

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

1st November 2026



There's a bundle of 'special' services this month!



All Saints Day

Sunday 1st November



In our worship on Sunday, we will be reflecting on how we are to live as saints today.

Reflecting on the words of St Paul, probably written as a 'circular' or 'round-robin' letter (ie. copied and sent to several churches at once), we'll be picking up on one of the most pressing aspects of Christian discipleship for us in Macclesfield.

Church Family Worship: 10am this Sunday



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



A special opportunity to remember before God and give thanks to Him for those we still hold dear in our hearts. This is for anyone who is bereaved and still grieving, so please invite any friends or neighbours this may apply to. And why not offer to come with them if it'll make it easier for them? Drinks & cakes served in the Welcome Area, after the service.

Remembering Service: 4pm this Sunday

All Saints' Day

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Start The Week

Did you know that our church is open every Monday morning from 7.30am, offering a quiet space for prayer in the heart of our town?

We begin with a service of Morning Prayer, followed by opportunities to join in prayer every half hour between 8am and 10am.

Whether you have a particular prayer on your heart, would appreciate a few moments of peace, or simply want to find out more, everyone is welcome.

Why not pop in one Monday morning and give it a try?

Prayer
Support

PRAY

Please pray for the Remembering Service on Sunday afternoon and for all those attending.

Bless the Social Action and Wider World Team.

Sunday 1 November is the international day of prayer for the persecuted church. Pray for Christians across the world facing persecution.



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Twinned Toilets



At this year's Archdeacons' Visitations, where our churchwardens are formally admitted to their roles, collections were taken in support of Toilet Twinning. An amazing total was raised to fund 44 toilets – a fantastic achievement!

Churchwardens attending the visitations also had the opportunity to enter a ballot to win a toilet twin of their own. Matt and Rachel entered – and were delighted to win one! All of our toilets at church are already twinned, so we have an additional one.

See the photo below!

Have you twinned your toilet at home? For a small donation, you can help provide safe, hygienic toilets for communities around the world, improving health, dignity and quality of life.

Find out more and twin your own toilet by visiting the [Tearfund Toilet Twinning website](https://www.tearfund.org/toilet-twinning).



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Eco Tip



There have been over **3500 screenings**, to about 300,000 people, in the UK of the People's Emergency Bulletin.

One of the most important requests made in this film is for people to sign the petition calling on the government to hold a televised UK-wide briefing on climate and nature risks.

Already over 100.000 people have signed - and as a result Parliament will debate the petition on 16th November. But the petition is open until 20th November, and that gives time for an overwhelming number to sign and force the government to hold such a briefing so everyone becomes aware of the risks of climate change and biodiversity collapse. Please sign at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/767687>.

And if you haven't yet seen the film it is being shown at Cinemac 7.30pm on Wednesday 4th November - free entry!



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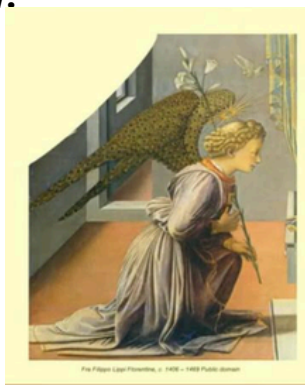
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Some notice reminders!

St Michael's Advent Calendar: reserve your copy now!

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.

Please note that 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.

The calendar, for anyone who hasn't seen a previous year's, contains a daily reflection from Advent Eve (28th November) to Christmas Day, each reflection comprising some written text and an image or two. The reflections have been contributed by different members of the church family, so there is great variety in style and content.

The aim of this calendar is to encourage everyone to have a quiet spell each day for a few minutes, contemplating the day's reflection and the special meaning of the season: preparation; expectancy; patience; penitence.

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



Indian Banquet



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

Reminder!- 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

King's



Friday 30th October - Cheshire Chamber Collective - Adrienne Soilsbury (violin) and Julian Davis (piano).

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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All Saints' Day

Church Family Worship

Theme: Living as Saints - Whole life worth-ship

10:00am

Bible Reading: Ephesians 4:1-16

Leader: Rev Canon Vivien Gisby

Speaker: Paul Spedding,
Revd Martin Stephens & Sue Olley

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

5th November: Midweek Communion

12th November: Morning Prayer

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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If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact
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the safeguarding officer:**

Phone: 07465 865 441 - NEW NUMBER!

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Your request will be circulated confidentially to
a limited group of people who will pray for you.