayer Meeting Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice	Upper Room, St Michael's Choir Vestry Choir Vestry
Thu 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am 10.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Group Holy Communion Bell ringing	St Michael's St Michael's Bell Tower
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am	Contemplative Prayer	Savage Chapel, St Michael's

### Next week's services: Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December (Third Sunday of Advent)

- 9.30am Storytelling Service
- 11.00am Morning Prayer



#### Electronic version of church notice sheet

If you wish to receive the church notice sheet electronically each week, please email [stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com). The notice sheet is also available on the church website: [www.stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](http://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](http://www.mpcsg.co.uk) or email [enquiries@mpcsg.co.uk](mailto: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.*

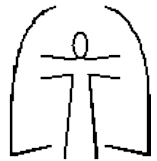


#### The Collect for the Second Sunday of Advent

Almighty God,  
purify our hearts and minds,  
that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as  
judge and saviour  
we may be ready to receive him,  
who is our Lord and our God.

# 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 4<sup>th</sup> December 2016

### The Second Sunday of Advent

#### 9.30am Storytelling Service

**Leader** David  
**Storyteller** Sue  
**Story** The Shepherds and the Magi  
show the way to Bethlehem  
**Songs** From heaven you came  
Go serve the Lord  
**Adult Leader** David  
**Roots Leader** Ruth  
**Roots Passage** Matthew 3:1-12

#### Hymns

MP 493 O come, O come, Emmanuel  
MP 8 All earth was dark  
MP 631 Tell out, my soul  
Song Book 17 Hills of the north

**Roots Leaders** David & Rachel  
**Roots Passage** Matthew 3:1-12

#### 11.00am Holy Communion

**Leader** Lynne Spedding  
**Speaker** Rev'd David Wightman

James Richard Tandy

**Bible Readings** Isaiah 11:1-10  
Matthew 3:1-12

#### 4.00pm Christingle 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.



**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.



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



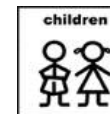
**Gluten-free wafers** are available at all Communion services at this church. If you require these, please say "gluten-free" when you take communion.



**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



## Tokens of Giving

Following a recent discussion at PCC we have purchased some larger glass pebbles. As a sign that you give by Standing Order to the cost of mission & ministry

at St Michael's, you are encouraged to pick up one of these glass pebbles on your way into Church, and add it to the basket as the Offertory is taken.

NEW

Happy Christmas

## Greetings from Mary

Mary Taylor would like to wish all her friends at

St Michael's who still remember her a very Happy Christmas and all the best for 2017. She is keeping well and still has fond memories of her days living in Macclesfield and attending St Michael's.

NEW



## Contemplative Prayer

The monthly Tuesday evening meeting for contemplative prayer takes place this coming Tuesday, 7.00pm, at 64 Lansdowne

Street. All are welcome.

NEW



## India Direct: Christmas Card/Gift

This is your last chance to buy an India Direct Christmas card (£12) which also pays for a present and Christmas dinner. See Paul Spedding today for

details.

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## URC Grand Christmas Tree Festival

8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> December. Macclesfield United Reformed Church, Park Green. During the Festival there will be services, storytelling and lots more.



## Dorothy's Palmer's Funeral

Dorothy's funeral will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Dec at 1:40pm here at St Michael's. Family flowers

only, donations to East Cheshire Hospice. Dorothy's husband Graham welcomes all to attend both the service and the refreshments afterwards at The Weaver, Thornton Square.

NEW



## New Curate for the Team

We are delighted to announce that Karen Brady will be joining the Macclesfield Team from next June, with her ordination in early July.

Please pray for her, and the churches of Stockton Heath and Appleton where Karen is currently a Reader.

NEW

## The Colours of thankyou Christmas Event

A huge thank you to all who supported this event and whose generosity helped to raise an awesome £1737.15 for Cre8. A special thank you to Phyllis and Sally Melvin, Vicky Darlington and Emma Kingdom for their time and efforts and also to Katy Wardle, Jenni Hardy and Ashley from Cre8.

NEW



## Treehouse Thanks

Louise and team at Treehouse send grateful thanks to the anonymous donor from St. Michael's who left a donation at Treehouse on Saturday 26/11/16. The gift and support are much appreciated.

If anyone has any warm hats, gloves, scarves, socks and jumpers no longer wanted, they would be gratefully received by the Treehouse team for the service users. Please see Hilary Halliwell or Ann Wells.



NEW



## Parking in Market Place

A reminder to everyone that parking in the Market Place is prohibited at all times. Anyone who parks there does so at their own risk. Each year in the run up to Christmas Cheshire East has the wardens on duty on Sundays so please be aware of this and the risk of getting a parking ticket.

## foodbank

The Foodbank would be grateful for donations of: selection boxes, Christmas cakes, Christmas biscuits, Christmas chocolates, Christmas puddings, mince pies, savoury snacks or biscuits (see poster on church noticeboards).



## "The Battle for Christianity": Discussion Evenings

The final session in the series of teaching and discussion evenings led by Rev'd Martin Stephens will be tomorrow, 5<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 -8.45pm at St Peter's Church.



## December Treacle Market

The next Treacle Market is on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec. If you can help, please sign the list at the back of church. The church will be open only until 2.00pm on this occasion. Many thanks, Vicky Darlington



## Bag Yourself an Eco Bag ...

... and do your bit for the planet. These eco-bags are a special offer from St Michael's eco-congregation group. They are re-usable shopping bags: environmentally-friendly,

strong, made of jute and cotton, and will be on sale at the bargain price of just £1.50. Ideal for your Christmas shopping, or as presents. Generously sponsored by HOPE to reduce the number of plastic bags ending up in land-fill and the oceans.



## Nativity

Don't forget to let Lynne Spedding know if you would like to take part in this year's Nativity, on 18<sup>th</sup> Dec.

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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