

# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER



8th March 2026

## The Third Sunday of Lent

Eternal God,  
give us insight  
to discern your will for us,  
to give up what harms us,  
and to seek the perfection we are promised  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Salt & Light Renewed

We are really looking forward to our Vision day, **this Saturday 9.30am**. A great opportunity to celebrate what's been good, think honestly about what still needs work, and discern together what God might be asking of St Michael's into the future.

Your input would be so helpful. Please complete a response card in the Welcome Area, or an online form via the QR code displayed in the same area, or go to <https://t.ly/rr2sM>.



Please pray for the day and for those attending.

## A reminder of the study groups during Lent

Monday evenings at 7.30pm  
Tuesday mornings at 10.15am  
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Thursday mornings at 11.15am  
All welcome to come along, contact the church office for more information.



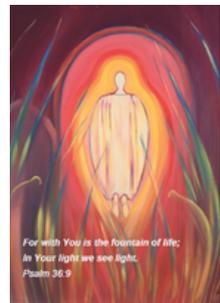
## Choral Evensong Service, 6.30pm this Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March.



Words from the Book of Common Prayer and music in the Anglican choral tradition.

## 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.



## "Pizza and Podcast"

Diocesan event, 10th March 6pm at Holy Trinity Hurdsfield.  
Part of the Everyday Faith Conversations.



It will start with pizza, followed by a panel discussion with young people from across Macclesfield about their everyday faith, finishing with a opportunity for questions.



More info here:

<https://www.chesterdiocese.org/events-2/everyday-faith-podcast-recording->



## Funding climate chaos

Your bank account, savings, pension, and investments (if you are lucky enough to have these) are likely to be held by institutions that fund fossil fuel companies – unless you've chosen responsible custodians. Your money could be contributing to carbon emissions. Consider how you invest your money (see poster attached for more info).



## 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 13th March  
**Hyuk Namkoon**  
Playing pieces by Bach, Mozart and Schubert.



## LENT



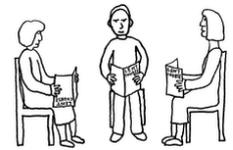
LENT IS A TIME FOR QUIET REFLECTION AND CONTEMPLATION



IT IS A SEASON OF ABSTINENCE AND FASTING



SOME CHRISTIANS GIVE SOMETHING UP DURING LENT



OTHERS CHOOSE TO CARRY OUT ACTS OF PENANCE

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## Sunday 8th March Worship

**10:00am:** Church Family Worship (plus children's groups).

**6.30pm:** Choral Evensong

**Leader:** Esther Lawrence (OWL)

**Speaker:** Mike Strutt (LLM)

**Bible Reading:** John 4:5-42

**Theme:** Who are you?

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 Meeting: **18th 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

**12<sup>th</sup> March:** Holy Communion

**19<sup>th</sup> March:** Morning Prayer

## Thursday Homegroup (not on during Lent)

Meeting for Bible study and prayer morning and evening groups  
Please contact Eve & David Budgett (431606) or David Mayers (420716) for more information



## Listening to God

(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](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com). Deadline each week is Wednesday by 12 noon.

## How to contact the office...

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**Promoting a Safer Church**

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Your request will be circulated confidentially to a limited group of people who will pray for you.