

ST MIKES NEWSLETTER

15th February 2026



Daily Reflections for Lent

Looking for a simple way to reflect this Lent? Copies of Draw Near, the Church of England's Lent 2026 daily reflection booklet, are available at the back of church — please take one.



The booklet offers daily Bible readings, short reflections, prayers and practical ideas to help you grow in faith as we journey towards Easter. Each week focuses on a key part of Christian discipleship, including prayer, worship, Scripture, communion, service and sharing the good news. Reflections are also available Monday-Saturday on the Everyday Faith app.

Lent Services at St Michael's

Ash Wednesday, 18th Feb - There will be two special services on Ash Wednesday in the Savage Chapel. They involve the marking with ash (optional) as a sign of repentance, and will signal the start of Lent.

10.30am (60mins)
6.30pm (45mins)



Maundy Thursday, 2nd April at 7pm

(Savage Chapel)

Agape Meal with (optional!) washing of feet. In order to cater appropriately (a simple 'meal') please speak to Lynne, Heike or Barbara to signal your intention to come along.

Good Friday, 3rd April - There will be two services: 10.00am and the afternoon contemplative service 2pm-4pm which, as usual, will last approximately 2 hours, comprising of 4 sections of about 25 minutes each. You can stay for the full two hours or arrive/leave at roughly 30 minute points.

The Collect for the Fifth Sunday before Lent

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

KEY DATES

Music@Mike's - Saturday 14th February 1.15pm

Sarah Maxwell (soprano) & Christopher Cromar (piano) performing songs for Valentine's Day, including pieces by Britten, Schumann and ivor Novello.



Friday 20th February, 1.15pm Charlie Oldham (piano) playing pieces by Rachmaninov, Chopin and Medtner.

Angel at my Table café will be open for light refreshments. Free entry but donations are invited for the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church, jointly.

Foodie Friday - 13th February, 6pm for a 6.30 meal THIS WEEK
'Foodie Friday' comprises 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. **Book via church office, 01625 421 984.**

LETS: Sunday 15th February, 12 noon till 2.15pm

Next Sunday (15th Feb.) is **Let's Eat Together Sunday**, Don't eat alone on Sunday - bring some food and eat with others after the morning service, sharing if you wish.

Babysing (for 2 and under) - Friday's at St Mike's, 10.30am

The Babysing group has got off to a flying start and could do with more helpers! If you feel able and would like to assist, please let Jan know as soon as possible: jan.rose1000@hotmail.co.uk.

Lent Study Groups - In addition to our regular homegroups, there are 3 new Lent groups starting looking at the Lent book "**Dancing to the Heartbeat of God**" and an additional group looking at "**The Art of Worship**" - please see the notice board in church for details on when these start and how to sign up if you haven't done already!

Healing Service Dates 2026

11.00 - 11.30 Savage Chapel
Fri 20th March, Fri 26th June, Fri 18th Sept, Fri 27th Nov.
All welcome
Please speak to Heike or Barbara for more details.



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Vision Day - 7th March at 9.30am
Salt and Light Renewed.

Six years on from our last whole-church Vision Day, we'll gather to celebrate progress, review what's still to do, and refocus for the future, with support from colleagues in the Diocese.

There is a flyer in the welcome area for **everyone** to complete and pop in the box, or scan the QR code on your phone to complete online.



St Michael & All Angels Church

Thursday 5th March 2026 at 7.30pm
BOOK NOW: www.ridinglights.org/nightfalls

Night Falls is a fresh, vivid and dynamic retelling of the Easter story, blending music and powerful drama alongside space for reflection and worship.



If you are unable to order on-line using this link please see David Mayers or Isobel in the office and they will make sure you get your ticket.

APCM - The Annual Parochial Church meeting where we review the previous year's activities, approve financial accounts, and elect key members to the Parochial Church Council (PCC) is on Sunday 19th April - open to all to attend.

Church Electoral Roll - Being on a Electoral Roll allows you to vote at the APCM Meeting & stand for election to the Church Council (PCC). The ER list is at the back of church, do complete a form or scan the QR code on the poster to join the ER.

Scan QR code to complete online



UPCOMING EVENTS

Luna New Year Event - this Saturday.

This year the zodiac parade will set off from Castle Street with drumming from Condundrum from 11am, leading the way down to Park Green at 11:20am. From 12:00 – 3pm at the United Reformed Church you can enjoy a taster of Chinese food and enjoy some Lunar New Year crafting with ArtSpace. At the Silk Museum you'll be able to try your hand at traditional calligraphy, visit the dragon and have a go at GO!

Northern Chamber Orchestra at St Mikes - 14th March, 5pm

Tickets available online, £29 for a standard ticket.



KEMS Concert at St Mikes - Saturday 21st March, 7.30pm

An eclectic mix of popular band music including Holst's Second Suite in F, Indiana Jones, Lion King, Oliver, Sophisticated Ladies

Experience Easter at St Mikes - Saturday 4th April, 11am

For all the family, come and complete the Easter Trail around the churchyard. The churches of Macclesfield are coming together to share the true meaning to Easter.

Bikeathon 2026 - Saturday 16th May [REGISTER NOW](#)

All profits will go to Just Drop In who provide free and friendly services for children and young people from Macclesfield and surrounding areas.



ECO-FRIENDLY

The Macclesfield Repair Cafe

Meets the 2nd Saturday of every month 10am - 2pm at the Community Centre in Duke St. car-park; so that's this Saturday! They repair household items, electrical gadgets, garden equipment, bikes, clothing, woodwork & mechanical items. And they serve excellent coffee and home made cakes! <https://maccrepaircafe.com/>



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ROOF WORK

This is one of your Churchwardens bravely inspecting the new roof on the tower the other week (thanks to Kevin, and James from Heritage for encouraging her up there). Unfortunately it was quite a misty day so the views were not the best, but the new roof is very smart and should keep the bells, clock and office dry for another hundred years or so. The new lead replaced very damaged and worn slates.

That is why there was scaffolding on the tower for several months!



We are very grateful to the organisations who together contributed, via their grants, about half the cost of the work. VAT has been reclaimed from the Government's Listed Places of Worship Scheme (discontinued from April 2026)

This work doesn't seem very exciting, and most of us will not notice the benefits, but it has dealt with the most serious and immediate problems affecting the building, to preserve it as a place of mission in the Town Centre of Macclesfield. Repair of the leaky main (nave) roof is a much bigger and more complex project for which planning needs to start SOON.

There was also work to repair leadwork on the Savage Chapel roof, and to repair and remodel the gutter outflows on the north aisle, so heavy rain comes out through the wall instead of into the wall.

**NO MORE
BUCKETS...WE
HOPE!**



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The work was carried out by Heritage Conservation Restoration Ltd, who braved two named storms and many freezing, cold and rainy days.

Many thanks to them!

Sunday 15th February Worship

10:00am: Holy Communion with children's groups

Leader & Celebrant: Rev Canon Vivien Gisby
Speaker: Mike Strutt (LLM)

Bible Reading: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Theme: I was there

Use the link below to stream this
(and previous services) on YouTube
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: 18th February

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

19th February: Morning Prayer

26th February: 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

Sound of Silence

(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?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09>



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...

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Isobel: clergypa@maccteam.org.uk for ministry queries
(Office hours usually Mon & Wed 9.00-2.45;
Thurs 9.00-1.00 and Fri 8.30 - 1.00pm)

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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

Your request will be circulated confidentially to a limited group of people who will pray for you.