

Events for the week 6th—12th January

Tue 8th	7.00pm	Contemplative Prayer	64 Lansdowne Street
Wed 9th	6.30pm 7.30pm	Junior Choir Practice Full Choir Practice	Choir Vestry Choir Vestry
Thu 10th	10.00am 10.30am 7.30pm	Toddler Group Holy Communion Bell ringing	St Michael's Savage Chapel St Michael's Bell Tower
Fri 11th	9.10am	Contemplative Prayer	Savage Chapel

Services next Sunday (13th) The Second Sunday of Epiphany

- 9.30am Storytelling Service
- 11.00am Morning Prayer
- 6.30pm Choral Evensong



Electronic version of church notice sheet

If you wish to receive the church notice sheet electronically each week, please email stmikesnotices@gmail.com. The notice sheet is also available on the church website: www.stmichaels-macclesfield.org.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.



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 or email 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 Epiphany

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.



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 6th January 2019

The Feast of the Epiphany

9.30am Storytelling Service

Leader Martin
Storyteller Jo / Simon
Story Epiphany
Songs We three kings
Be joyful
Adult Leader Martin

11.00am Holy Communion

Leader Lynne Spedding
Speaker Revd Martin Stephens

Bible Readings

Deuteronomy 6:1-14
Matthew 2:1-12

Hymns

MP 39 As with gladness
MP 65 Brightest and best
MP 700 Thou who was rich
MP 644 The first nowell

No Roots Group



Roots Leaders Ruth & Izzie
Roots Passage Matthew 2:1-12



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



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.



Large Print: We have a number of hymn books and notice sheets in large print format.



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



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



We are a Fairtrade Church committed to using only Fairtrade tea & coffee.



A children's area is available in the Legh Chapel (on RH side as you come into the church) for children under supervision, during services and at other times. There are bags with books and toys for small children.



Tokens of Giving
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 a glass pebble on your way into Church, and add it to the basket as the Offertory is taken.

Key Events and Notices



2nd Sunday Discussion
Next Sunday morning there will be the usual second Sunday discussion after the 11.00 service

of Morning Prayer. Please come along to talk about the service's readings, theme and sermon.

NEW

Church Flowers



The Chancel Table flowers have been graciously given by Jo Durbin in memory of her beloved Mother.
Thank-you, Jo.

NEW

United Service

The United Service in the week of Christian Unity takes place on Sunday 20th January, 4.00pm, at St Alban's Church. The speaker is Steve Parsons from Tytherington Family Worship.
All welcome.



NEW

Write for Rights

Please pick up from the table in the welcome area a Christmas card plus information sheet and write to one (or

more) of Amnesty International's chosen prisoners of conscience. This year they are all women who do extraordinary things to protect human rights. Sending a letter or card shows that we care and support them in their struggle for justice.

WRITE FOR RIGHTS

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL



This Week's Eco-Tip

As we leave 2018, and look ahead to 2019, it is a good time to reflect on how we can make more environmentally-friendly choices in 2019:

- Cut back on (or eliminate) meat in your diet
- Drive less
- Grow your own food

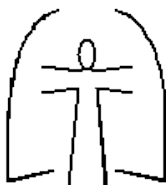
Or you could make a new year's resolution to spend more time outside enjoying the beauty of the earth.

NEW



Burns' Night
Friday 25th Jan
7.00pm
St Michael's

This is a fundraiser in support of Cre8 Youth and Community Project and the annual trip to Camas in Scotland.
Tickets £17.50 per person / £7.50 for children.
Available from Cre8 or Anne Kite.



Open Door Extended Opening

Are you able to spend a couple of hours in church between 12.30-2.30 on a weekday, in order to keep the church building open for visitors who

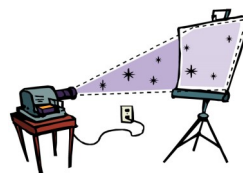
might wish to explore our beautiful building or pray/reflect quietly? Please sign the list at the back of church if you can help. Two people are needed at any given time, so either pair up with someone in advance or check the slots to see where someone needs a second person.

foodbank

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Foodbank

Urgent request for tins of meat or any main meals in a tin.



Film Evenings

We will be holding two film evenings at St Michael's next month.

Friday 1st Feb at 6.30pm: *It's a Wonderful Life*

(I know—we've all seen it before, but it's such a lovely heart-warming film, so come and enjoy it with friends)

Friday 15th Feb at 6.30pm: *Babette's Feast*
Light refreshments will be served on both occasions.

PLEASE SIGN ON THE LIST IF YOU INTEND TO COME ALONG (notice board at back of church)



St Peter's Garden Gang

St Peter's have just been made a "Co-op Community Cause" and need our help. If you're not a co-op member already, join, which you can do online or at a co-op shop:
<https://www.coop.co.uk/>

Once you've got a membership number you can register online with it and choose your cause (info below) at: <https://www.coop.co.uk/>

When you're signed in, the bottom left of the page has a link to the causes in our area, and you'll see the gardens as one of them when you go there. If you're happy to support us then click on gardens and click to support it.



Safeguarding at St Michael's

St Michael's takes safeguarding / child protection very seriously. We commit ourselves to the nurturing, protection and safekeeping of all,

especially children, young people and vulnerable adults. Please remain vigilant and let somebody know if you have any concerns about safeguarding issues (anonymously if you wish).

Contacts are: Chris Bentley, Paul Spedding (Parish Safeguarding Advisers), Sue Reid (Parish Safeguarding Administrator), and Pauline Butterfield (Diocesan Advisor – pauline.butterfield@chester.anglican.org, 01928 718834 extension 221)



Toddler Group

Toddler Group recommences this Thursday (10th January) at 10.00am here in church.

NEW

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

To contact us:

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