



OCTOBER 2025

THE PARISH OF ST PAUL'S MACCLESFIELD



HARVEST CELEBRATION WEEKEND

SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER HARVEST HOTPOT SUPPER & BEETLE DRIVE @ 6.00PM

Sign up on the list in the church porch/centre noticeboard,
email emma@stpaulsmacc.org or phone 501773

SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER ALL AGE HARVEST SERVICE @ 10.30AM

with our Girlguiding and Scouting Groups

Refreshments after the Service.

This year we will be supporting our Local Hostels and Food Banks. They would be grateful for staple food cupboard items and toiletries. Thank you.

CHORAL EVENSONG @ 6.30PM with St Paul's Choir

After the Service there will be refreshments in the Parish Centre.

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Events coming up at St Paul's and Rainow Parishes...

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Fundraising Update

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up at St Paul's

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Race Night Fundraiser in
September

Community Pages

... and much more.

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October greets us with its golden fields, ripening fruits, and the crispness of autumn air—a reminder that we are entering the season of Harvest. It is a time when we gather to give thanks for the abundance, we so often take for granted: the food on our tables, the beauty of creation, and the communities we share.

Harvest is more than a celebration of agricultural bounty—it is a profound spiritual opportunity to reflect on God's generosity to us. From the beginning of scripture, we see a God who gives freely: the gift of life, the fruitfulness of the earth, and above all, the self-giving love shown in Jesus Christ. In every loaf of bread and every apple picked from a tree, we are reminded of the giver behind the gifts.

But with blessing comes responsibility. As we receive, so we are called to give. This season, I encourage us all to think about how our lives reflect the generosity of God—not just in what we say, but in how we live. What does it mean for us, in our time and place, to be generous?

One of the most tangible expressions of that generosity is through our charitable giving. This includes our support for the Church and its mission. The church's work in worship, pastoral care, outreach, and hospitality is only possible because of the faithful giving of its people.

If you haven't reviewed your giving recently, I would gently invite you to prayerfully consider how you might support the work of our churches in the months ahead in either giving generously of your time or money or a combination of the two.

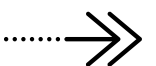
October also sits within the Ecumenical Season of Creation, an increasingly important focus for Christians around the world. This season invites us to renew our relationship with God's earth and with one another. As climate change and ecological degradation continue to impact the most vulnerable, our stewardship of creation becomes not only a matter of faith but of justice.

In this light, generosity also means giving our attention, our voices, and our resources to care for our common home. From reducing waste and energy consumption to supporting environmental initiatives and praying for our planet—each action is a response to God's call to tend and keep His creation.

By the time this letter is published we will have already celebrated Harvest at Jenkin chapel, but we still have Harvest festivals to look forward to at Forest Chapel we celebrate Harvest with Evensong on the 5th October at 3pm and at Rainow we have a harvest Communion on the morning of the 12th October. At St Paul's we have an All-Age service to celebrate this wonderful festival and then on the evening of the 12th October at St Paul's we have an opportunity for worship at a Harvest Choral Evensong.

Following on from the success of the fund raising race night which was recently held we also have another opportunity for the two parishes to come together for a Harvest Supper at St Paul's on Saturday 11th October at 6.30 pm.

Rainow will also be having a bring and share lunch after the Communion service on the 12th October with the service starting at the later time of 10.30 am. All welcome.



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As we decorate our churches with harvest displays and sing our hymns of thanksgiving, may we do so with hearts stirred to respond—not just in gratitude, but in action.

May our generosity be a mirror of God's own abundance, and may our lives bear witness to the hope we have in Him.
With every blessing for a fruitful and reflective Harvest season.
Yours in Christ,
Simon



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT ST PAUL'S

Every Week:

Mondays	10am-11am	Chair Yoga
	11am-12noon	Tiny Talk Baby Signing
	5.30pm	Yoga
Tuesdays	6.30pm	Brownies (term time)
	7.45pm	Guides (term time)
Wednesdays	9.15am-10.15am	Pilates
	1.30pm-3.30pm	Knit and Natter
	6pm	Beavers (term time)
	7.30pm	Cubs (term time)
Thursdays	2.15pm-3.45pm	Cantata Afternoon Choir
	6pm	Rainbows (term time)
Fridays	10.00am-11.30am	Toddler Group (term time)
	7.30pm	Scouts (term time)
Saturdays	9.30am-12noon	St Paul's Breakfast Café



Thursdays
9 & 23 October
12.30pm
in the Parish Centre
£5 each
(ring 501773 for info)

OCTOBER

1 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Morning Prayer with Lay Minister Robert (Parish Centre)
5 SUN	10.30am	Parish Communion with Revd Simon (<i>Junior Church in the Centre tbc</i>)
11 Sat	6.00pm	HARVEST SUPPER (see poster on page 5)
12 SUN	10.30am 6.30pm	All Age Harvest Festival Service with The Wardens Evensong with St Paul's and Rainow Choir
15 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Communion with Revd Simon (church)

NOVEMBER

2 SUN	10.30am	Parish Communion with Revd Simon (<i>Junior Church in the Centre tbc</i>)
5 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Morning Prayer with Lay Minister Robert (Parish Centre)
9 SUN	10.30am 6.30pm	Remembrance Service Celtic Style Eucharist Evening Service

ALL SERVICES ARE FOLLOWED BY REFRESHMENTS AND FELLOWSHIP



Family History Research

Would you like to know more about your UK ancestors?

How I can help you:

If your ancestors lived in England and Wales, I can carry out an online search. This will usually trace families back to the late 18th century, although this can be tricky for very common surnames. Some online records go back further. Searching in Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, Isle of Man or the Channel Islands will usually incur additional costs, and records are not so readily available.

HEALTH WARNING:

If you would be offended to find examples of ILLEGITIMACY, INSANITY or CRIMINALITY in your family, then do not search for your ancestors or cousins. These phenomena can be found in practically ALL families! (But it can be quite interesting!)



Could you spare a few hours on a Saturday morning to make tea and coffee, cook breakfasts, make toast or just chat to the people attending? If so, please contact David Furphy who is co-ordinating the volunteer list. David can be emailed on davidfurphy@hotmail.com.

We would like to thank all the volunteers who give their time and talents to this wonderful outreach. This month, Christian Herath has completed his volunteer hours for his Duke of Edinburgh Award - well done!

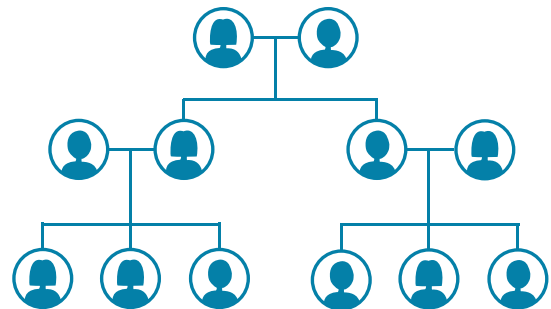
Our Saturday Café is a designated 'Warm Space' and registered with Cheshire East Council for the Winter of 2024/2025. Everyone is welcome to attend this vital and well established community asset.

THE DEAL

- Tell me as much as possible about your parents and grandparents.
(If you have any birth or marriage certificates it would be helpful if I could see them.)
- I will do the research and produce a report and a family tree at no charge to you.
- You can decide how much the work is worth to you and make a suitable donation to St Paul's.

Note: I can guarantee to LOOK, but I cannot guarantee to FIND!

Dave Williams



FAMILY RACE NIGHT FUNDRAISER

Here are some pictures of a fantastic night enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the Team who made the night happen we raised around £500 for the roof appeal..



YOU ARE INVITED TO

CHRISTMAS FAMILY PHOTOSHOOT

Christmas is just around the corner—why not book a Christmas photo session?
Funds raised will go directly to the St Paul's church roof repair.
Your support is greatly appreciated!

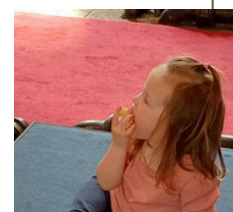
More details & booking at
8th Macclesfield Scout Group or 

Kasia 07907582847
Instagram
https://www.instagram.com/kasia_kula_photography/

OCTOBER
SATURDAY 4 am-pm
at St Paul's Church
Glegg Street, Macclesfield SK11 7AJ

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CHURCH

A creative way of building the walls of Jericho during a recent Young People's Church session.



Fundraising photoshoot in aid of the roof appeal.



Churchwardens Nick & Matt and Ted

September seems to have absolutely flown by! The nights have started to draw in and the trees have certainly changed in the last week or so too. We head into a busy time of year with Harvest, All Souls, Remembrance, Advent and Christmas! In the midst of all this throw in organising a house move for Matt!

It was lovely to have the church open for Heritage Open Day across Macclesfield recently and a steady stream of visitors came through the door for a look at our fabulous church and to hear our plans for the future. It was wonderful that one of the visitors returned the next day for the service. It's really important that the church is open whenever possible. Hot on the heels of the Open morning was Race Night. What a super night it was. To hear the fun and laughter and the cheers for winning horses echoing round was just superb, but most importantly the fellowship of being together and supporting our roof appeal. Thank you to everyone who made the night such a great success. We look forward to the Harvest Supper and Beetle Drive in a couple of weeks.

WARDEN'S WARBLINGS

We led All Age Worship at Rainow recently which was lovely and we were glad to be afforded this opportunity. We both enjoyed it and hope that Rainow will have us back again soon and that in the New Year the team from Rainow will come and lead an All Age Service at St Paul's.

We are looking forward to the Harvest All Age Worship with the Uniformed groups in couple of weeks. Can you believe it is a year since the 180th Birthday Celebrations! What a service that was. So much has happened in the last year and as 2025 moves into its final quarter we look forward with great anticipation and hope at what lies ahead.

Love, Matt & Nick. xx

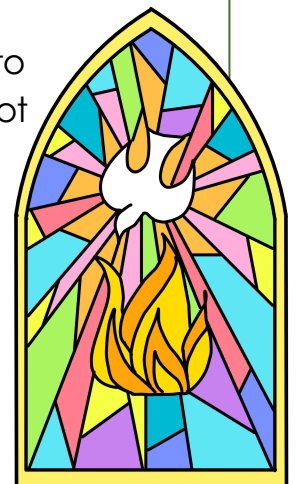


CONFIRMATION SERVICE

If anyone is interested in being confirmed, young or older please speak to Simon. Bishop Mark Tanner (Bishop of Chester) is coming to St Paul's to conduct a confirmation service at 4 pm on the afternoon of 14 June 2026. This will be a service open to Rainow congregation and others from the Deanery.

If somebody would like to be confirmed but has not yet been baptised they could be baptised by the Bishop at the same service.

Please speak with Revd. Simon if you have any questions.

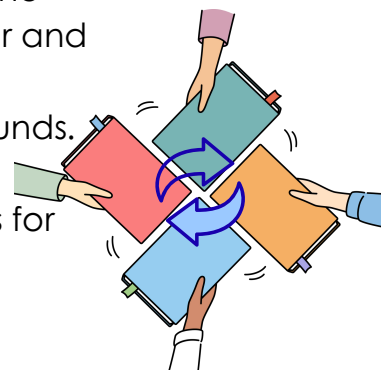


Our doors were open on Saturday 13th September as part of the Heritage Open Day across Macclesfield. A steady stream of visitors came through the doors and many for the first time to look at the beauty of the church and to hear our plans for the future. Visitors also enjoyed a cuppa and bacon butty or a breakfast courtesy of Saturday café.

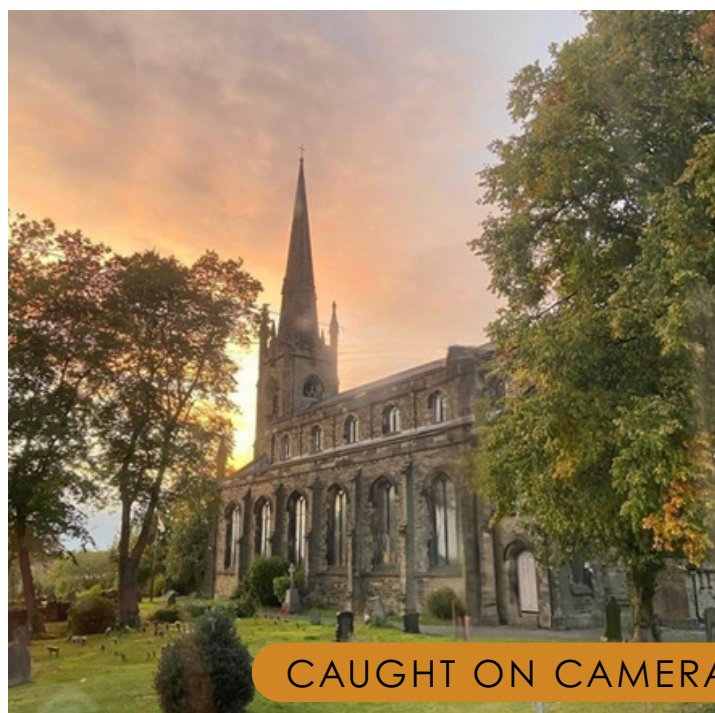


BOOK EXCHANGE STALL

Our book table in the hall is really popular and is a good income generator for our funds. We appreciate donations of books for all ages - including children and adult, which are in good condition.



Please could we ask that if you bring books and the two baskets are full on the table, to please take them back home with you for another time or drop them at a charity shop rather than pile them on the baskets or leave them underneath. Thank you for your help and support.



CAUGHT ON CAMERA

Fantastic picture of the church captured by Ted Mottershead.

SAVE THE DATE

Our annual **Christmas Fair** will take place on **Saturday 29 November** between 10:30am and 12:30pm.

The usual stalls and entertainment will be on hand to start off the Christmas season! We look forward to see you there!



The roof appeal
fund total is:

£47,018.93

(end September 2025)

A reminder of what our thoughts for 'first phase' of the project are:

- *Re-roof the upper and lower rooves of the church, including modifications to the guttering to prevent water getting into the building in the future*
- *Replace and re-plaster all internal ceilings panels*
 - *Re-plaster internal walls where needed*
 - *Redecorate the building internally*
- *Re-light the building with energy efficient lighting*
 - *Modernise the sound and media system*
- *Reheat the building in an energy efficient way*
 - *Repair the spire where issues are arising*

Matt, Nick and Vicar Simon had a positive meeting recently with Architect Ed Kepzyck and Sheena Wilson (Diocesan Buildings Advisor) about how to really begin to move the project on. Lots of discussion was had around what stages we need to complete to feel ready to move to the next stage. From the meeting we are going to do the following:

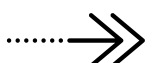
- Create a project brief (what do we want and why)
- Gain PCC approval for a Feasibility Study for the project to be completed by the Architect. APPROVED BY PCC IN JULY 2025.
- Arrange for Quinquennial Inspection to take place to aid the study. THIS WILL TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER 2025.
- Re-meet once completed and look to send the study to the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) for first thoughts and then wider sharing to all stakeholders.

The PCC have approved the undertaking of a Feasibility Study by the Architects, Butress of Manchester. This is a costly piece of work (approx £13,000) but a vitally important part of any project to be completed. The study will look at what we want, consultations completed, a survey of the building (above and beyond the Quinquennial inspection) options of project style including re-ordering. It is looking likely that this is something that we will have to consider extremely seriously to ensure the future of the building, ensuring worship space remains the focus but with a flexible community space to help us become a beacon of light in our community.

If anyone wishes to have a look an example study then please do ask and we will ne happy to show you.

The study will take 2-3 months to complete from start date and we anticipate the start to be happening soon.

This is really an exciting time for St Paul's as we move towards the biggest refurbishment of the building in it's 180 year history and look to secure the future of the church and have a legacy to pass on to future generations. We are both genuinely excited by the opportunities that await us.



Please do raise any questions with us (Matt, Nick, Vicar Simon) as we want to ensure everyone has the opportunity to have their say and share their feelings.



Just to get you thinking, here are some AI generated images of what the church could look like as a big open space. *These are ONLY artificially generated and not final decisions of actions to be taken.* Matt & Nick

ROOF APPEAL GIVING

Here is the link to donate online for the roof appeal:

<https://givealittle.co/campaigns/9da68a7a-9297-4ebf-8046-c78a2f4c2331>

If you wish to make a cash or cheque donation to the appeal, please put it in an envelope and hand to either the Treasurer (Malcolm Brown) or the Wardens with the envelope clearly marked 'For the roof appeal'. This then means it is placed in a restricted account just for the roof appeal and cannot be used for anything else.

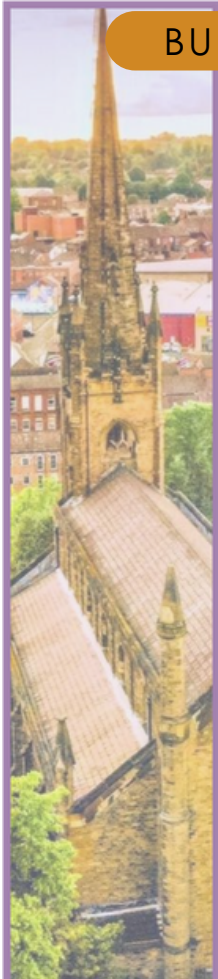
Please also share whether we are able to reclaim gift aid on the donation too as this will make a huge difference for us! We can claim from HMRC 25p for every £1 donated to us at no extra cost to you or us. If you are posting a donation, please pop a note inside to the same effect.

If you wish to donate via bank transfer then please do contact us for the bank details (office telephone number 01625 501773). Thank you for your support.



You can also donate by scanning the QR code

BUILDINGS UPDATE



The rain is back and so are the buckets in various places, namely in the tower! We are going to ask Baileys to come and take a look at the tower to ascertain where so much water is coming from!! It could be a blocked gutter or something else.

We continue to monitor the plaster work in some parts and you may have noticed a few pews roped off. This is due to damaged plaster that has dried out and gone powdery falling. We are looking at what remedial work we can do to remedy this. Please bear with us.

We are still awaiting Bailey Steeplejacks to come along with their big ladders to replace some of the upper level lightbulbs for us.

Electrical testing has been completed and there is some remedial work to be completed which is in hand with the contractors. PAT Testing has also been completed. Services of the church boiler and centre boiler are due to be arranged ahead of them being in more frequent use as the weather cools down!

We need to look into doing some work on the Louvres of the south side of the church as these have become incredibly dislodged and will almost certainly be letting rain water in. We have been in contact with a contractor who could help and they are fully booked up until early 2026! We are going to ask for a quotation so we can have an idea of cost.

For a further update on the refurb project, please read the information in the roof appeal section of the newsletter.

Thanks to everyone who helps in anyway with the upkeep of the church and Parish Centre.
Matt & Nick.



FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

FUNERALS (at Macclesfield Crematorium)

9 September Kath Arnold

11 September Doreen Powell



RAMBLINGS OF A READER

As I woke up this morning and looked out to the fields behind our house there was frost on the ground, and as I look out of our front window, the leaves on the Virginia Creeper are turning a beautiful shade of red a sure sign that Autumn is on its way. The season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' as a famous poet once said, but it is also the season of folk tales and mystery. The most famous being Halloween. As a child I'd never heard of this. It seemed to creep in during my son's childhood, with the introduction of many American TV shows. But you may be surprised to know that many of the customs behind Halloween started in Britain and went over to America with those who emigrated, probably in the 18th century, for that is when the word Halloween came into being, a shortened form of All Hallows Eve or All Holy Eve, because it was the day before the festival of All Hallows Day, or as we know it today All Saints Day.

But let's go back to the beginning so to speak. The custom of dressing up at this time of year goes back to the 18th century and was called guising and comes from Scotland and Ireland, where children would go from door to door asking for gifts usually fruit and nuts.

So, you may be wondering where does the pumpkin lantern come from? Well, people have been making jack-o' -lanterns at Halloween for centuries but the practice originated from an Irish myth about a man nicknamed 'Stingy Jack', and there are many versions of the story. The following goes like this....

Stingy Jack invited the Devil to have a drink with him. True to his name Stingy Jack didn't want to pay for the drink so he

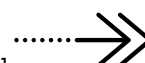
convinced the Devil to turn into a coin that Jack could use to buy their drinks. The Devil agreed, but Jack decided to keep the money and put it into his pocket next to a silver cross so the Devil couldn't turn back. Jack eventually freed the Devil on condition that he wouldn't bother him for a year, or claim his soul if he died. Jack tricked the devil a second time to climb a tree to pick fruit, then carving a cross in it so the Devil couldn't get down until he agreed to not bother Jack for ten years.



Soon after, Jack died but the legend says, God would not allow such an unsavoury figure into heaven and the Devil, upset by the trick Jack had played on him, wouldn't allow him in Hell so he sent Jack off into the dark

night with only a burning coal to light his way. Jack put the coal into a carved-out turnip and has been roving the earth ever since. The Irish refer to the ghostly figure as Jack of the Lantern and then simply Jack O Lantern.

In Ireland and Scotland people began to make their own version of Stingy Jacks Lantern by carving scary faces into turnips to put in their windows or on the doorstep to scare Jack away. As I said earlier the emigrants took the tradition to America but finding no turnips there but lots of pumpkins a fruit native to America, they found they made prefect Jack o' Lanterns, and they were also much easier to carve.



I love folk tales, stories made up to help us understand things that we don't understand, but also to frighten us a little and think about things we do, do.

The church over the ages hasn't always agreed with folk tales and customs, Halloween being very much a no no. I remember one vicar we had at St Peters who was very much against it, and a couple of the children in the congregation, who are now grown up, and one with children themselves, still hasn't quite forgiven their mother, who was church warden at the time, for banning all mention of Halloween and the trappings that went with it.



So in the 21st century is there still a place for these customs? Shops will tell you yes. Fancy dress costumes and pumpkins are big business at this time of year, and many will say it's a bit of harmless fun. I'll leave each one of you to make your own mind up, but remember you don't need a candle in a turnip or a pumpkin to give you light in the darkness. Just turn to the one who's light shines in that darkness, and follow his light always and he will lead you, and walk with you on the right path always.

Love, Fran x



Glegg Street, Macclesfield, SK11 7AJ

**a positive alternative
to Halloween**

LIGHT PARTY

**Optional Fancy Dress | Crafts and Games | Disco
Party Tea | Goodie Bags**

**To book your child's place, Helen (07979 674572)
or Emma (501773) emma@stpaulsmacc.org**



free

**31 OCTOBER
5.30 - 6.45PM**



CHURCHWARDENS OF THE FUTURE?...

Ted and James enjoying sitting in the Warden's pew recently. Could they be the next generation of Churchwardens at St Paul's?

Please let us have any information or news for our **October issue** by **14th Sept.**

To the Parish Office or emma@stpaulsmacc.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN RAINOW

Every Tues	10.00 am	Cosy Cuppa
Every Wed	12.30 pm	Light in the Forest (Forest Chapel)
2 Thurs	11.30am	Holy Communion followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the centre
	1.30pm	Jolly Tots in the centre
5 SUN	10.00 am	Parish Communion & Jr Church
	3.00 pm	Harvest Festival (Forest Chapel)
9 Thurs	7.45pm	Home Group (6 Forest Close)
12 SUN	10.30 am	Parish Communion & Harvest festival followed by Bring & Share lunch
16 Thurs	1.30pm	Jolly Tots in the centre
19 SUN	10.00 am	Parish Communion & Jr Church
	3.00 pm	Parish Evensong (Jenkin Chapel)
21 Tues	7.30 pm	Mothers' Union meeting
25 Sat	10.00 am	Saturday Café
28 SUN	10.00 am	Parish Communion & Jr Church
November		
2 SUN	10.00 am	Parish Communion & Jr Church
	3.00pm	Parish Evensong (Forest Chapel)
	6.30pm	All Souls' Service
6 Thurs	11.30am	Holy Communion followed by a Bring and Share lunch in the centre
	1.30pm	Jolly Tots in the centre



MACC SEASON OF CREATION (SEPT)



To mark the beginning of the Season of Creation, there was a special Prayer Service on Sunday in the orchard next to the Leisure Centre. Special thanks to Rev. Simon Bessant for leading the service and Andrea Fitton for organising the service and preparing the children's activity and other members of St. John's and St. Thomas' who helped.

BRILLIANT BEES

Talk



Tuesday 30th September

Macclesfield Methodist Church,
Westminster Road, SK10 1BX

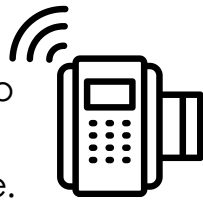
7.30pm

Safely meet some amazing honeybees
with Sallyann, Bee Keeper at Tatton Park!

Taste different honeys and find out how
beekeepers care for these vital
pollinators!

ALL WELCOME!

We have two methods of giving at church services—so it doesn't matter if you don't carry cash around any more.



There will be a contactless card reader at the back of church to use for your offertory on the way in or out. As well as debit & credit cards, you can use your phone with Google Pay, Apple Pay or other contactless payment apps. You can put your card into the reader and use your PIN if you prefer that to contactless.



Also, there will be QR codes in your pew for you to scan with your phone's camera and key in your card details to make your offering.

Don't worry if you are not into technology and the internet. We are still delighted to accept cash or whatever else suits you best to support God's work at St Paul's!

All these facilities will let you Gift Aid your donation, if you wish, allowing us to claim an extra 25% back from HMRC at no cost to you.

If you are reading this online and would like to make a contribution towards our work in the Parish and the maintenance of the church building, you can do so by clicking on the 'DONATE' button.

DONATE ❤️

Or if you prefer you can use your internet browser to go to stpaulsmacc.org and scroll down to the 'DONATE' button there. THANK YOU!!





All Souls' Service

A time to remember those loved ones.
An invitation to pause, pray and light a candle in their memory.

A thoughtful and gentle service of words and music, open to all.

**Sunday 19 October
at 6.30pm**

In the service, during a time of special prayer, we will mention any names given in before the service.

Everyone will be invited to light a candle in memory of their loved ones and leave it burning on the altar as a visible sign of remembrance.

St Paul's Church, Glegg Street, Macclesfield, SK11 7AJ

BOOK YOUR PLACE NOW!

Limited Places

£45 per person

WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

MONDAY, 1 DECEMBER
2.30pm - 4.30pm
@ St Paul's Parish Centre
Glegg Street, SK11 7AJ

Join us for a festive afternoon!

ROOF & REFURB APPEAL St Paul's Macclesfield

with **LEGACY FUNERAL CARE**

Join us for a joyful afternoon and create your very own beautiful Christmas wreath. Enjoy a 2 hour workshop with a local florist who will provide all the materials, including fresh greens, ribbons, and decorations.

Tickets include all materials, a glass of Prosecco or Mulled Wine, tea or coffee and a mince pie.

TICKETS AVAILABLE SOON

Funds raised for St Paul's Church. Charity Number: 1210861



WATCH US ONLINE

Please **SHARE the weekly email and links** to the online services with friends and family. WE ARE GROWING the number of online subscribers and the number of people watching our services online is really encouraging.

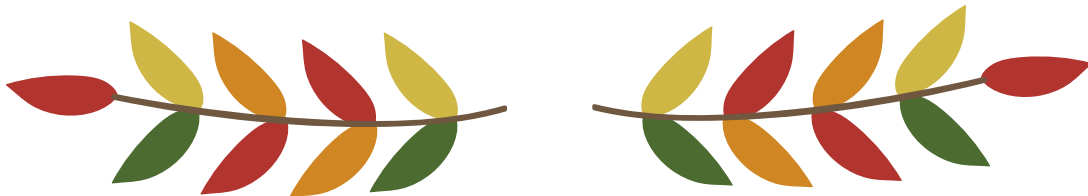
DON'T FORGET - please hit the LIKE  and SUBSCRIBE  **SUBSCRIBE** buttons, this gives us great feedback.

Life at St Paul's Video | youtube.com/LifeatStPauls

7 Sept: Parish Communion | youtube.com/7 September

14 Sept: All Age Service | youtube.com/14 September

If you are reading a digital version - click on the red links to go straight to the video

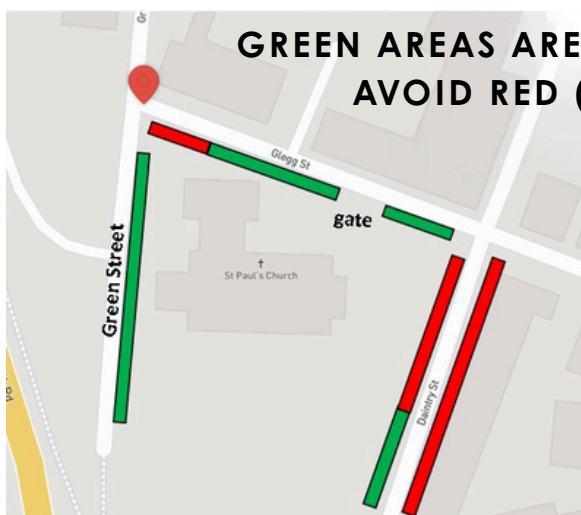


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CHURCH PORCH.
THANK YOU.

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See differently

PARKING AROUND CHURCH



**GREEN AREAS ARE PARKING FOR 2 HOURS
AVOID RED (RESIDENT) AREAS**



If you have a disabled parking badge (blue badge) you can park without any time limit in any of the bays and also park in the residents only bays too! You must display the badge.

Together @ The Table COMMUNITY MEAL (Free)

3rd Sunday of the month
Macclesfield Salvation Army
Roe Street
12:30pm Food @ 1pm
Please book on
07766 470802



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Living, Loving,
Serving, Sharing



Sat Oct 11th 1.15-2.45pm

with refreshments.

New members always welcome

For more info call Helen: 07979674572

8-WEEK

LIFE SKILLS Course

for people seeking employment

Come and join us
to learn more about—

- Searching for a job
- Writing your CV
- Upgrading your interview skills and much more

WHERE:
Hope Centre
16 - 18 Park Green
Macclesfield,
SK11 7NA
Tel. 01625 404384
E-mail: managerhopecentremacclesfield@gmail.com

WHEN:
14 Oct. 2025
Every Tuesday
Morning: 10:30am - 12:30pm
Afternoon: 1:30pm - 3:30pm



Our fantastic supportive team is looking forward to meeting you

The Hope Centre Community Hub

FRIENDSHIP, COLOURING & CRAFTS

Wednesdays
10:30am - 12pm

Free to attend when purchasing
from The Well Café.

Colouring supplies provided, or
bring your own!



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COMMUNITY PAGES

tinytalk

Baby Signing
Toddler Talking

East Cheshire

A new class
in our church
hall on a
Monday
during term
time.

Monday

St Paul's
Church,
Macclefield

BABIES
11:30-12:30



Wednesday

St Mary's
Church,
Handforth

BABIES
9:45-10:45

Suitable for babies from birth - 24 months

Join in the fun - book now!

melaniefairbrother@tinytalk.co.uk ☎ 07500068702

Why TinyTalk Baby Signing?

Do you want a calmer, less frustrated baby,
whilst also learning BSL signs?

- Support Early Communication - Make signing a natural part of life, whilst encouraging verbal communication as early as possible
- Social Skills - Encourage Independence, Sharing, & Turn-Taking
 - Early Learning - Colours, Numbers, Shapes & More!



Recommended by
CLASSIC FM



Music Café for people living with dementia

Come and join the fun!

Every Tuesday starting 16th
September, 2pm-3.30pm

• The Hope Centre,
Macclesfield, SK11 7NA

People with dementia and their
carers welcome - No musical
experience needed



"A little piece of heaven in our
week"

"We enjoy seeing mum
enjoying herself... we never
stop smiling"

"The sessions are full of
playfulness, laughter, tears..
they are so inclusive and so
much fun!"

- ◉ Free to attend
- ◉ Make new friends
- ◉ Improve wellbeing and mood
- ◉ Help people with dementia to communicate and express themselves

To attend this Music Café, or for more information on parking and accessibility, contact managerhopecentremacclesfield@gmail.com
07553566070



STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

Come and take a look around our
wonderful school!

9:30am

Friday 10th October 2025

&

Monday 10th November 2025



Email us at admin@pussbank.cheshire.sch.uk or give us a
call on 01625 917210 to book in.



MISSION MONDAYS

Come and join us for a free brew and toast!

Macclesfield Salvation Army, Roe Street

Mondays 9am - 11am

Everyone Welcome!

(Cheshire Street Wise Food Bank
Operates 10am - 11am)



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KEY CONTACTS AT ST PAULS

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St Paul's Parish Office: Glegg St, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK11 7AJ

01625 501773 | email: emma@stpaulsmacc.org

Charity Reg. Number: 1210861

Usual opening times: Mon, Tues & Thurs 9.30am-2.30pm, Fri 9.30am-1.30pm

WEBSITES - **A Church Near You:** <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/9984/>
or www.stpaulsmacc.org

You Tube Channel: search St Paul's Macclesfield in YouTube or click
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQMeK5BCanr78m6_FuA0yFQ

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