

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

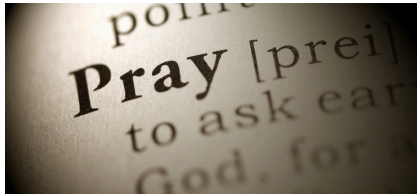
5th July 2026



The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God,
send down upon your Church
the riches of your Spirit,
and kindle in all who minister the gospel
your countless gifts of grace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Praying for St Michael's



Have you noticed how central prayer is to Jesus(!) and the Early Church? *Read the gospels and the book of Acts to find out.*

Prayer should be at the heart of the life and mission of St Michael's too, and although we have several corporate prayer opportunities (eg. during our worship together, as part of Start the Week, the fortnightly Wednesday morning group, Compline (online on Fridays), to name a few) perhaps most of our prayers - including the cards left in the Savage Chapel - tend to be **prayers of intercession** (ie. praying for / on behalf of individuals).

To help us pray for St Michael's and our church's particular needs - our various ministries and our shared mission in the life of St Michael's - we will now be including regular **prayer pointers** in this newsletter - items to include in our prayers whenever and wherever we pray, whether alone or with others.

I hope that by using them we can grow as a Church in our **shared** awareness, unity, and dependence on God as, together, we ask God to guide, strengthen, and bless the mission and ministry He has entrusted to us in this place.

Mark

Rev'd Martin Stephens

Please give thanks and pray for:

- more candidates to come forward for our confirmation service (Sept 6th) - for their growth in faith and confidence in Jesus;
- the ongoing learning and application from the CPAS Learning Hub our Ministry Team is doing;
- the hospitality and welcome offered to all whenever our doors are open.

🎵 Music @ Mikes 🎵

Friday 3rd July, 1:15pm - tomorrow!

The brilliant Ukrainian pianist **Ivan Hovorun** returns to play pieces by Couperin, Rameau, Scarlatti and Rimsky-Korsakov. As well as St. Michael's and the Hospice we will be raising funds for Ivan's favourite charity; the bursary fund for Ukrainian students at the Royal Northern College of Music.



Next week we have a rare double-header, with 2 concerts; both featuring the brilliant pianist from Holmes Chapel,
Wendy Nugent.

On **Thursday 9th July**, Wendy will be accompanying the Wyburnbury Wind Quartet playing pieces by Mozart, Chopin and Beethoven. The Wyburnbury Wind Quintet is a Cheshire-based classical chamber ensemble closely tied to Wyburnbury Music, an organization providing local music tuition and concert opportunities. And on Friday 10th she will be giving a solo recital/

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

Eco-tip



Travel by public transport and keep car use to a minimum

Whenever possible, choose public transport instead of driving. Travelling by bus or train helps reduce carbon emissions, eases traffic congestion, and can often be a more relaxing way to travel. If public transport isn't an option, consider walking, cycling, or sharing a lift with others. Every journey we make more sustainably is a small step towards caring for God's creation.



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Food Drop-Off Event



On Thursday 30th July 10:30m - 1pm there is a food bank drop-off event at Sutton St James Church, SK11 0NZ. Vicky Darlington can take donations. The final collection at church will be **Sunday 26th July**. Check out the A5 flyer in the welcome area for needed items and details. For any queries, contact Vicky on 01625 248 215. Thank you for your continued support.

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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

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

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 433877

andy.donaldson@mdmt.org.uk



Pentecost Booklet

The second Pentecost booklet will be available from **Sunday 5th July**. We are also planning a third booklet, so if you're willing to write up to 230 words about your experience of God, how you know God is real, or what the presence of God in your life means to you, please send it to Isobel in the Church Office.

Church Contact List



We are currently reviewing our church contact list to ensure that everyone who wishes to stay connected with us continues to receive church news, updates, and other important information. As part of our commitment to GDPR compliance, we are asking everyone to confirm that they would like to remain on our contact list.

Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our email. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to reply, we would be grateful if you could take a moment to do so. This will let us know that you would like to remain in contact and continue receiving information from the church.

THANK YOU!

Cafe Jam

Saturday 5th July

Macclesfield United Reformed Church,
Park Green, Macclesfield SK11 7NA

Praise God through singing – café jam worship is café style, informal and for all those of any ability who love to sing or just listen. Lots of cakes and drinks provided. Contact Rita for more info: rita.griffiths4@ntlworld.com



Choral Evensong: Sunday 12th July, 6:30pm



Reflective worship sung by St Michael's choir using traditional words from the Book of Common Prayer. Second Sunday of the month, but remember there isn't one in August!

Dates: 12th July...then 13th September.



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Re-use and recycle stall:

Sunday 30th August

The SA&WW team is organising a fundraising sale in support of Tearfund. They are looking for donations of good-quality:

- Bric-a-brac
- Plants
- Books
- Children's toys

tearfund

Please note: we are unable to accept clothing!

If you have any items you would like to donate, please bring them in by **Saturday 29th August**.

Tearfund is a Christian charity that works with local churches and communities around the world to help people overcome poverty, respond to disasters, and build lasting, sustainable change. Every donation and purchase will help support this vital work.

Thank you for your generosity and support.



Tea, Coffee & Cakes: Rainow Church Centre



Raising funds - Christie Macclesfield, Just Drop In, Rainow village organisations, and church equipment. **4th-19th July**. Weekdays: 2-6pm |

Weekends: 2-8pm

No booking required. Part of Rainow Scarecrow Fortnight (theme: Occupations) and our 180th anniversary celebrations, with a display of historic church photographs.



Message from The HOPE Centre

Thank you for joining us to celebrate the Hope Centre's 15th anniversary and to reflect on the many lives that have been supported and transformed over the years.



As we look to the future, we are entering an exciting new chapter. To help us plan how we can best serve our community in the years ahead, the Hope Centre will be closed to the public over the summer while we develop a new venture. We will be open for independent groups who continue to hire our venue through this time.

Church flowers



Here is a photo of Bernice in church last Friday, refreshing the arrangements in church. Week by week, often behind the scenes, the team gives their time and creativity to ensure our church is a welcoming and beautiful place for worship, prayer and reflection.

Foodie Friday:

1st Friday of the month

Tomorrow, Friday 3rd July,
6pm for a 6.30 meal



'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**.



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Sunday 5th July

10:00am: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity - Holy Communion.

(with groups for children and young people).

Bible Reading: Acts 11:19-26

Theme: People changed by God: Barnabas

Leader: Mike Strutt

Speaker: Rev'd 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: **8th July and 22nd 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

9th July: Morning Prayer

16th July: Midweek 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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- Safeguarding see box below

Postal Address: The Office, St Michael's Church, Market
Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY



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Safeguarding Contact Information

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact
the St Michael's Safeguarding Officer, Liz Bradbury:

Phone: 07435 568 729

Email: safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

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a limited group of people who will pray for you.