

# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

29th March 2026



## Palm Sunday

True and humble king,  
hailed by the crowd as Messiah:  
grant us the faith to know you  
and love you, that we may be found beside you  
on the way of the cross,  
which is the path of glory.

*Congratulations!*



Congratulations to Martin Bancroft from all of us on his graduation at the Emmanuel Eheological College on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March  
Well done Martin!

## Storytelling Training Session

Sunday 29th March after the service in the Savage Chapel.

If you are interested in telling the stories, please come into the Storytelling Group during the service to witness the story being told.



If you would like to be a 2nd adult in the group and just support the leader, please speak to Judith.

Thank you

## Church Flowers

This week's flowers in the worship area have been kindly donated by Mark Langham in fond memory of his mother. Thank you, Mark.

Sandie & Greeba on behalf of the Flower Ministry.



## What does being a disciple of Christ mean to you?

Lent, Easter, and Pentecost are times of reflection and renewal. In our Lent groups, we've been exploring what it means to be a disciple of Jesus, sharing experiences and getting to know one another. As a follow-up, we'd like to create a small booklet reflecting the diverse stories of our Christian community in Macclesfield.

We are looking for people to write a short account (max 250 words). You might begin with: "I know that God is present in my life because..." or "The presence of God in my life means..." or "I knew that God was with me when..."

Your story doesn't need to be dramatic, just honest. We want to celebrate the reality of God in our lives today.

Please send any contributions to Isobel in the office (clergypa@maccteam.org.uk)

Printed copies will be available during our Pentecost Service on Sunday May 24th.

Do it now before you forget!



*Thank you, Tricia & Isobel*



## World Watch List 2026



When God's people are struck down, attacked and even killed ... what responsibility do we have as their brothers and sisters?

The World Watch List is Open Doors' annual ranking of the 50 countries where Christians face the most extreme persecution. You can read about individual countries in this prayer guide booklet. Each country's profile will give you a snapshot of what Christians face there, quotes from believers risking so much to follow Jesus and, most importantly, how you can pray.

There are a few copies available in church, or you can order one free of charge from Open Doors. [www.opendoorsus.org/enUS/persecution/countries/](http://www.opendoorsus.org/enUS/persecution/countries/)

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## The HOPE Centre

### Call to Prayer



If you are concerned about our world, our country, or our community, please join us for an open time of sharing and prayer. Thursday & Sunday gatherings. See poster attached for more information.



Could this be yours? It's in the lost property at church!

## United Utilities Works

Sewer repair in the footpath on Market Place are taking place from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April for 4 weeks!** Hopefully the impact will be minimal with normal access to church....we are awaiting more information!



## Menorah Synagogue Visit



Following our small group visit to Menorah Synagogue in Sharston around 18 months ago, we have been invited for a further visit, on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00, this time to see a bat-mitzvah. All are welcome but we do need names. Please sign the sheet at the back of church if this is something you'd be interested in, or speak



# REMINDERS

## Tennebrae Service

## United Reform Church, Park Green

Maundy Thursday 2nd April 7.30pm. A starkly dramatic service of meditation which originated in the early years of the Christian church. An ecumenical service open to everyone from any church, or none.



## Experience Easter!



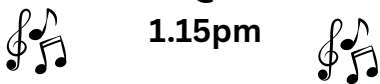
Activities exploring Easter - for all the family including quiet space for prayer and grief

**Easter Eve, 4th April  
11am - 2.30pm in the St Michael's church yard, come along!!**



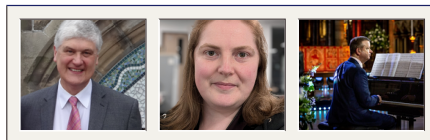
## Music @ Mikes

1.15pm



Friday 10th April

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



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April

**Anna Cowham (cello),  
Emma Tennant (clarinet)  
& Julian Davis (piano)**



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



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## EASTER at St Michael's

### Throughout school hols

*(whenever Church is open)*

### Maundy Thursday

2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm

### Good Friday

3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10:30am

### Good Friday

3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm - 4pm  
4 x 25 minute sessions.

### Easter Eve

4<sup>th</sup> April 11am - 2.30pm

### Easter Sunday

5<sup>th</sup> April at 6am

### Easter Sunday

5<sup>th</sup> April at 10am

### Augmented Reality (AR) Easter Trail

Find & scan the **AR** QR codes to find out about Easter (device required / WiFi available)

### Agape Meal with (optional) Foot Washing in the Savage Chapel

Service of readings, music and silence.

### Contemplating the Cross Together

Music, readings & response to Jesus' crucifixion.  
*Led by St Michael's Church choir*

### Contemplation and Reflection

Readings, music, poetry and silence  
Please leave/arrive at any changeover time  
2.00; 2.25; 2.55; 3.25

### Experience Easter

Activities exploring Easter - for all the family  
including quiet space for prayer and grief

### Churches Together Sunrise Service

**NB: at Teggs Nose Country Park SK11 0AP**

### Church Family Worship

Celebrate the greatest day in history  
Gather together to celebrate Jesus' resurrection  
*(includes Holy Communion)*

# ALL WELCOME!



## Sunday 29th March Worship

**10:00am:** Palm Sunday. Church Family Worship (plus young people's group).

**Leader:** Catherine Stephens (OWL)

**Speaker:** Revd Martin Stephens

**Bible Reading:** Matthew 27:11-54

Use the link below to stream this (and previous services) on YouTube  
[www.youtube.com/@stmikesmacclesfield](http://www.youtube.com/@stmikesmacclesfield)

## PALM SUNDAY



### 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: **1<sup>st</sup> April**

### 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

**26<sup>th</sup> March: Midweek Communion Service**

**2<sup>nd</sup> April: 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



### 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](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com). The deadline each week is: 12 noon on Wednesdays

### How to contact the office...

 01625 421984



**Isobel:** [clergypa@maccteam.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto:bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk) for bookings and building matters (Office hours are usually Mon, Tues & Thurs 9:30am - 1:30pm)

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- Safeguarding see box below

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



**The National Safeguarding Team**  
**Promoting a Safer Church**

### 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](mailto:safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)**

### Donating to St Michael's is easy!

Scan this QR Code or use the contactless donation point in the Welcome Area

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### Email any prayer requests to:

[prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)  
Your request will be circulated confidentially to a limited group of people who will pray for you.