

# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

28th June 2026



## The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father,  
by the obedience of Jesus  
you brought salvation to our wayward world:  
draw us into harmony with your will,  
that we may find all things restored in him,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

### St Michael's Eco-tip



It's been good weather for swifts, and the really exciting news is that we have seen several birds flying low around the tower and checking on the nesting boxes. We don't think they are nesting this year but there's a good chance they will next.

Find out more about these amazing birds by joining the local RSPB swift team!

➤ St Michael's churchyard **Monday 29th June** ➤  
**6pm - 7.30pm**  
Swift Walk around churchyard & town centre



## 1261 Festival



The medieval-style tapestry which celebrates Macclesfield's history was unveiled last weekend, it is wonderful! The Silk Museum hosted a collaborative art project which gave residents the chance to contribute. Full details, click here: [Story here](#)

The tapestry is available to view again this weekend, we hope you can come and see it.  
Sat: 10-4pm & Sun 11:30am-3pm



'Feeding the 500', organised by the **Hope Food Partnership** as part of Macclesfield's 1261 Festival on Saturday, was a great success. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to make it happen. There were lots of happy, full tummies...over 300 people were served and £400 was raised!

Thank you Ali for making it all possible and the kitchen run smoothly!



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## Church Contact List



We are currently reviewing our church contact list to ensure that everyone who wishes to stay connected with us receives the information and updates they need.

As part of our commitment to GDPR and protecting your personal data, we will be sending an email out over the next week, please keep an eye out for it and take a moment to reply so we know you'd like to remain in contact. Thank you.

## Extraordinary Meeting of Parishioners

The meeting took place last Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June. No additional candidates came forward to join Matt and fill the church warden vacancy. We are therefore grateful that Rachel, who has faithfully served in this role for the past six years, has agreed to continue for a further 12 months (the six-term limit was waived).

In Sunday's sermon, Martin reflected on Stephen, who was appointed to serve the early church, helping to ensure that its practical responsibilities were met and that no one was overlooked.

Stephen's ministry reminds us that the Church's growth is often supported by those who serve faithfully behind the scenes.

While their work may not always be visible, it enables the whole community to flourish.

As we give thanks for our Churchwardens, perhaps we might also reflect on how God is calling each of us to play our part in the life of St Michael's.

Whether through leadership, practical help, hospitality, prayer, administration, or simply being willing to lend a hand, every act of service contributes to the life and witness of the Church.



## Britain in Bloom



There are no results yet, but the judges were impressed by how we have opened our churchyard to the community and enhanced biodiversity with swift boxes, pollinator-friendly planting, wildflowers, and an uncut lawn area.

Above all, they loved the colourful flowers in our pots and raised beds. Many thanks to Chris Wellavize, Anthony Hulme, Mark Langham, Lynne Spedding and all who have kept the pots watered during this warm and dry summer!



Thank you to those of you who submitted an article for the first Pentecost Booklet. The second booklet is almost ready and will be available from **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**. We are also planning a third booklet, so if you're willing to write up to 250 words about your experience of God, how you know God is real, or what the presence of God in your life means to you, please send it to Isobel in the Church Office.



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Music @ Mikes



**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June, 1:15pm**

Local guitarist and pianist, **David Eades** playing and singing a selection of his favourite tunes - from rock classics (Joy Division) to classical masterpieces (including Beethoven and Einaudi)



**Friday 3rd July, 1:15pm**

The brilliant Ukrainian pianist **Ivan Hovorun** returns to play pieces by Couperin, Rameau, Scarlatti and Rimsky-Korsakov. As well as St. Michael's and the Hospice we will be raising funds for Ivan's favourite charity; the bursary fund for Ukrainian students at the Royal Northern College of Music



Angel at my Table café will be open for light refreshments.  
Free entry but donations are invited jointly for the East Cheshire Hospice & St Michael's Church.

## Cafe Jam

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Macclesfield United Reformed Church,**  
**Park Green, Macclesfield SK11 7NA**



Praise God through singing – café jam worship is café style, informal and for all those of any ability who love to sing or just listen. Lots of cakes and drinks provided.  
Contact Rita for more info: [rita.griffiths4@ntlworld.com](mailto:rita.griffiths4@ntlworld.com)

## 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**

**Cash payments via church office v**  
Tel: 10625 421 984

**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 433877  
[andy.donaldson@mdmt.org.uk](mailto:andy.donaldson@mdmt.org.uk)



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## Sunday 28th June

**10:00am:** The Fourth Sunday after Trinity (with groups for children and young people). This weekend is also Treacle Sunday!

### **Bible Reading: Acts 8:26-39**

**Theme:** People changed by God: Philip

**Leader:** Sallie Bancroft (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 at 10:30 am in the Savage Chapel - lasting 30-40 minutes.  
Next Meetings: **8<sup>th</sup> July and 22<sup>nd</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

**2nd July: Holy Communion**

**9th July: 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 (Office hours are usually Mon, 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 Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY



**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

**DONATE** ❤️



### **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.