

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

6th September 2026



The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Church Council Meeting Thursday 10th September



Please remember our Church Council in your prayers as we meet on **Thursday 10th September**. We'll be discussing matters relating to the life and ministry of our church, as well as looking ahead to the coming months. Please pray for wisdom, discernment and unity as we seek God's guidance and consider how we can best serve our church family and wider community.

Prayer for Confirmation



Loving God, we pray for all those being confirmed this Sunday at 3pm.

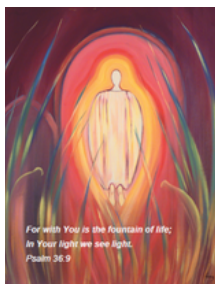
Fill them with your Holy Spirit, strengthen their faith, and help them to know your love and presence. May the service be a joyful celebration as they continue their journey with you. Amen.

Service of Healing & Wholeness

There will be the opportunity for the laying-on of hands, as well as for individual prayer.

11.00 - 11.30 Savage Chapel
Friday 18th September.

Please speak to Heike or Barbara for more details.



Newsletter Items



Please send in any notices, news items or articles you think others might be interested in, to: stmikesnotices@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is Wednesdays at 12 noon.

Sunday 6th September

10:00am: Holy Communion

Bible Reading: Exodus 12:1-14

Theme: Get ready for God

Leader: Lynne Spedding LLM

Speaker: Mike Strutt LLM

www.youtube.com/@stmikesmacclesfield

Cancelled – Baby Sing

We are sorry to announce that, due to a lack of volunteers, Babysalmesang will **no longer be continuing**. We would like to thank all the families who have joined us, and especially the wonderful volunteers who have given their time and support.



Foodie Friday this week 4th September

Angel
at my Table

First Friday of each month! Join us at 6pm for a 6.30pm three-course meal, made using surplus food. Pay what you feel, with profits helping provide free meals for vulnerable people in our community. To book: 01625 421 984.

Heritage Open Day Saturday 19th September

Volunteers Needed

Heritage Day is coming up, with displays of our altar frontals and Sunday School banners, plus links with Macclesfield Textile Week.

We expect plenty of visitors and would welcome a few extra helpers to greet people and answer questions. If you can spare a couple of hours, please contact Rachel or the church office. Thank you!



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Season of Creation: Week 2



Creation Walk – Saturday 5th September, 10am
A 6-mile walk visiting three churches, starting at Holy Trinity Hurdsfield. No on-site parking.

Growing Food – Sunday 6th September, 3–5pm
Talk and tour of Macclesfield Market Garden behind Prestbury Garden Centre, followed by a shared feast.

Hidden Water – Sunday 6th September, 5.30pm
Guided walk around Danes Moss. Meet at the kissing gate on Moss Lane. Parking outside Ash Grove School.

Climate & Nature Crisis – Sunday 6th September, 7.30pm. A 50-minute film and discussion at St Michael's. Book online or simply come along.

Here is the online calendar of all the events, we do hope you can join!

<https://www.stalbanmacc.org.uk/season-of-creation>

Studying and Responding to the Psalms



A fortnightly homegroup will explore the Book of Psalms, beginning **Thursday 17th September, 7.30–9.00pm**, and running for around 6–7 sessions. We'll look briefly at the Psalms in Jewish worship before considering their relevance to our lives and worship today, including their significance to Jesus.

Alongside the discussions, Kirsty and Catherine will offer creative ideas for personal responses through art, poetry, conversation and other activities. You can take part in the discussion group, the creative responses, or both.

To join the discussion group, please let Lynne know. There is no limit on numbers for the creative responses. Email lynne.norbron@gmail.com, or phone 07881 423 687).

Pilgrim Courses – Autumn

A reminder about our Pilgrim Courses, starting this autumn. These six-session small groups offer an opportunity to explore or deepen our Christian faith, through Bible reading, discussion, prayer and reflection. Find all the information in church, or reach out to us.



Advent Calendar 2026

Lynne is inviting contributions for this year's St Michael's Advent Calendar.

Each day features a short reflection on an Advent theme, together with one or two images. Contributions could include your own words, a hymn, poem, photograph, artwork, or a combination.

There are still plenty of days available, so if you'd like to contribute a reflection, please let Lynne know.



Reflections won't be needed until mid-late October, but some images or artwork may require copyright permission, so an early response would be appreciated.

Thank you, Lynne.



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