

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

3rd May 2026



The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist Service

On Ascension Day, **Thursday 14 May**, there is a Eucharist at St Peter's Prestbury at 7.30pm. Revd Elle Bird will be presiding and the Rural Dean delivering the sermon. All are welcome refreshments served afterwards.

There will be an opportunity to sing in a scratch deanery choir so if you know people who would like to join that for the evening, please invite them. For the Choir Master, it would be helpful to know numbers so please drop Richard Raymond a line (ask Isobel in the office for details). There will be a choir practice at 6.30pm.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Stewarding Opportunities

We have a couple of dates coming up when the cafe is closed - but we would like to open the church to visitors!



Saturday 16th May, (Macclesfield Bikeathon)

Angel At My Table will be open from 10am, but we would like to be able to open from 8am to offer use of our toilets to early starting cyclists. Could you help between 8am and 10am?

Monday 25th May (bank holiday). From experience we know there will be a lot of people wanting to come into church. Could you help between 10am- 12noon?

Please speak to Isobel in the office or contact David Mayer directly, thank you!

Michael Wootton

Michael Wootton is settling well into Ashfields (care home). It would be lovely if people could pop in and visit him, he welcomes visitors. Meanwhile, do please pray for Michael's health and wellbeing. Isobel, in the office, has his contact details.



Music @ Mikes 1.15pm

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

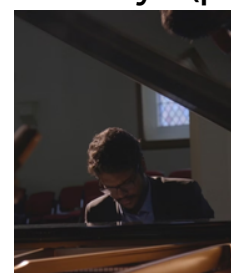
Free entry but donations are invited for the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church, jointly.

Thursday 30th April Steven Davies & friends



Playing traditional English & Scottish tunes on concertina and recorder.

Thursday 7th May Shubhan Iyer (piano)



Playing pieces by Chopin and Schumann



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Eco - tip

Eat more plant-based food!



Plant-based meals tend to have a lower carbon footprint than meat and dairy, and eating less meat is nearly always better than eating even the most sustainable meat.

In most cases, chicken, eggs and pork have a lower footprint than beef and lamb.

To reduce your carbon footprint, replace some or all of the beef, lamb and dairy in your diet with lower-carbon alternatives. And where you do buy those products, look for farmers using sustainable methods.



Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. More information & resources to come in the church services

Couple of dates:

Let's Lunch: Sunday 17th May. Bring some food and eat with others, maybe sharing if you wish. Newcomers especially welcome: don't worry if you haven't any food - there's usually plenty.

Foodie Friday: 1st May and 5th June. 3-course meal using surplus food, with guests contributing on a 'pay-as-you-feel' basis. All welcome! To book: contact the church office, 01625 421984.

Happy Birthday to Sallie Bancroft! Celebrating at a dinner party. There was a theme, a night at the Oscars, hence the outfits!



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Sunday 3rd May Worship

10:00am: The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Leader: Rev'd Canon Vivien Gisby

Speaker: Mike Strutt (LLM)

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: **13th May**


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

30th April: Midweek Morning Prayer

7th May: Midweek Communion Service

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. The deadline each week
is: 12 noon on Wednesdays

How to contact the office...



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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)

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