ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

8th November 2026



Remembrance Sunday
The Third Sunday before Advent

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Choral Evensong - special service for Remembrance Sunday, 6:30pm

This coming Sunday 8th November is the second Sunday of the month and therefore choral evensong at 6:30pm., but it's also Remembrance Sunday so our evensong will be a somewhat different format, still very much in the Anglican choral tradition with music by Geraint Lewis, John Ireland, Gabriel Fauré and John Rutter; a contemplative and reflective service with a theme of remembrance, loss, healing and hope.



Bishop Walk

On Wednesday 11th November there will be a short walk from Holy Trinity, Rainow, to St Christopher's, Pott Shrigley, in the company of Bishop Mark and Bishop Sam who will be visiting the Deanery for a couple of days. This walk starts at 1:30pm and is only about 2½ miles, but further for bishops as they only move diagonally. I believe there will be refreshments at Pott Shrigley and busses to take walkers back to Rainow. If you plan to join this pilgrim band please let me know to help with catering and bus arrangements.
Paul Simms 07879 446906.

On Thursday 12th, there is an evening with +Sam, 7pm-8:30pm taking place at St Peter's Prestbury. Exploring some of the challenges facing our churches today. Such as, vocations (ordained and lay), shortage of volunteers and how we grow disciples with little or no knowledge of the Christian faith. All are very welcome. An opportunity to share ideas, listen and learn together.

Thank you Church family

Dek and Kitey would like to thank Martin, Rector and the Church family for all their prayerful support and kindness following the death of their beloved youngest son Rob.
We are blessed to belong to such a caring Church Family.

Prayer Support

PRAY

Please pray for the Connecting People team.

Bless the Indian Banquet on 15 November and give thanks for all involved in its preparation.

Pray the event will draw in people who don't usually attend St. Mike's.

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Harvest Donations 2026

We now have the final total for the monetary offerings received after our Harvest Thanksgiving Service ('The Bread of Life') on 4th October: **a magnificent £1,169.91**. Sincere thanks to all who gave money so generously.

This sum has been donated to The Trussell Trust, a UK-based anti-poverty charity supporting (among other things) the massive network of foodbanks across the country. As most of you know, foodbanks are a critical resource providing emergency food and practical support to people facing severe financial hardship. We can be sure that the contribution on behalf of our church will be well used.

Thank-you, everyone.

Here is the Harvest Table at the 4th October morning service:



Eco Tip

I hate to say it, but Christmas is just around the corner!

How can we be more sustainable and gentle to the planet at a time of massive over-consumption?

Here are a few ideas....we will add to these in the next few weeks - and would love to include some of your own. Send them to Isobel in the church office!

- Consider making your own gifts; home-made sweets or biscuits are quick, easy and much appreciated (use fairly traded ingredients!)
- Agree with your relatives or friends to cut down on gifts this year; or send virtual gifts with real meaning to charitеis such as Christian Aid https://charity-gifts.christianaid.org.uk/collections/all-gifts

About 1.5 billion Christmas cards are thrown away by UK households each year, according to Imperial College researchers. Try making your own - perhaps using recycled cards from last year. Use the board at church to send a single card to all your friends from St.Michael's. E-cards (sent online) are an increasingly popular alternative; they cut your carbon footprint, save trees and save money.



AUTUMN 2026 HOPE SUPPORTERS' EVENING WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER

Join for light refreshments at 6.45pm to start at 7.00pm, Hurdsfield Community Hub, 197A, Hurdsfield Road, Macclesfield SK10 2PX beside Holy Trinity Church, Hurdsfield (HTH)

HOPE IN NORTH EAST CHESHIRE

Contact Pip by 6th November: pipmosscrop2@yahoo.co.uk

Church Flowers



The beautiful flowers in church this week are donated by Barbara & Steve Taylor, in memory of their daughter, Deborah.

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NEXT WEEK

Some notice reminders!



Churches should be places where God's unconditional love is both received and mediated. Good safeguarding isn't to be an awkward add-on and a standard agenda item at Church Council but a central part of who we are.

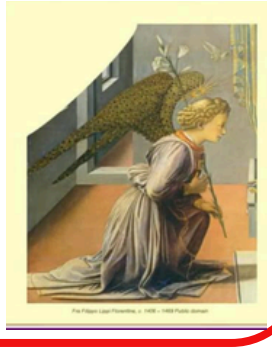
So we will be speaking about it in Church Family Worship on 15th Nov. **If you feel you'd find it too painful to attend that morning, please feel free to worship elsewhere that day.**

Safeguarding Service: 10am Sun 15th Nov

Advent Calendar

The St Michael's Advent Calendar will be available from mid-November, and it's time now to reserve your copy/copies!

There is a sign-up sheet on the noticeboard at the back of church. Please make sure that your name is legible and that you give a contact phone number/email.We do invite a contribution of £10 for each calendar to cover the printing and production costs – but don't be prevented from having one by financial constraints – just quietly mention this to Lynne.



If you need further information, please contact Lynne at lynne.norbron@gmail.com, or 07881 423687

Indian Banquet

Have you booked on yet? We do hope you can make it!

Please book by **Wednesday next week**. On an opportunity for everyone to enjoy a great meal and entertainment provided by our South Indian community - and support the St Michael's building fund!
Pay by bank transfer to St. Michael's Building Fund 10175873 16-24-32 (reference banquet and your name) or pay by cash in the church office

Please book your place with the church office so we can add you to the list. Soft drinks provided, please bring any alcoholic drinks.
Adults £22, Under 11's £12, Family £60.

Music@Mike's

Saturday 7th November - Neil Taylor - organ

Thursday 12th November - Kings School - Starting at 1pm - **NOT 1:15!**

There's no charge to attend, but donations in support of St. Michael's Church and East Cheshire Hospice would be warmly appreciated.

☕ Our Angel at My Table café will also be open, serving drinks, tasty food and lovely homemade cakes.



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Create Through the Psalms

Welcome to your invitation to engage with Scripture in a new and beautiful way. Join us for this 4-week series, Restored: A journey to create through Psalm 23.

Read through this week's Scripture. Take a moment to sit with the passage. Prepare your heart to engage with God creatively.

Week 1: I Shall Not Want

"The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters." (Psalm 23: 1-2)

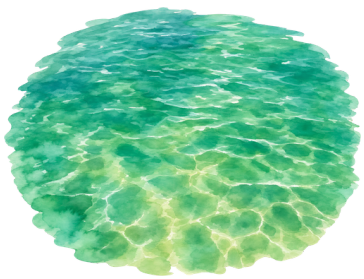
WITH YOUR HANDS

Create, in whatever medium you choose, a piece that pictures the scenery of the Psalm: green pastures and still waters. Let the scene create a feeling of rest. You might want to use soft, calm colours, gentle open space, water without ripples, or a place where nothing is hurrying.

WITH YOUR WORDS

What does it mean to lack nothing? Try one:
Write a poem or prayer that begins "The LORD is my shepherd…"
Do a word study on "shepherd": He leads, gathers, and lays down His life for His sheep
Try lettering "I shall not want" as a piece in itself.





WITH YOUR ACTIONS

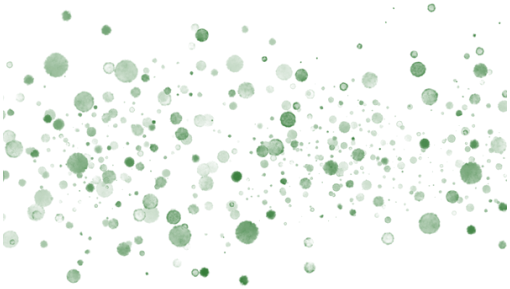
Make time to rest this week. Try one:

Sit or lie somewhere comfortable and meditate on the truth that the perfect shepherd has granted you rest, protection, and His presence
Spend time in prayer outdoors or by a window, thanking God for His provision



We'd love to see what you create!

Please email stmikesnotices@gmail.com or WhatsApp 07579 820 265 so we can share your artwork or reflections with the church community.



Sunday 8th November 2026

Remembrance Sunday - Church Family Worship 10am



Bible Reading: John 14, 23-27
Leaders: Worship & Prayer Team
Speaker: Lynne Spedding & Worship & Prayer team.

Remembrance Sunday - Choral Evensong 6:30pm



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, 10:30am in the Savage Chapel - lasting 30-40 minutes.

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

12th November: Morning Prayer
19th November: Morning Communion

Thursday Homegroup

Meeting for Bible study and prayer
morning and evening groups
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



Choral Evensong - this Sunday!

Usually **2nd Sunday of each month, 6:30pm**
Words from the Book of Common Prayer and music in the Anglican choral tradition. Everyone welcome.

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...Tel: 01625 421 984



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Promoting a Safer Church
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Safeguarding Contact Information

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the St Michael's Safeguarding Officer. **Liz Bradbury is the safeguarding officer:**
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Email: safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

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