

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

12th April 2026



Revd Martin speaks about The Chosen

On Easter Sunday morning
I mentioned The Chosen
- a multi-series drama which

depicts Jesus's life and ministry as seen through the eyes of the people who knew him. They are 'The Chosen'.

It weaves together a narrative based on all four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke & John), as well as drawing on parts of the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament to introduce and explain some of the context to what was happening in first century Palestine.

Personally I think it's an amazing dramatization of the life of Jesus. I've only seen Series 1 so far, but the depictions of various characters (eg. Mary Magdalene, Matthew & Nicodemus) are so much fuller than any other I've seen. And, believe me, I've seen a few!!

Although drawing heavily on biblical material, there's necessarily some artistic licence taken in creating this media sensation.

I wholeheartedly recommend The Chosen to you.



It's available to watch for free from <https://thechosen.tv/>. Why not arrange to watch a few episodes with friends? Or join one of our house groups to watch and discuss it together?



Homemakers Group

The next Homemakers meeting will be a Music Evening.



The meeting will be held on **Thursday 16th April at 7:30pm**, at the home of Grace Edgar.
Tel. 430 348. All welcome!

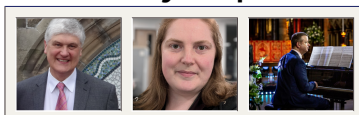
Music @ Mikes 1.15pm

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 10th April

**David Smith (baritone),
Sarah Wilkes (mezzo),
Neil Taylor (piano)**



Friday 16th April
**Anna Cowham (cello),
Emma Tennant (clarinet)
& Julian Davis (piano)**

2nd Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father.



Holy week & Easter Services



We hope you had an enjoyable Easter. It was a joy to see so many of you in church over the weekend. If you have any comments or feedback from the services, please do let us know. Thank you to all those involved in making everything run smoothly.

As a reminder we'd like to create a small booklet reflecting the diverse stories of our Christian community in Macclesfield. If you would like contribute, please write a short account (max 250 words) to Isobel in the office (clergypa@macccteam.org.uk)
Printed copies will be available during our Pentecost Service on Sunday May 24th.

Thank you, Tricia & Isobel

Annual Meeting - Sunday 19th April

There will be several vacancies as terms of office are coming to an end. The positions available are:

- Churchwarden (Rachel has to step down after 6 years)
- Deanery Synod Representatives (up to 4)
- Church Council (6 vacancies)

The elected representatives are:
Jonny Porter, Anne Radmall,
Paul Simms and Tricia Wilson.



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Sunday 12th April Worship

10:00am: The 2nd Sunday of Easter. Church Family Worship (plus young people's group).

Leader: Mike Strutt

Speaker: Lynne Spedding

Bible Readings: John 20.19-31

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: **15th April**

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

16th April: Morning Prayer

23rd April: 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're happy to be included in this 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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