

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

11th October 2026



The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choral Evensong: This Sunday, 6:30pm



Reflective worship sung by St Michael's choir using traditional words from the Book of Common Prayer.
Second Sunday of the month.

Let's Eat Together!

Let's Eat Together - Sunday on 18th October is cancelled.

There will be one on **15th November**, but 20th December is cancelled.

They will continue on the 3rd Sunday of the month in 2027 beginning on 17th January 2027.

Bring some food and eat with others, maybe sharing if you wish!

Newcomers especially welcome: don't worry if you haven't any food - there's usually plenty.



Service of Remembering

This year's service of Remembering is on **Sunday 1st November at 4.00pm, St Michael's**. All are welcome.

This special service is an opportunity to give thanks for the lives of those who have died, remember with love those we still hold dear, and seek comfort and strength in times of loss.

Whether your bereavement is recent or many years ago, you are very welcome to join us.



The Town Carol Service

This year the **Town Carol Service** is on Thursday 17th December at 7pm here at St Michael's Church - Our festive celebration for everyone who lives, works or has an interest in Macclesfield.

This annual service, hosted by St Michael's with the support of Silk Brass Band, gives us all an opportunity to celebrate what makes our town unique. Our theme for this year is: **'The Business of Christmas'**, and our guest preacher will be Steve Parsons, Senior Pastor of TFW Church in Tytherington.

We warmly invite you to join us. The service will feature music from the Silk Brass Band and the St Michael's Church Choir to help set the festive tone.



Prayer Support

Pray

Please pray for our new Bookings and Buildings Assistant, Phoebe Sym, as she settles in to her new role.

Give thanks for Isobel and all she does in the office.

Bless the volunteers who keep St. Mike's clean, tidy and welcoming and pray for more volunteer support.

If you have any particular prayers for inclusion please let me know. Sue Olley
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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, Wonder: A journey to create through Psalm 8.

Week 2 - Out of the Mouth of Babes

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

Psalm 8:2

Out of the mouth of babes suckling hast thou ordained strength ...

WITH YOUR HANDS

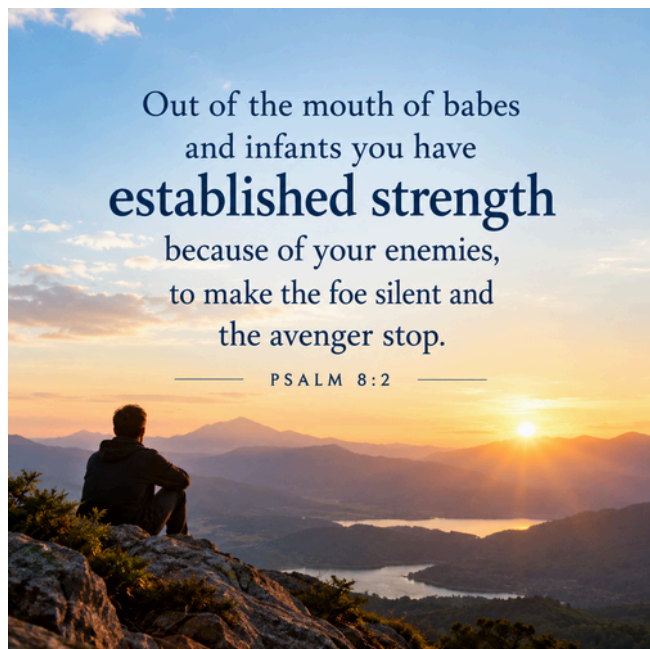
Create, in whatever medium you choose, a piece that shows strength in something small.

WITH YOUR WORDS

Where have you seen strength in something small or seemingly weak?

Try one:

- Write a poem or short story from a child's point of view
- Do a word study on "strength" or "ordained" in this verse
- Write a reflection on a small moment that carried more weight than you expected



Out of the mouth of babes
and infants you have
established strength
because of your enemies,
to make the foe silent and
the avenger stop.

PSALM 8:2

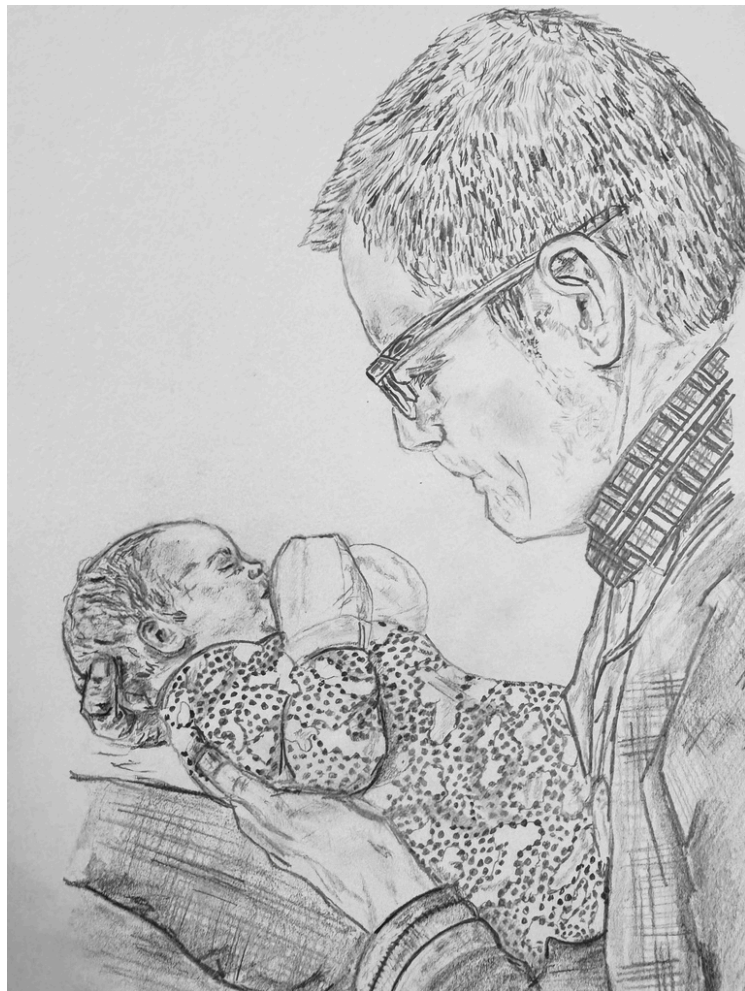
WITH YOUR ACTIONS

Let something small carry weight this week. Try one:

- Notice how a child in your life sees the world this week, and let it shape how you see yours
- Ask someone in your church or family what wonder looks like to them
- Share a simple song or hymn from your childhood with someone

We'd love to see what you create! Please email stmikesnotices@gmail.com or WhatsApp +447579820265 so we can share your artwork or reflections with the church community.

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Goodbye to Elaine!



Thank you so much for my lovely card and gifts...time to enjoy my retirement! I will come and do some church stewarding soon! Best wishes, Elaine.

Music@Mike's



Join us tomorrow 1:15pm - **Friday 9th October** for an afternoon of beautiful music, with Will Smith (tenor) accompanied by Simon Bate (piano).

As always, entry is free, although donations to St. Michael's and East Cheshire Hospice are very welcome.

Our Angel at My Table café will also be open for drinks and delicious cakes. Please note that there will be no hot food this week, as Ali is taking a well-deserved break! We look forward to welcoming you for what promises to be a lovely afternoon.

Indian Banquet

On the 15th November join us for an evening of delicious food!

Book your place with the church office so we can add you to the list. Soft drinks provided, please bring any alcoholic drinks. Proceeds to the St Michaels Building Fund. Adults £22, Under 11's £12, Family £60. Pay online or cash via the church office.

Proceeds to the St Michaels Building Fund

Pay online (details below) or cash in Church Office

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On Monday 28th September £267 was raised in aid of St Mike's at the Button Warehouse Quiz evening. Thank you to Pete, Sue and the team for arranging and to everyone who came along and supported...and well done to the winning team, it was a fun evening!

REMEMBERING GAZA

A Silent Vigil outside Macclesfield Town Hall

Forthcoming dates: 12noon - 12.30 pm, Saturdays 24th October, 28th November, 19th December.

For further information contact David Mayers, davidjmayers@btinternet.com



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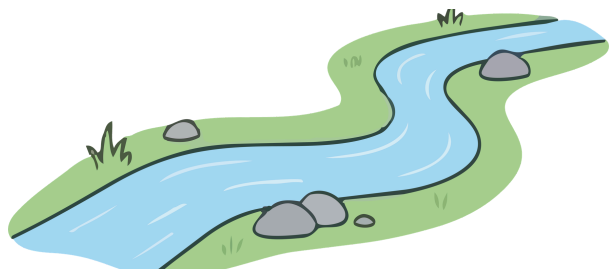
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Dirty Business in the Bollin - a talk by Dr Keith Hendry of Mersey Rivers Trust

Tuesday October 13th at 7:30pm at St Michael's Church in Macclesfield Marketplace
Free admission

Organised by the Churches of Hope in North East Cheshire and the Season of Creation



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MUSIC @ MIKES

A series of informal lunchtime concerts show-casing the best of our aspiring musicians from the town and further afield.

St Michael's Church



Macclesfield

Free Entry | 1:15-2:00 PM

Donations in support of East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church are warmly welcomed.

Refreshments and main meals will be available before and after the event at the Angel At My Table café.



THURSDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER

Lin Xu-Zhang (piano)



FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Kell Wind Trio



FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

Will Smith (tenor) and Simon Bate (piano)



FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER

Arthur Marshall (contemporary folk music)



THURSDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Adam Parrish (piano)



FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Adrienne Spilsbury (violin) and Julian Davis (piano)



Saturday November 28th 2026.

Commencing 7pm.

Macclesfield All Saints Parish Church.

Maximum of 6 players per Team. If you wish to enter a Team, please contact Philip Marsh. 07980474742 or allsaintsmacc@gmail.com

Bring your own Snacks and Drinks. Tea/Coffee provided.

Message from The HOPE Centre, now known as The Beacon

Just to let people know and keep you up to date about the call to prayer sessions. These will continue to be held here at The Beacon (formerly The Hope Centre) every Sunday from 4 pm to 5 pm and on Tuesday from 10 am to 11 am throughout October.

It has been very encouraging to see Christians from all churches across Macclesfield and beyond meeting together to pray for our world, our nation, and our local community.

Please encourage all to come along. Everyone is most welcome!



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Sunday 11th October 2026

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Church Family Worship

Theme: What kind of God?

10:00am

Bible Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

Leader: Vivien Gisby

Speaker: 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, 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

15th October: Morning Prayer

22nd October: Midweek Communion Service

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**

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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