



1261 Festival

THIS WEEKEND

Named after the town's Charter year the **1261 Festival** is a celebration of Macclesfield's creativity and community. Saturday will be a day bursting with live music, workshops, walking tours, art and loads more for you to explore and experience.

Programme: (printed copies in and around town!)

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/857940670/>

Macclesfield History Tapestry: Sew Your Place

Unveiled here at St Michael's Church **10am-4pm on Saturday, and also 27th & 28th June.**

A momentous community artwork created by artists and historians Ailsa Holland and Becca Smith, along with over 80 stitchers from the local area. Inspired by the return of the **Bayeux Tapestry** to Britain in September and the precious piece of the Leek Replica housed in Macclesfield's Silk Museum, this work depicts 950 years of Macclesfield History, including a map of the Medieval centre of Macclesfield, encompassing buildings which still shape the town of Macclesfield, and those which have gone without trace. The work also includes 6 action scenes from the past 950 years of the town's history, and interpretations of the weird creatures and symbols found in the Bayeux's margins.



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'Feeding the 500' is being organised

by the **Hope Food Partnership**,

as part of Macclesfield's **1261 Festival**

in the town centre tomorrow Saturday (20th)

Take-away meals, prepared from surplus food, will be served at St Michael's Church between 11:30am and 2pm.

As well as people willing to serve the food, we need volunteers any time between 10am & 4pm to help prep food, wash up and clean.

Anyone who can help or wants to find out more can attend the Hope Supporters' evening (see left), contact Steve Oliver, steve.oliver3@ntlworld.com, 07801 715572, or speak to Ali Griffin at Angel at my Table, or email ali.griffen@btinternet.com.

Come and join in - it will be fun!

Medieval Drawing Tour with Becca Smith

Artist, historian and co-creator of the Macc History Tapestry. A fascinating drawing adventure through time to discover our Medieval town. Drawing in a variety of simple techniques while picturing the past beneath your feet and above your heads in **St Michael's church architecture.**

The session will include a walk in and around St Michael's Church and a short walk down and then back up Churchwallgate (Church Street) to view the Medieval architecture on the side of the Castle Pub. Advance booking required.



ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

21st June 2026



St Michael's Eco-tip



Food waste and climate change are closely linked where every level of production, from farmers' fields to our dinner tables, can have an impact on our climate. Common types of food waste include **bones, eggshells, fruit and vegetable peelings, over-buying, poor storage and uneaten leftovers.** Not only does the organic waste in landfills produce a variety of noxious gases including methane, a greenhouse gas that has a 80 times the warming potential of carbon dioxide, but wasted food also equates to wasted energy, gas emissions and lost time during the growing and cultivation processes. If we eat meat then we need to be aware that meat production is the most damaging area of food production in terms of greenhouse gas emissions.

As an **eco-church** we want to encourage our members to reduce their carbon footprints by reducing the amount of food they waste, and by eating food which would otherwise be wasted.



DON'T WASTE FOOD

This is where our wonderful **Angel At My Table cafe** comes in; turning food which would otherwise be wasted (but still within date and perfectly safe) into delicious meals and snacks. **Open every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10am to 3pm** - why not give it a try and support the wonderful volunteers and Ali the master chef in their determination to reduce waste and therefore carbon emissions. And don't forget **Foodie Friday 6pm on each 1st Friday** - a delicious 3-course meal made from surplus food. **But don't forget to book - it fills up fast! Tel: 01625 421 894**



Macclesfield Parish FC

The football team run by St. Michael's Church played a summer friendly against a team from Silklife Church. The 2 churches are planning to work more closely together to give more young men the chance to play football. For more details, reach out to David Mayers.

Churchyard Poppies

As these poppies reach towards the sky, they remind us of the promise of new beginnings. 🌸

Through sunshine and rain, growth continues. May we be encouraged to keep growing in faith and sharing God's love with our community.



Music @ Mikes

1.15pm

FRIDAY 26th June

Angel at my Table café will be open for light refreshments.

Free entry but donations are invited jointly for the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church.



Local guitarist and pianist David Eades playing and singing a selection of his favourite tunes - from rock classics (Joy Division) to classical masterpieces (including Beethoven and Einaudi)



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Kenya Choral Connections

An evening with the 7am Choir of All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi, Kenya

with special guests: • **Teddy Otieno (Piano)**
• **David Sotunde (Saxophone)**

in St Michael's Church Macclesfield

Enjoy a diverse mix of uplifting, joyful & emotive music with an African twist, inspirational songs by contemporary writers, hymns & classical sacred music, all sung with the passion & commitment for which this youthful & inspirational group of singers, is renowned.

Special guests are Kenyan pianist Teddy Otieno, who recently graduated from Birmingham Conservatoire, and young jazz saxophonist David Sotunde, a recipient of funding from the Martyn Donaldson Music Trust who is fast making a name for himself as a musical talent to watch!

Tue 21 July 7:00pm
St Michael's Parish Church,
Market Place, Macclesfield

This concert will raise funds for the **Martyn Donaldson Music Trust**, set up in Macclesfield by Martyn's parents and sister after Martyn's untimely death in 2002. He worked for a time as a music teacher at a school in Nairobi. MDMT support the music department at this and a sister school.

The choir is hoping to find sponsors to help finance their trip. We are hoping to raise £300 toward the cost of this concert and this worthwhile cause. If you could help or would like to know more please contact David Mayers.

Tickets

£15 - Adults
£12 - Under 18s

Cash payments via church office with Isobel:

Tel: 10625 421 984

Online payments to:

Martyn Donaldson Music Trust

Sort code: 01-05-41

Account no: 3951 3718

Please use reference

"Surname - All Saints Choir"

OR **Contact:** 01625 4338787

andy.donaldson@mdmt.org.uk



Menorah Synagogue Links

St Michael's has formed links with the congregation at Menorah Reform Synagogue in Wythenshawe. Visits to each other's place of worship for services & events have happened at various times over the years.

A group from St Mike's will be visiting the Synagogue in late September for their service to mark the start of the Feast of Tabernacles.



Menorah Synagogue
Cheshire Reform Congregation

Although you can read more about it online or from the Bible (*see Leviticus 23 & John 7*), it's surely better to hear it described in person.

Before the visit in September, Andrew, one of Menorah's congregation members, has offered to come along to talk about Jewish worship, festivals and culture with us.

This will take place at **7pm on Monday 20th July** at the home of Lynne & Paul. If you would like to come along to this informal evening, please let Lynne know (lynne.norbron@gmail.com / 07881 423687).

All are welcome, though this might be of particular interest to those who are visiting the synagogue for the First Day of Tabernacles in September.

Bollington Brass Band & The Caravanettes Choir's Summer Concert

Join Bollington Brass Band & The Caravanettes Choir for a fun-filled summer concert!

Saturday 20th June

7:30pm - 10pm

in St Michael's Church Macclesfield

Tickets available online:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bollington-brass-band-the-caravanettes-choirs-summer-concert-tickets-1988082860353



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Deaf & Sensory Network

Reminders..... (some notices from previous weeks)

Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners

- 11.15am (or thereabouts) **this** Sunday 21st June - ie. after the morning service - to seek to appoint a second warden to assist Matt. If you feel able to consider fulfilling the role of Churchwarden, please speak to Rachel, Matt, or Revd Martin.

Watch-Parties for 'The Chosen' - Sunday afternoons in June & July

- Gather at 5pm with food provided to watch and discuss the lives of Jesus and the people who encountered him. (We can always help you to catch up with any episodes you may miss too!). Further info from Revd Martin or Tricia A.

Peak Pilgrimage

- Ilam to Edale over 4 days in September. See Paul Spedding, Pete Munro, Taffy Davies or Paul Simms.



Confirmation Service

- Sunday 6th September. An opportunity to publicly affirm your faith. Speak to a member of the Ministry Team.



HOPE in North East Cheshire brings together over three dozen local churches in the 'greater Macclesfield' area. As well as Church Leaders meeting regularly for prayer, worship, fellowship & discussion, a benefit of **Hope** is in the wide range of initiatives, activities and partnerships which any one Church would find difficult to sustain.

Find out more by coming along to the next **Supporters' Evening**, on **Wednesday 24th June** at **Hurdsfield Community Hub** (SK10 2PX). **7pm-8.30pm** with refreshments from **6.45pm**

Included will be the latest news from Silklife Foodbank, Season of Creation, Open The Book, The Hope Food Partnership, The Hope Youth Forum and more!

Tinnitus Support Group

Supported by Cheshire Community Foundation (CCF)



Thursday
2nd July 2026
2:00pm-
3:30pm

The Hope Centre

16 -18 Park Green
Macclesfield
SK11 7NA

NEW VENUE

- Come along to our **monthly social group**. A friendly, volunteer-led group offering support to inform and empower people living with tinnitus.
- Attendees are welcome to bring along a family member or close friend.
- Donation for Tea and coffee
- Free Entry
- Meeting the **first Thursday of each month**

Speaker: Peter Byrom - Audiologist and Hearing Aid Dispenser - Lenire treatment for tinnitus - Everything you need to know.



For more information or to book, please contact

Call **0333 220 5050** Text (SMS) **07860 009 038**

Email dsn@dsnonline.co.uk

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Angel
at my Table

Can you do one of these regular tasks to help with the smooth running of our Café,

Angel at my Table

1. As and when: Check on & order tea & coffee supplies
2. Saturdays, 3-4pm: Hoover the Welcome Area, mop the Kitchen floor, ensure the loos are tidy, ready for Sunday worship.
3. Twice weekly: Wash and dry the aprons & tea towels (detergent provided).

We've already had someone kindly offer to *share* the laundry task. *Could they share this task with you?*

Please contact Isobel in the Church Office if you can help with any of the above?

The Third Sunday after Trinity

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.



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Sunday 21st June

Holy Communion Service and Thanksgiving for the gift of a child - we are very much looking forward to welcoming Asher Allmand-Smith and his family this Sunday!

10:00am: The Third Sunday after Trinity (with groups for children and young people).

Leader: Martin Bancroft
Speaker: Revd Martin Stephens

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 - [Link to Facebook](#)

Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

Alternate Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Savage Chapel - lasting 30-40 minutes.
Next Meetings: **24th June, 8th July**

Thursday 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

25th June: Morning Prayer

2nd July: 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



Held in the 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; [Click here to join meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476 Passcode: compline




Share your Photos with St Mike's Church Family



If you've any photos of recent significant birthdays or celebrations which you'd like to share in Church Family News on Sunday mornings, please send them via WhatsApp to this number: **+44 7579 820265**

You can, of course, also email pictures and text to stmikesnotices@gmail.com. The deadline each week is: 12 noon on Wednesdays

How to contact the office...

 01625 421984



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)

Elaine: bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk for bookings and building matters (Office hours are usually Mon, Tues & Thurs 9:30am - 1:30pm)

- Bulletin/Newsletter stmikesnotices@gmail.com
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Postal Address: The Office, St Michael's Church, Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY



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Safeguarding Contact Information

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Phone: 07435 568 729

Email: safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

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