

# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

14th June 2026



**Second Sunday after Trinity**  
Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners

In March we had only one person returned as Churchwarden (*thank you Matt!*). For a church as significant, as large and as complex as St Michael's this is far from ideal, especially as we begin to explore the possibility of the Big Project we spoke about at the Annual Meeting.

We will therefore have an **Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners** at 11.15am (or thereabouts) on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June - ie. after the morning service - to seek to appoint a second warden to assist Matt.

If you feel able to consider fulfilling this role, please speak to Rachel, Matt, or Revd Martin



It's not too late to join the weekly Watch-Parties for 'The Chosen' on Sunday afternoons!

We gather at 5pm. With food provided, we then spend the next 1½ hours or so watching and discussing the lives of Jesus and the people who encountered him. Only one episode in and it's already made parts of the Bible come a bit more alive! (*We can always help you to catch up with any episodes you may miss too!*)

Further info from Revd Martin or Tricia A.



Can you do one of these regular tasks to help with the smooth running of our Café,  
**Angel at my Table**

1. As and when: Check on & order tea & coffee supplies
2. Saturdays, 3-4pm: Hoover the Welcome Area, mop the Kitchen floor, ensure the loos are tidy, ready for Sunday worship.
3. Twice weekly: Wash and dry the aprons & tea towels (detergent provided).

*We've already had someone kindly offer to **share** the laundry task. Could they share this task with you?*

Please contact Isobel in the Church Office if you can help with any of the above?

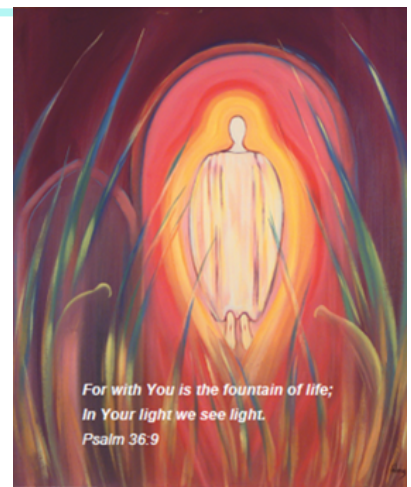
## Service of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness

The next of our quarterly services is later on this month,  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June.**

Starting at 11am, the service lasts about 30 minutes.

With words, music and silence, here is an opportunity to bring the needs of yourself or your loved ones before God.

There will also be the chance to be prayed for with the laying on of hands (*entirely optional*)



## Music @ Mikes 1.15pm

### SATURDAY 13th June

Angel at my Table café will be open for light refreshments.

Free entry but donations are invited jointly for the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church.



## Joel & Emily Whitewood

married couple and local Christian leaders are known as '**Today We Are**'. They will be joined by friends as they perform their own songs

Note:  
No concert next week



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## St Michael's Eco-tip



### Don't throw away, repair!

Do you know about **Macclesfield Repair Cafe**? It's happening this coming **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> June 10-2pm** at **Macclesfield Community Centre** on Duke Street, SK11 6UR.

Volunteers can help you repair household items, electrical gadgets, garden equipment, clothing & textiles, bikes, woodwork & mechanical items. And even if you don't need a repair, you're still welcome to come into the cafe to say hello and sample the homemade cake!

There is also a workshop available to **build your own planter** - details at <https://maccrepaircafe.com/workshops/>



**HOPE in North East Cheshire** brings together over three dozen local churches in the 'greater Macclesfield' area. As well as Church Leaders meeting regularly for prayer, worship, fellowship & discussion, a benefit of **Hope** is in the wide range of initiatives, activities and partnerships which any one Church would find difficult to sustain.

Find out more by coming along to the next **Supporters' Evening**, on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June** at **Hurdsfield Community Hub** (SK10 2PX). **7pm-8.30pm** with refreshments from **6.45pm**

*Included will be the latest news from Silklife Foodbank, Season of Creation, Open The Book, The Hope Food Partnership, The Hope Youth Forum and more!*

**Don't forget ...** (some notices from previous weeks)

### Peak Pilgrimage

- Ilam to Edale over 4 days in September. See Paul Spedding, Pete Munro, Taffy Davies or Paul Simms.

### Confirmation Service

- Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September. An opportunity to publicly affirm your faith. Speak to a member of the Ministry Team.

**FEED THE 500**

**Sat. June 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:30 am to 2 pm.**

**At St Michael's.**

Meals made using surplus food, seating available in the church

No charge; donations welcome.

Organised by **HOPE** The Hope Food Partnership (Hope in North East Cheshire)

GOOD FOOD SHARED WITH OUR COMMUNITY

'Feeding the 500' is being organised by the **Hope Food Partnership**, as part of Macclesfield's **1261 Festival** in the town centre next Saturday (20<sup>th</sup>)

Take-away meals, prepared from surplus food, will be served at St Michael's Church between 11:30am and 2pm.

As well as people willing to serve the food, we need volunteers any time between 10am & 4pm to help prep food, wash up and clean.

Anyone who can help or wants to find out more can attend the Hope Supporters' evening (see left), contact Steve Oliver, [steve.oliver3@ntlworld.com](mailto:steve.oliver3@ntlworld.com), 07801 715572, or speak to Ali Griffin at Angel at my Table, or email [ali.griffen@btinternet.com](mailto:ali.griffen@btinternet.com).

Come and join in - it will be fun!

**Apologies ...** (a notice left out from last week)

### Homemakers

- Homemakers met last Thursday, but I failed to see and include details of their meeting. *Sorry!*

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## Kenya Choral Connections

An evening with the 7am Choir of  
All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi, Kenya

with special guests: • **Teddy Otieno (Piano)**  
• **David Sotunde (Saxophone)**

in **St Michael's Church Macclesfield**

Enjoy a diverse mix of uplifting, joyful & emotive music with an African twist, inspirational songs by contemporary writers, hymns & classical sacred music, all sung with the passion & commitment for which this youthful & inspirational group of singers, is renowned.

Special guests are Kenyan pianist Teddy Otieno, who recently graduated from Birmingham Conservatoire, and young jazz saxophonist David Sotunde, a recipient of funding from the Martyn Donaldson Music Trust who is fast making a name for himself as a musical talent to watch!

**Tue 21 July 7:00pm**  
**St Michael's Parish Church,**  
Market Place, Macclesfield

This concert will raise funds for the **Martyn Donaldson Music Trust**, set up in Macclesfield by Martyn's parents and sister after Martyn's untimely death in 2002. He worked for a time as a music teacher at a school in Nairobi. MDMT support the music department at this and a sister school.

The choir is hoping to find sponsors to help finance their trip. We are hoping to raise £300 toward the cost of this concert and this worthwhile cause. If you could help or would like to know more please contact David Mayers.

### Tickets

**£15 - Adults**  
**£12 - Under 18s**

### Online payments to:

Martyn Donaldson Music Trust

**Sort code:** 01-05-41

**Account no:** 3951 3718

Please use reference

"Surname - All Saints Choir"

OR **Contact:** 01625 4338787

andy.donaldson@mdmt.org.uk



## Menorah Synagogue Links

St Michael's has formed links with the congregation at Menorah Reform Synagogue in Wythenshawe. Visits to each other's place of worship for services & events have happened at various times over the years.

A group from St Mike's will be visiting the Synagogue in late September for their service to mark the start of the Feast of Tabernacles.



**Menorah Synagogue**  
Cheshire Reform Congregation

Although you can read more about it online or from the Bible (*see Leviticus 23 & John 7*), it's surely better to hear it described in person.

Before the visit in September, Andrew, one of Menorah's congregation members, has offered to come along to talk about Jewish worship, festivals and culture with us.

This will take place at 7pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July at the home of Lynne & Paul. If you would like to come along to this informal evening, please let Lynne know ([lynne.norbron@gmail.com](mailto:lynne.norbron@gmail.com) / 07881 423687).

All are welcome, though this might be of particular interest to those who are visiting the synagogue for the First Day of Tabernacles in September.

## Many congratulations

to Barbara & Steve on the birth of their granddaughter Lyra last week

And, all the best to Liz and her fellow actors performing in Calendar Girls this coming week



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## Sunday 14th June Church Family Worship

**10:00am:** The Second Sunday after Trinity  
(with groups for children and young people).

**Leader:** Mike Strutt (LLM)

**Speaker:** Revd Vivien Gisby

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

### **APOLOGIES AGAIN!!**

... for the lack of LiveStream / Recording  
of last week's **Church Family Worship**.

It's **so disappointing** when this happens.  
We are aware a number of people  
regularly join us online and will have  
been kept waiting, or not been able to  
catch up later on.

One piece of good news is that we  
expect Matt to be in the building on  
Sunday ...

... so we don't anticipate **ANY** problems  
this week, haha!! *Martin*

### **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 at 10:30 am in the Savage  
Chapel - lasting 30-40 minutes.  
Next Meetings: **24<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> July**


### **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

**18<sup>th</sup> June: Holy Communion**

**25<sup>th</sup> June: Morning Prayer**

### **Thursday Homegroup**

Meeting for Bible study and prayer  
morning and evening groups   
Please 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


## 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...**

 01625 421984



**Isobel:** [clergypa@maccteam.org.uk](mailto:clergypa@maccteam.org.uk) for ministry queries  
(Office hours usually Mon & Wed 9.00-2.45;  
Thurs 9.00-1.00 and Fri 8.30 - 1.00pm)

**Elaine:** [bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)  
for bookings and building matters  
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**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!**

Scan this QR Code or use  
the contactless donation  
point in the Welcome Area

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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.