

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

30th August 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, you search us
and know us: may we rely on you in strength
and rest on you in weakness,
now and in all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Studying and Responding to the Psalms

In addition to the various 'Pilgrim' discussion groups, there will be a homegroup looking at the **Book of Psalms**.

This will be held fortnightly on **Thursday evenings** (7.30-9.00pm) beginning on **Thursday 17th September** at the home of Lynne and Paul, and covering about 6-7 sessions.

We will look initially at the background to and use of the psalms in Jewish worship and practice, then concentrate on their relevance to our lives and worship today.

Sometimes called 'the hymnbook of Jesus' we can be sure that Christ knew the psalms intimately, crying out the opening of Psalm 22 even from the cross.

Creative responses to the Psalms

Complementing the evening discussions will be creative stimuli provided by Kirsty and Catherine, suggesting ideas for our own individual responses through 'hands, words and actions' - art, poetry, conversations, new practices, etc.



You may wish to be involved in one or both of the discussion group and the personal responses.

However, if you would like to join the discussion group, **please let Lynne know (in person, or email lynne.norbron@gmail.com, or phone 07881 423 687).**

There is no limit on numbers for the creative responses involvement.



Pilgrim Courses – Autumn

A reminder about our Pilgrim Courses, starting this autumn. These six-session small groups offer an opportunity to explore or deepen our Christian faith, through Bible reading, discussion, prayer and reflection.

Whether you're new to faith, have questions, or simply want to grow in your journey with God, everyone is welcome.

There's a sign-up board and information leaflets in the welcome area of church. Please do get in touch if you'd like to know more or refer to the last few newsletters!



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Julie Leighton's Open Garden



A wonderful £3,062.82 was raised in aid of East Cheshire Hospice at the open garden event on Saturday 1st August. Your generosity and support are truly appreciated. Thank you.

Re-use and recycle stall -

THIS SUNDAY

Sunday 30th August



Thank you for your generosity and support. Do come and visit the stall this weekend! Thank you for all the donations so far!

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Final call! - 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**. The closing date is **Monday 31st August**.

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

Peak Pilgrimage

Fri 11 Sept: Ilam-Hartington, Sat 12 Sept: Hartington-Monyash

Fri 18 Sept: Monyash-Edensor, Sat 19 Sept: Edensor-Eyam

The pilgrimage is about walking together, enjoying the countryside, making time for prayer and reflection – with churches, tea and cake along the way! If you'd like to join for one or more days, please sign up at the back of church. For more info, please chat to Paul Spedding, Pete Munro, Taffy Davies or Paul Simms.



Advent Calendar 2026



Lynne invites contributions towards this year's St Michael's Advent Calendar!

In this, each day of Advent has a double-page spread comprising some text and one or two pictures on an Advent or related theme (hope; patience; light; the incarnation; etc).

The text might be your own words, a hymn/song, a poem, or a combination of these, and the image might be your own photograph/s, your own artwork, or a classic piece of art. The variety of input is what makes this calendar so special, and currently only about half the days of Advent have been covered by potential contributors!

This early notice is because we might need to seek copyright permissions and these can sometimes take 6 weeks, then the calendar needs designing and printing.

You don't actually need to produce your reflection until around mid-late October. If you think you would like to offer a day's reflection, please let Lynne know (lynne.norbron@gmail.com or 07881 423687).



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Some reminders from previous weeks:

Heritage Open Day

Saturday 19th September



Volunteers Needed

A quick reminder that Heritage Day is coming up, with plenty happening at St Michael's, including displays of our rarely-seen altar frontals and Sunday School banners, and links with Macclesfield Textile Week.

We're expecting lots of visitors and would really appreciate a few extra pairs of hands to welcome people, answer questions and help make everyone feel at home.

If you're able to spare a couple of hours, please let Rachel or the church office know. Thank you!



BABYSALMESANG

Weekly, starting back Friday 4th Sept, 10.30-11.30 on the first floor of St Michaels.



A moment to slow down, share a little musical magic and appreciate God's goodness with your baby. For babies up to 1 years. Ask the church office for more info. All welcome!

Remembering Gaza A Silent vigil

**Saturday 29 August | 12 noon-12.30pm
Outside Macclesfield Town Hall**

A silent vigil calling for an end to illegal settlements and oppression in Gaza and the West Bank, an end to UK arms sales to Israel, and broad sanctions on Israel.

Organised by Global Justice Now (Macclesfield Group). All who share these aims are welcome. Please note: This is a silent vigil with no chanting, banners or flags. Placards will be provided by the organisers.

Open The Book Taster Morning

Could you be a Storyteller in primary schools?

Open the Book taster morning: **Thursday 17th September, 9.30am-12.30.**

Fun, free, friendly and interactive session!

All Saints Church, Macclesfield, SK11 8EL.

Contact Dot to book and find out more:
dotphillips@outlook.com



Karen, Paul and Laura were singing in the services at Southwell Minster last week!



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One week to GO!!

Season of Creation 2026



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026



David Mayers shares the Season of Creation highlights:



We're just one week away from the start of our Season of Creation 2026, and there is lots to look forward to!

We'd love to begin the season together, so please come along to as many events as you can—and bring family and friends. There really is something for everyone.

Prayer Service – Tuesday 1 September

Let's make a great start to the season by coming together in good numbers for our Prayer Service at 6.30pm at Riverside Park.

 **Care for Creation Bible Studies - 2nd & 3rd September.** Come and explore what the Bible has to say about caring for God's creation.

Wednesday 2 September, 10.30am – East Cheshire Hospice Chapel, SK10 3DR

Thursday 3 September, 7.00pm – a repeat session. The studies will be led by Rev Marion Tugwood, Hospice Chaplain.

Creation Walk – Saturday 5 September

Get your walking boots on and join us for our Creation Walk, starting at Holy Trinity Church, Hurdsfield at 10.00am. Bring family and friends—and a bus pass if you have one! The walk will finish at approximately 2.30pm, back at Holy Trinity. Please note: parking is on-street; there will be no parking at Holy Trinity Church.

 **Growing Food Nature's Way – Saturday 5 September.** Join us from 3.00–5.00pm at Macclesfield Market Garden, behind Prestbury Garden Centre, SK10 4DY. Enjoy a talk and tour, followed by a shared feast. A great opportunity to learn, meet others and celebrate the gifts of creation.

Hidden Water Walk – Tuesday 8 September

Come along to the Hidden Water Walk at Danes Moss, starting at 5.30pm.

Discover more about the water that is hidden in our landscape and the importance of caring for this precious part of God's creation.



People's Emergency Briefing – Friday 11 September

Don't miss the People's Emergency Briefing on the Climate and Nature Crisis film, starting at 7.30pm at St Michael's. Please book online (see the poster), or simply turn up on the evening.



Surplus Food Events – Fridays throughout the Season. There will be lots of opportunities to share and enjoy surplus food throughout the Season of Creation.

Alongside our usual **Foodie Friday on 4 September** –(don't forget to book!)

We also have:

Feeding Bellies, Not Bins! – 18 September

Creation Canteen – 2 October – a shared table and a chance to eat, share and celebrate together.



And there's lots more!

These are just some of the highlights!

Pick up a paper calendar from the back of church to see the full programme, and keep an eye on our website for last-minute additions and changes.

We look forward to celebrating, learning, praying and caring for our wonderful world together!  



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Sunday 30th August

10:00am: The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Bible Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Theme: One step at a time

Leader: Revd Martin Stephens

Speaker: Revd 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

3rd September: Midweek Morning prayer

10th September: Midweek 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. The deadline each week
is: 12 noon on Wednesdays

How to contact the office...



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