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Mothering Sunday Service

This Sunday, 10th March, is Mothering Sunday.

Please join us at 10.00am - Church Family Worship - for our special celebration.



Choral Evensong

Join us this Sunday 10th March at 6:30pm for our traditional service of Choral Evensong, with music from the 16th to the 20th century by Thomas



Tallis, Thomas Tertius Noble and John Rutter, the voices of our own St Michael's choir and the inspiring words of the Book Of Common Prayer.

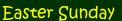
Everybody welcome

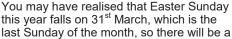
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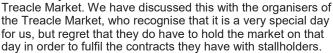
Don't forget that Let's Eat Together Sunday is next week, 17th March. Don't eat alone on Sunday! bring some food and eat with others, maybe



sharing if you wish. Newcomers especially welcome: don't worry if you haven't any food - there's usually plenty.







However:

- there will be no charity stalls in the churchyard on Easter Sunday and they will ensure that access to the church gate is kept clear.
- access to the Town Hall car park will be reserved for church members attending the service at St Michael's (until after 11am), but unfortunately there will not be access to the church parking spaces.
- On this occasion only, we have decided NOT to open the church for refreshments for the general public, or to visitors, in order to enable all church members to celebrate Easter how they wish, with their families or friends.

The Collect for Mothering Sunday **Sunday 10th March**

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord

Music@Mike's

Depending on when you read this Bulletin, you might still be able to come along to the concert on Friday 8 March (Hyuk Nankoong on piano).



The next concert in the series is on Friday 15 March and features contemporary folk music played by Southland of the Heart, performing Songs of Love and Sorrow

Concerts begin at 1.15pm and last approximately 45 minutes. Entry is free but donations, which go jointly towards the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church are very welcome. Refreshments are available before and after at the Angel at mv Table café.

Mayor's Charity Dinner and Auction

Saturday 16th March at 7.00pm Macclesfield Town Hall

Tickets: £30

All money raised will go to the East Cheshire

Hospice and the East Cheshire Eye

Society.

Supported by HOPE in NE Cheshire



Macc Mayor: our own Chris Wilcock

Church Flowers

The flowers on the Chancel Table are in loving memory of Jane, beloved daughter of Audrey Evans and sister to Helen: sadly missed by many. The lovely flowers in the Worship Area have been graciously given by the ladies in Homemakers. Thank you.

Cres Plant Sale

Cre8 will be holding a Plant Sale at St Barnabas church on 27th April 10am - 2pm. We would be very grateful for any contributions you can offer indoor or outdoor plants; cuttings, seedlings or plants you have divided - all very welcome. Tea and coffee will be served. Do join us if you can. More information next week.

The Race To Save The Willow Tit & Danes Moss.

Saturday 16th March 7.00pm in St Michael's A celebration of both bird and place; an uplifting evening of poetry, thought and action for nature and the climate (see attached poster)

Lent Study Groups

It's not too late to join one of the Lent Groups as we study the Unity Course.

Tues mornings: 10.30-12.00 alternating between St Thomas's and St John's. Contact Simon 07957 211 319 for details

Thursday evenings: 7.30-9.15 at St Michael's

Monday afternoons: 2.30-4.00 Contact St Paul's Church

Office (01625 501 773) for venue details



Join us for Worship



Sunday 10th March

Fourth Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday

10:00am: Church Family Worship

Leader: Heike Werner Speaker: Lynne Spedding Readings: Luke 2:33-35 & John19:25-27

6.30pm: Choral Evensong

Leader/Speaker: Mike Strutt

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

https://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 taking place on 20th March

Thursday Morning Worship 10:30 am (35-40 minutes)

Our midweek services follow the order from the Book of Common Prayer (traditional language) and alternate between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion

> **14th March: Holy Communion** 21st March Morning Prayer

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

Every Friday at 9:20am in the Savage Chapel, lasting half an hour. An opportunity for quiet prayer followed by a short 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

Compline

Sponsor the Scarf

Please use the link below to donate towards our "Let's Knit a Scarf to Keep the Church Warm" project.

Click here

The scarf itself will (obviously) not keep the church warm, but

money donated will go towards our goal of achieving the CoE's target to be carbon-neutral by 2030. Think 'more efficient boiler' and, longer term, 'solar panels' -and please give generously!

How to Contact the office...

Phone - Landline: 01625 421 984

Email - clergypa@maccteam.org.uk

for rota changes, life events

- office@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk to contact Elaine for room bookings and building matters
- stmikesnotices@gmail.com for newsletter items
- maccteamprinting@gmail.com for all printing
- safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk to contact Katie Wilcock, Parish Safeguarding Officer

In person - The Office, St Michael's Church, Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY

Please note

There will be someone in the office every morning 9.30am-12.00

Elaine's office hours are usually Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday 9:30 am - 1:30 pm.

Temporary Office Arrangements

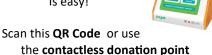
While we are trying to find someone to be our new Clergy PA/Administrator, the office staff will be even more stretched than usual, so please limit interruptions and the number of small tasks you might have asked them to do.

Judith Whittingham will be in the office on Tuesday and Friday mornings, so there will be some office cover every day. Judith will deal with urgent email, and arrangements for funerals and weddings.



Donating to St Michael's

Is easy!



Email any prayer requests here

(your request will be circulated confidentially to a limited group of people who will pray for you)









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