

# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

9th August 2026

## The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of heaven and earth,  
as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer,  
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,  
but always to bring our prayers before you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Let's Eat Together

The next 'Let's Eat Together'  
Lunch is **16th August**.



Bring some food and eat with others, maybe sharing if you wish. Newcomers are especially welcome: don't worry if you haven't any food - there's usually plenty.

## Boundary Ride

Just over a week ago, we were delighted to welcome the Bishop of Chester and fellow bikers as they stopped for a cuppa at St Michael's at the end of this year's Boundary Ride, during which our biking bishop 'beats the bounds' of the Diocese.

Historically, one practice of 'beating the bounds' focused on praying for God's blessing for a bountiful harvest. More recently, prayers are said for the land, its inhabitants and their activities. So thank you +Mark and friends for your prayers.

Photo right: Churchwarden Matt was on hand to offer a warm welcome and refreshments (thank you Matt!).

If any of our readers are bikers and interested in joining a future Boundary Ride then get in touch with our office and we can put you in contact with Rachel, +Mark's PA, who's also in the picture.



## Praying for St Michael's



## Ministry Team Meeting

Our Ministry Team met together recently for one of their regular meetings, sharing updates, praying, and planning for the months ahead.

Alongside other aspects of church life, a main topic discussed were the forthcoming study groups we're launching in September, (much more on these next week).

Please keep our team (which includes Vivien too), our church, and all that's planned for the coming months in your prayers. 🙏

## Elections to General Synod Rushbearing Service at Forest Chapel Bollin River Clean-Up and World Harvest Festival

We receive lots of information about events and activities happening beyond St Michaels, for which we have neither the space nor capacity to publicise them all (sorry!) Some are attached to the email bulletin but do ask about any of these

Next week's newsletter will be a **special edition** with details of our various groups and initiatives which start in mid-September intended to help and encourage us in our journey in the Christian faith.

Apologies therefore for the late notice that there will not be a regular edition next week.



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## Season of Creation



Living Water  
Season of Creation 2026

Once again this year there is an exciting programme of events organised across our local churches through Hope in NEC.

It starts on August 31<sup>st</sup> and finishes on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

The programme can be viewed at:  
<https://www.stalbanmacc.org.uk/season-of-creation>

Take a look, see what events interest you, and get them in your diary before you forget! Everyone is welcome.



Due to Elaine's forthcoming retirement there is an opportunity for someone to join the office team in the role of **Buildings and Bookings Coordinator**. The role is **15 hours per week**.

Key aspects of the job include:

- Managing bookings of our church building, ensuring that activities coordinate and hirers feel welcome.
- Invoicing external users and ensuring compliance with Performing Rights Society and events licences
- Overseeing routine maintenance contracts, supplies and minor repairs.
- Ensuring adherence to safety requirements.
- (and quite a lot more!)

If you would like to know more, please contact Rachel (churchwarden) for a job description and application form, via [warden@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:warden@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk) or via the church office.

..and if you know anyone else who might be interested, please encourage them to get in touch.

**Closing date: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, 5pm.**



## Homemakers

The next meeting of Homemakers will be a session on **Tips and Swaps**.

This will be held on Thursday 13th August at 7:30pm at the home of Kate Porter, tel. 610574. All welcome.



## Spare laptop?

Tricia, founder of **Village Rwanda UK**, has had a request from Theo, their local contact in Rwanda, for a laptop. Tricia wonders if anyone has one they no longer use?



A potential problem is that it would need to be in Leeds by 13<sup>th</sup> August, for one of the trustees to take with him when he visits.

Please contact Tricia direct if you can help. [tricia.atherton@gmail.com](mailto:tricia.atherton@gmail.com)



**The Repair Cafe** is every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday 10am- 2pm at the Community Centre Duke St, SK11 6UR.

A team of dedicated repairers will repair almost anything - and give you a warm welcome and home-made cake!

Don't throw away, repair! For more information go to <https://maccrepaircafe.com/>

The next cafe is Saturday 8th August!



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## Afternoon Recital



There will be an afternoon recital at St Michael's on **Sunday 16 August at 2.00pm**, featuring Matthew Allen (flute) and Martin Parkes (piano).

The programme includes works such as Suite Antique by John Rutter, Aria, Waltz, Gnossienne No. 1 by Erik Satie, and many other favourites.

Admission is free, with donations gratefully received in support of East Cheshire Hospice.



## Summer Listening

Looking for something encouraging over the summer? The Diocese recommends the **Everyday Faith Podcast**, sharing inspiring stories of ordinary Christians following Jesus in everyday life. Perfect for a walk, whilst in the garden or on a long journey. Click on the image below.



### Summer Listening Sorted

As summer brings a slower pace and the opportunity to reflect, we are encouraging people to tune into the Everyday Faith Podcast and be inspired by stories of Christians living out their faith beyond the church walls.

Chester Diocese

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Thank you to all those who donated food items for the Foodbank Food Drop-off; it is greatly appreciated. Thank you Vicky for dropping off our contributions!

## Eco tip



## No Mow May – What Next?

If you've taken part in No Mow May, **thank you!**

By August, it's usually the right time to mow again. Cutting the grass now helps prevent coarse grasses and scrub from taking over, while allowing this year's wildflowers to have flowered and set seed. If possible, leave some areas uncut or create small "wild patches" around boundaries to continue providing food and shelter for pollinators, birds and other wildlife.

Removing the cut grass from wild areas also helps keep the soil less fertile, encouraging a greater variety of wildflowers in future years.

A little thoughtful mowing now helps keep your garden healthy, beautiful and rich in wildlife all year round!

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/helping-nature/what-you-can-do/activities/stop-mowing-your-lawn-for-nature>



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## Sunday 9th August

**10:00am:** The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

**Bible Reading:** Genesis 37:1-4,12-28

**Theme:** Holding on to hope

**Leader:** Esther Lawrence (OWL)

**Speaker:** Lynne Spedding (LLM)

Use the link below to stream this  
(and previous services) on YouTube  
[www.youtube.com/@stmikesmacclesfield](http://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

**6th August: Morning Prayer**

**13th August: Midweek Holy 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

Usually **2nd Sunday of each month, 6:30pm**

There is no Evensong in **August**.

Words from the Book of Common Prayer and  
music in the Anglican choral tradition.



## 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](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com). The deadline each week  
is: 12 noon on Wednesdays

### How to contact the office...



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**Isobel:** [clergypa@maccteam.org.uk](mailto:clergypa@maccteam.org.uk) for ministry queries  
(Office hours usually Mon & Wed 9.00-2.45;  
Thurs & Fri 9.00-1.00.

**Elaine:** [bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk).  
for bookings and building matters  
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Tues & Thurs 9:30am - 1:30pm)

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- Printing [maccteamprinting@gmail.com](mailto:maccteamprinting@gmail.com)
- Safeguarding see box below

**Postal Address:** The Office, St Michael's Church, Market  
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**The National Safeguarding Team**  
**Promoting a Safer Church**

### 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](mailto:safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)**

### Donating to St Michael's is easy!

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the contactless donation  
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### Email any prayer requests to:

[prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)  
Your request will be circulated confidentially to  
a limited group of people who will pray for you.