

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

1st March 2026



WHATS ON?

Riding Lights - Thursday 5th March

Riding Lights, the Christian theatre group, brings its new Passion Play to St Michael's. **Night Falls**. More info at [Click here for info](#)
Box office: [Box office](#)

Northern Chamber Orchestra, St Michael's 14th March, 5pm. Tickets available online, £29 for a standard ticket.

KEMS Concert at St Michael's - Sat 21st March, 7.30pm

An eclectic mix of popular band music including Holst's Second Suite in F, Indiana Jones, Lion King, Oliver, Sophisticated Ladies.

Babysing (for 2 and under) - Fridays at St Michael's, 10.30-11.30am. Help your child explore music, rhythm, movement songs. All welcome!

DID YOU KNOW?

Cheshire East Council - use the first floor room alternate Tuesdays providing a variety of housing-related support. T:01270 686 209

Ukrainian Cafe - meet the first Saturday of each month 10:00 - 11:30am in the Youth Centre. Next meet up, Saturday 7th March.



St Michael & All Angels Church

Thursday 5th March 2026 at 7.30pm

BOOK NOW: www.ridinglights.org/nightfalls

Night Falls is a fresh, vivid and dynamic retelling of the Easter story, blending music and powerful drama alongside space for reflection and worship.



St Michael's Building for Hire Do you need to hire a space?

St Michael's has meeting rooms of various sizes to meet your needs, and our large Worship Area with its giant screen and AV system is suitable for presentations, concerts, etc.

Email Elaine: bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

Tel: 01625 421984



Music @ Mikes 1.15pm

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

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

Friday 27th February
Iryna Volkova
Ukrainian Christian Singer



Friday 13th March
Hyuk Namkoon

He will be playing pieces by Bach, Mozart and Schubert.



(Note, this is a change to the original programme)



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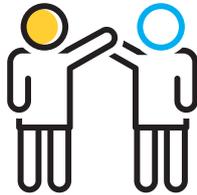
Salt and Light Renewed

Vision Day 7th March

Reviewing Our Calling, Discerning Our Future

On **Saturday 7th March** it is our whole-church Vision Day. We'll gather to celebrate progress, review what's still to do, and refocus for the future, with support from colleagues in the Diocese.

Please complete the feedback form - there is a flyer in the welcome area or scan the QR code on your phone. Thank you!



The beautiful flowers in shades of pink on the Chancel Table have been graciously given by Audrey and Helen Evans in memory of their beloved Jane. Pink was Jane's favourite colour.

LETTERS FROM MACCLESFIELD EXHIBITION

Garrie Naden and Mark Langham, both members of Macclesfield & Prestbury Philatelic Society, would love to see you at the Society's 60th anniversary exhibition being held in the Silk Museum.

Friday 6th and Saturday 7th March, 10am to 4pm. Saturday clashes with St Michael's Vision Day, but Friday doesn't! See flyer for more details.



Lent Services - all welcome!

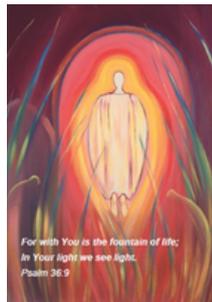
REMINDER

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April, 7pm - Agape Meal with (optional) washing of feet in Savage Chapel

Good Friday, 3rd April - There are two services: 10.30am and the afternoon contemplative service 2pm-4pm

Service of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness

The next Healing Service is on: **Friday 20th March 11.00am** in the Savage Chapel The service will last approximately 30 minutes
All are welcome.



The Second Sunday of Lent

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ECO-FRIENDLY Eco Tip

In this first week of Lent it's not too late to sign up for Climate Steward's Carbon Fast.

Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation.

Beginning on 18th Feb, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation

[Climate stewards link](#)



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2026 Civic Prayer Breakfast

Do join us! **at St Michael's Church**

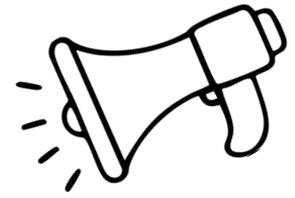
A unique opportunity to share in learning more about how local organisations are responding with care and compassion to those facing crises in their lives.

Friday 13th March, 7.45am for 8.00am

Theme: **'Belonging in a caring community'**

Tickets: £10 per person

JOIN US



We would like to encourage you to come along to the **Civic Prayer Breakfast**.

By attending this event, we are contributing to the flourishing of the Macclesfield community.

Please do come along. Ask Isobel in the church office for Pip Mosscrop's email address to get your ticket.



Bulletin & Church Family News

Just a reminder that the deadline for submitting items for the weekly bulletin is **Wednesday at 12 noon**. This deadline now also applies to **Church Family News (CFN)** to allow enough time for the information to be included in the service slides. If you happen to miss the deadline, don't worry! Your item will be included in the following week!

Email: stmikesnotices@gmail.com

Whatsapp for CFN: 07579 820 265

Church Heating



The heating is normally set on Tuesdays for the following week. Please make sure all room bookings are in the church diary, and if there is a change, let the office know.

Can you help?

To enable the cafe to open on **Saturday 7th March** for our Vision Day, we need two people to help! One for the morning and one for afternoon. Please speak to Rachel Mayers, if you can help.



Thank you.



SCAM



A few members of the congregation have received a scam email from someone pretending to be Martin. They have been about buying gift cards or arranging church funds.

Please be aware of this and do not respond. Contact Martin directly with any questions or if you are unsure.

Foodie Friday

'Foodie Friday' serves a 3-course meal using surplus food, with guests contributing on a 'pay-as-you-feel' basis (a price is suggested). Profits from the meal go towards providing free meals for more vulnerable members of our community during the week. The next Foodie Friday will be **Friday 6th March**.

Arrive at church at about 6.00pm for a 6.30pm meal.

To book: contact the church office, 01625 421984. All welcome!

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Sunday 1st March Worship

10:00am: Church Family Worship with children's groups.

Leader: Rev Canon Vivien Gisby

Speaker: Lynne Spedding (LLM)

Bible Reading: John 3:1-17

Theme: For God so loved the world

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 at 10:30 am in the Savage Chapel - lasting 30-40 minutes.
Next Meeting: **4th March**

Thursday Morning 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 March: Morning Prayer
12th March: Holy Communion

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



Sound of 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 have any photographs of recent activities you have been involved in which you would like including in the weekly bulletin/newsletter or in the Church Family News slot in Sunday services, please use this number to WhatsApp them to the relevant people:

+44 7579 820265

You can, of course, also email pictures and text to stmikesnotices@gmail.com. Deadline each week is Wednesday by 12 noon.

How to contact the office...



01625 421984



Isobel: 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 for bookings and building matters (Office hours are usually Mon, Tues & Thurs 9:30am - 1:30pm)

- Bulletin/Newsletter stmikesnotices@gmail.com
- Printing maccteamprinting@gmail.com
- Safeguarding see box below

Postal Address: The Office, St Michael's Church, Market Place, Macclesfield, SK10 1DY



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Safeguarding Contact Information

If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the St Michael's Safeguarding Officer, Katie Wilcock:

Phone: 07435 568 729

Email: safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

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prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk
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