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JUNE 2026

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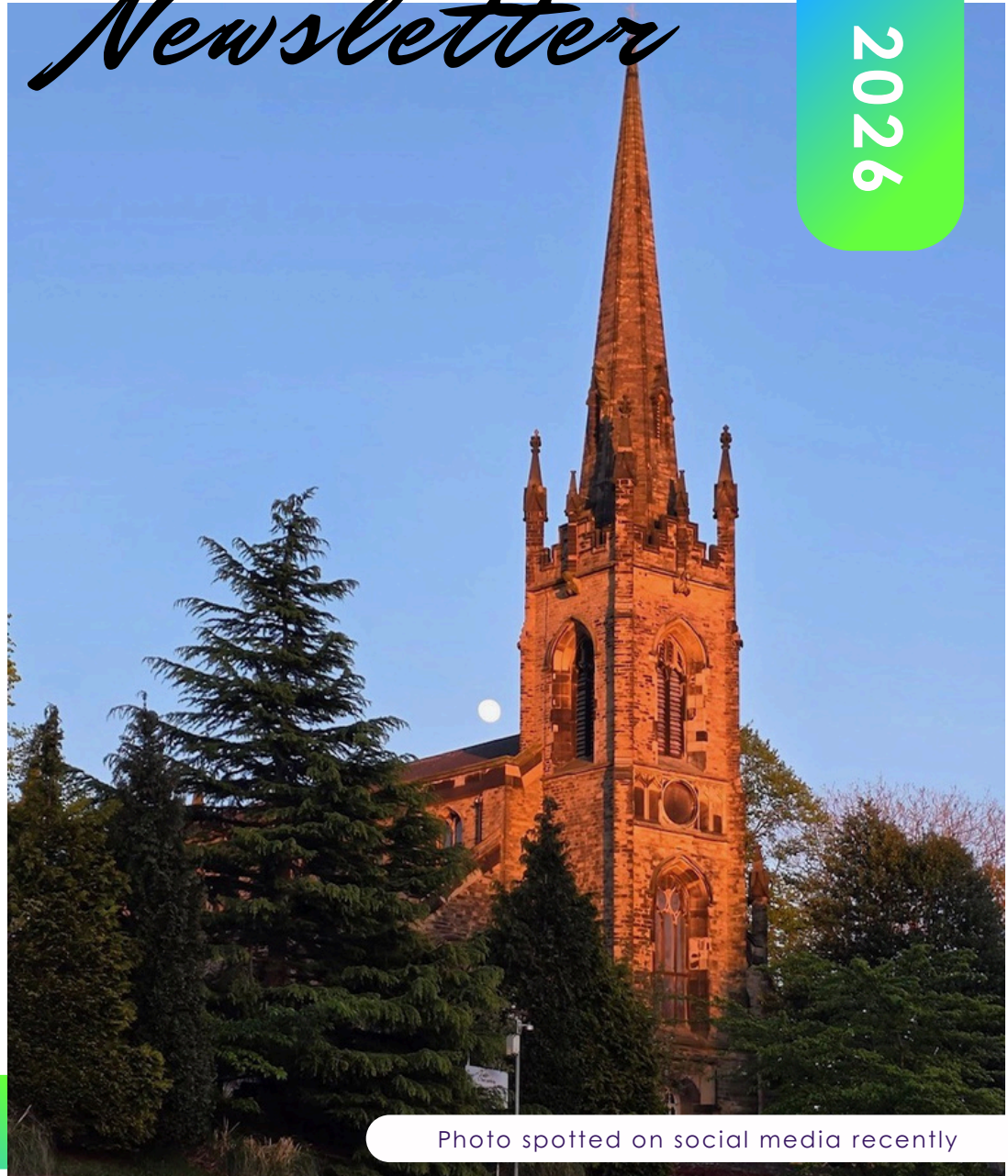


Photo spotted on social media recently



MACCLESFIELD DEANERY *Confirmation Service*

WITH THE BISHOP OF CHESTER, MARK TANNER

SUNDAY 14 JUNE, 4PM
AT ST PAUL'S CHURCH

With celebratory refreshments in the Parish Centre afterwards



PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

*Revd. Simon
Gowler*

As we move from the great festivals of Easter and Pentecost into the season the Church calls Ordinary Time, we begin with one of the most profound and mysterious celebrations of all: Trinity Sunday which falls on the 31st May. At first sight the title "Ordinary Time" can sound rather uninspiring, as though the Church has somehow stepped down from the heights of celebration into something less significant. Yet in truth, Ordinary Time is the season in which we learn to recognise the extraordinary presence of God in the ordinary rhythms of daily life.

The great feasts of the Christian year remind us of what God has done for us in the past: the incarnation of Christ at Christmas, his death and resurrection at Easter, and the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Ordinary Time, however, invites us to ask a different question: what is God doing amongst us now? How is the living God still shaping, calling, healing, and renewing his people today?

Trinity Sunday reminds us that God is not solitary but relational: Father, Son and Holy Spirit dwelling eternally in love. We are created in the image of this divine communion and therefore we discover life most fully, not in isolation, but in fellowship with God and with one another. The Church itself becomes a sign of that shared life across generations, drawing together past, present and future into the worship of God.

This year, as we reflect upon God's continuing work among us, we also have a special opportunity to look back with thanksgiving. On Sunday 28th June at 3pm we shall celebrate the 180th anniversary of Holy Trinity Church, Rainow.

We are delighted that Bishop Julie of Birkenhead will be our guest preacher for this special occasion, which will be followed by refreshments.

Remarkably, the service falls exactly to the day from when the very first service was held at Rainow Church 180 years earlier, on 28th June 1846.

Anniversaries such as this are far more than historical milestones. They remind us that generations before us prayed faithfully in that sacred place, brought children for baptism, gathered around the altar, mourned their dead, and entrusted their lives to God. The stones of our churches bear witness not merely to architecture or heritage, but to the enduring faithfulness of God through changing times. As we give thanks for the past, we also pray that Holy Trinity along with our other churches may continue to proclaim Christ to future generations with renewed faith and hope.

During the start of this season of Ordinary Time we shall also celebrate the annual Flower Sermons at St Paul's on 21st June. This much-loved tradition, which became especially popular during the Victorian period, continues to bring colour, music and public witness to our parish life. The procession around the parish, accompanied by a brass band and pausing for prayer before returning to St Paul's for the open-air service, is a joyful reminder that the Gospel belongs not only within church walls but within the whole community.



We are especially pleased that the children from Rainow will again join with many of the children from St Paul's parish for this celebration. Their presence reminds us that faith is always something handed on, nurtured, and shared afresh in every generation.

Then, later that same afternoon at 3pm, we continue a newer but already cherished tradition with the Big Sing at Jenkin Chapel, where we gather to sing favourite hymns together. Hymns have long carried the theology and devotion of ordinary Christians, giving voice to faith in moments of joy, sorrow, doubt and hope. To sing together is in itself an act of fellowship and praise, binding hearts and voices into one offering before God.

FLOWER SERMONS 2026



Come and join us for our **Annual Flower Sermons Parade**
Sunday 21st June
Parade leaves: 9:30am .
Short outdoor service at 10:30am.

Refreshments and games after the service. Please do come along and join the Parade which is Macclesfield's only surviving walk of witness and faith!



So, as we enter Ordinary Time, may we not think of it as "ordinary" in the everyday sense of the word, but as a season of attentive discipleship: a time to recognise God's grace at work in familiar places, ancient traditions, shared worship, and the life of our communities. The same God who acted in mighty ways throughout salvation history continues to move amongst us now — often quietly, faithfully, and in slowly transformative ways — in the ordinary moments of parish life.

With every blessing for this season of Ordinary time.

Yours in Christ,
Simon

CHURCHYARD TIDY



*Please come and help us make the church grounds look fabulous for our Flower Sermons!
Or are you free to serve drinks to the workers?*

Thursday 18 June
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Pizza, hotdogs and drinks provided!

GOOD LUCK



*To all those taking exams during this last term before the summer.
We send our good luck wishes and may God be with you at this time.*



CHURCHWARDENS
Matt & Nick

Well, it is another year of us two again as Churchwardens for you all following the APCM on 17th May. We say this often, it is an honour to be your churchwardens at such an exciting time of development for this church and this Parish.

We do stress that we know we don't always get it right, but decisions we make are always in the best interest of the church and its people, so that we can work towards that ultimate goal of St Paul's being a beacon in its community and the town of Macclesfield. If there is something you think we should know then please do tell us and don't assume we know. We would rather you tell us so we can do something about it.

We had a really wonderful and uplifting All Age Service in May when Danny Elliott, striker from Macclesfield FC, joined us to talk about football and faith. A good sized congregation heard about Danny's journey to faith which started in his teens and has grown and developed through his football and also allowed others to openly share their faith and also for some other to show an interest. It really was an inspirational talk and we hope younger members of our congregation took something away from that. We have thanked Danny for giving up his time to be with us and he said without hesitation that he would be definitely back to St Paul's!

We are coming up to one of our favourite parts of the Summer with the Flower Sermons, which is on Sunday 21st June. The parade will leave at 9:30am led by the Leek Scout Band and return for a short outdoor service at 10:30am. Please do encourage people to join us in the parade.

It is a great and important walk of witness and faith, and the only surviving one of its kind in Macclesfield. Let's show the Parish that St Paul's is alive and kicking and is there for everyone in our community and town.

With love,
Matt & Nick x

NEXT PCC MEETING

The next PCC (Parochial Church Council Meeting) will be on Tuesday 16 June, 7pm in the church porch.



If you have any items you wish the Council to discuss please talk to Vicar Simon, churchwardens, Gill (PCC secretary) or a member of the PCC (listed on the back page).

CONGRATULATIONS!

We would like to offer our Congratulations and blessings to Kate and Mark on their recent wedding at St Michael's in May.

Some of our choir members were able to join them and sing with St Michael's choir at this joyous event.



Every week in the Parish Centre

	Mornings	Afternoons	Evenings
Mondays	10am Chair Yoga 11.30am Baby Signing		5.30pm Yoga
Tuesdays			6.30pm Brownies 7.45pm Guides
Wednesdays	9.15am Pilates 11am Mid-week Service (see dates below)	1.30pm Knit and Natter	6.00pm Beavers 7.30pm Cubs
Thursdays		12.30pm Lunch Club (2 nd & 4 th Thurs of the month) 2.15pm Macc Afternoon Choir	6.00pm Rainbows
Fridays	10.00am Toddler Group		7.30pm Scouts
Saturdays	9.30am-12noon Breakfast Café		

JUNE

4 Thurs	7.00pm	Holy Communion Service	CORPUS CHRISTI
7 SUN	10.30am 3.00pm	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon Confirmation Group - 3rd session	1st SUN AFTER TRINITY
14 SUN	10.30am 4.00pm	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon~ CONFIRMATION SERVICE WITH BISHOP MARK (+Bishop of Chester)	2nd SUN AFTER TRINITY
17 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Holy Communion Service led by Revd Simon	
21 SUN	9.30am start 10.30am	Flower Sermons Parade around the Parish Outdoor All Age Service led by Churchwardens	3rd SUN AFTER TRINITY
28 SUN	10.30am	Family Communion led by Canon Veronica	ST PETER THE APOSTLE

JULY

1 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Morning Prayer Service led by Lay Minister Robert	
4 Sat	4.00pm	Hymns & Pimms (and Songs) Fundraising Event	
5 SUN	10.30am 4.00pm	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon FUN @ 4	5th SUN AFTER TRINITY
12 SUN	10.30am	All Age Worship with Pet Blessing Service	6th SUN AFTER TRINITY



LAY MINISTER
Fran Hiles

My Dad was an only child, so my sister and I grew up without aunts and uncles, but in a way, we did have 'aunts and uncles', three sets in fact who were my Dad's closest friends. They were Bob and Hilda, John and Joan, and Stewart and Jean. Uncle Bob was Dad's closest friend, but unfortunately, we didn't see much of him as he lived all over the country including the Channel Islands but sadly, we never visited him there.

His actual Christian name was Norman, which caused problems when he met Hilda, as his friends called him either Bob or Martin. Hilda asked him when they had been out a few times, 'what is your actual name, Bob or Martin', neither he said its Norman. She was the only person who called him Norman from then on. The reason for the confusion, his surname was Martin, so some friends called him that, but Bob was the nickname he was given at school by my Dad, after Bob Martins dog tablets. To my sister and me he was always Uncle Bob.



All of the friends loved football, but living on the edge of Manchester caused a slight problem, John and Joan were avid Man United fans, Dad, Stewart and Jean were avid Man City supporters so as long as they didn't

talk about football they all got on really well, and they were a constant during my life.

Every New Year's Eve Stewart and Jean held a party, and it was a great thrill the year my sister and myself were considered old enough to go. Silly games were played during the evening, and we got to stay up till after midnight to see the New Year in.

It was at this party that I first learnt the tradition of 'first footing'. John who was of Italian descent was the one to be the 'first footer' as it had to be a tall dark-haired person who brought in the coal and the bread, to bring good luck on the house for the coming year.

I understood about the coal and the bread, but I never understood why it had to be someone tall, dark and technically a stranger!! Those parties I attended for many years, and I even introduced Peter to them. I loved those 'Aunt's and Uncles' and I was honoured when Stewart died, to take part in his funeral to do his eulogy. Dad's friends were important to him as they were to me and my sister, their love and friendship helped my sister and I to grow into the women we are today.

Today my own children have never had such a close friendship with my friends as I did with Dads, but even so my friends are important to me, even if some of them I don't see very often I have a poster on the wall made up of 5 pictures of my dearest friends, two who are sadly no longer with us, of the remaining three, one lives in Droitwich, one lives in Blackpool and the other I am glad to say lives just round the corner, and is my swimming and coffee partner so to speak. I love them all very much, but they are all different. One I rely on a lot, the other two sort of rely on me. One I see most weeks, the other two I am lucky if I see once a year so thank goodness for WhatsApp.



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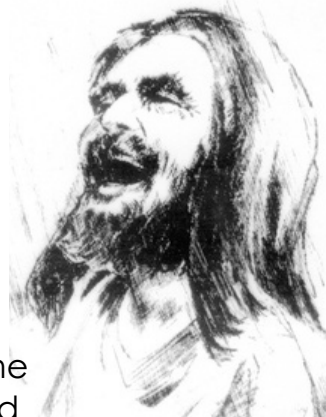
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Friends are important whether we see them all the time or only now and then. As I was writing this it did make me think of Jesus and his friends, not just the disciples, but also the likes of Martha, Mary & Lazarus, and others we read about in the Bible.

Even though we aren't told much about his time just chilling out with them, or as we say today going for a coffee or a pint with them, I am sure he must have had some great times sharing things with them.

Some years ago, i was given a set of pictures of Jesus, called 'The Christ we Share' these were from different countries of the world depicting how they saw Jesus depending on their tradition. One i have always liked is called 'The Laughing Jesus'. The first time I saw it I was blown away as Jesus always seems to be shown as quite serious and I don't remember ever reading in the bible Jesus laughing, weeping yes, laughing no, but I am sure he must as he was fully human and laughter is part of being human. I like to think this is how he was many times sharing fun and laughter as well as tears and sorrow with his friends, just as my Dad did with his friends and I do with mine.

Jesus was fully human as well as fully Divine, but as a human one of the greatest things we can share with our friends is love and laughter.



Now what was the name of that game we played at new year, ah yes 'Flip the Kipper'!!!
Love,
Fran x

WELL DONE MATT 7



Congratulations Matthew Ottley on a fine London Marathon run and finish time of 3 hours and 50 minutes!

BOOK EXCHANGE STALL

Our book table in the hall is really popular and a good income generator for our funds.

We appreciate donations of books for all ages - including children's books. Please can we ask that books are in good condition.

Also could we ask that if you bring books and the two baskets are full on the table, 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.



Please let us have any info or news for our **JULY/AUG (double) ISSUE by 17 June.**
To the Parish Office or emma@stpaulsmacc.org

Fun was had by all at our recent 'Night at the dogs' event which was raising money for our roof appeal. Thank you to Nick and Emma for organising and hosting and to the kitchen team for the wonderful pie and mash! Here are a few pictures of a great event.



FUNDRAISING EVENTS COMING UP



Hymns & Pimms (and Songs!)



Saturday 4 July 4-6pm

Suggested minimum donation of £5 per person
Pimms, Non-alcoholic drinks and nibbles

Choose your favourite hymn/song and come along for a sing song!

St Paul's Parish Centre | Glegg Street | SK11 7AJ

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X: [@StPaulsMacc](https://twitter.com/StPaulsMacc) | You Tube: search St Paul's Macclesfield

Beetle Drive 17 October | 6pm

Christmas Fair 28 November | 10.30am-12.30pm



The roof appeal
fund total is:
£53,910.95
(end March 2026)

'First phase' of the project:

- 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

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.

The first part of the feasibility study will have begun on 30th April with a full measured digital survey of the building and topography survey of the churchyard. This will feed into the start of pulling more major plans together.

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.

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



It is important, that as stakeholders in the project, you know what is being done and when so that you can see the project is moving behind the scenes.

We are a long way off seeing physical progress at this point.

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REFURB PLANS QUESTIONS EXERCISE

As part of the ongoing studies and information gathering for the roof and refurb appeal, the PCC have been asked to write their responses to 3 specific questions in relation to the project.

We would now like to open this up to the congregation and wider community to consider and to share their thoughts. The 3 questions are:

- WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO THE CHURCH NOW?
- WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO CONSIDER DURING THE PROJECT PLANNING AND WORK?
- WHAT DO YOU WANT OR EXPECT TO SEE FROM THE PROJECT FOR ST PAUL'S

These are important questions and will be analysed by the Architects in final project design and planning. What we have to remember is the work that we are planning to undertake is securing the future of the church for future generations to come.

You can email your responses to churchwarden Matt: mattcoope@hotmail.com
Or you can ask for a printed sheet from the office for completion.

If you wish to contribute towards this important information gathering exercise, please do so by 30th June latest.

ROOF APPEAL GIVING

Here is the link to donate online for the roof appeal: [Roof Appeal Campaign](#)

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 (email: emma@stpaulsmacc.org or tel: 01625 501773).

Thank you for your support.



You can also donate by scanning the QR code

A quieter time for the buildings recently. We have installed a CCTV camera in the corridor of the Parish Centre facing the entrance door. This is for safeguarding reasons in light of some recent anti-social behaviour in the churchyard. We have been working with relevant agencies with regard to the anti social behaviour and we are pleased to observe that the issues have quietened off quite substantially.

We are arranging to meet the council soon for discussions over the maintenance of the church grounds. We are not happy with how they looking after them, it falls way below our expectation and standard.

We are also arranging for the Diocese to come and install some discreet sensors in the church to monitor humidity and temperature. This will help us with understanding how the building 'breathes' and can feed into the refurbishment plans. It is also a pilot study for the Diocese so we are pleased to help out!

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.



GIVING TO ST PAULS

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 (like this one) 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!!

12 WHAT'S ON IN THE RAINOW PARISH

Every Tues	10.00am	Cosy Cuppa	
Every Wed	12.30pm	Light in the Forest	(Forest Chapel)
Thurs 4	11.30am	Holy Communion with a Bring and Share lunch in the centre	
SUN 7	10.00am	Holy Communion & Junior Church	
	3.00pm	BCP Evensong	(Forest Chapel)
Sat 13	6.00pm	Rural Life Exhibition BCP Evensong	
SUN 14	10.00am	Holy Communion with Baptism & Junior Church	
SUN 21	10.00am	Holy Communion	
	3.00pm	THE BIG SING	(Jenkin Chapel)
SUN 28	10.00am	Holy Communion & Junior Church	
	4.00pm	Special 180th Service with Bishop Julie	

July

Thurs 2	11.30am	Holy Communion with a Bring and Share lunch in the centre	
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RAINOW CHURCH FETE

THEME: Occupations

SCARECROW FORTNIGHT
4th July - 19th July

12.30pm

Adults £2.00

Under 16 free



PROCEEDS:
JUST DROP IN, THE CHRISTIE,
RAINOW VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS &
RAINOW CHURCH EQUIPMENT



KERRIDGE CLIMB, BBQ,
TUG OF WAR, TRAIN,
DOG SHOW, GAMES,
DUCK RACE,
& MUCH MORE

Sat 11th July

LATE AT THE FETE
MUSIC,
DANCING,
FOOD, BAR
7pm til Midnight
Adults £5.00
Under 16 free

You're invited
to join us for our:



180th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

of Holy Trinity Church, Rainow

A Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration
will take place on

Sunday 28 June 2026 at 3pm
at Holy Trinity Church, Rainow

We are especially honoured that
The Right Reverend Julie Conalty,
Bishop of Birkenhead,
will be our guest preacher for this historic service.

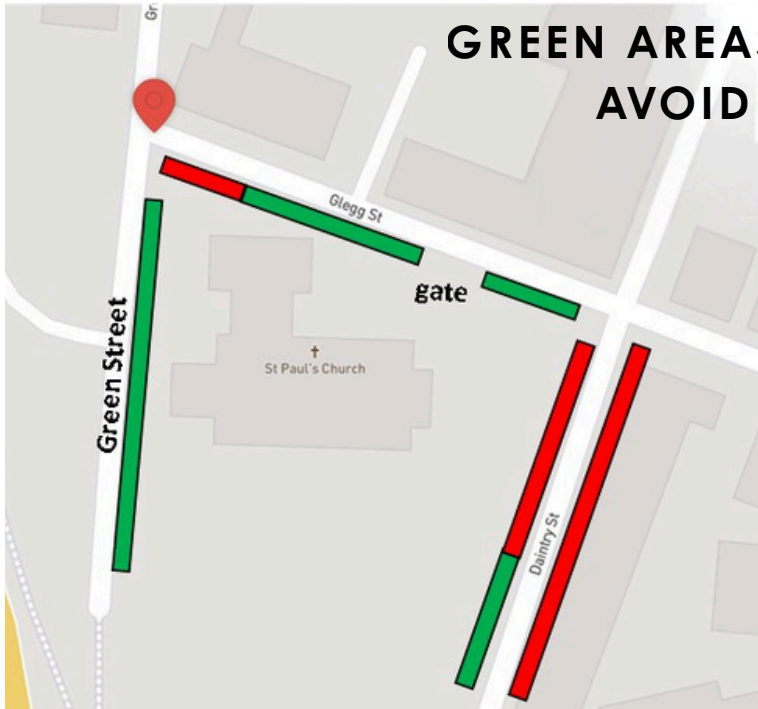
Following the service, light refreshments will be served in the Church Centre, providing an opportunity for fellowship and shared celebration.

The Revd Simon Gowler Vicar

Holy Trinity Rainow with Saltersford and Forest

The Vicarage, Pedley Hill, Rainow, Macclesfield SK10 5TZ revdsimongowler@gmail.com 01625 572013

**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.

Please if at all possible, do not park on the grass areas within the church grounds.

FUN@4

Fun@4 relaunched with great success recently with the story of creation. Thank you to everyone involved in getting this important event back up and running.

FOOD
ACTIVITIES
GAMES
STORY
FUN

You're invited to:

FUN @4

4PM - 5.30PM
SUNDAY
5-JULY

St Paul's Parish Centre
Glegg Street | SK11 7AJ
For more info follow us on:
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X: @StPaulsMacc
You Tube: search St Paul's Macclesfield



BAPTISM

24 May Ada-Rae Duff

"As the waters of baptism are poured over your soul, may the light of Christ always guide your path and fill your heart with joy."



SATURDAY BREAKFAST

We would like to thank all the volunteers who give their time and talents to this wonderful outreach.

Special thanks to Anne and David Furphy for co-ordinating it all.

Our Saturday Café is a designated 'Warm Space' and registered with Cheshire East Council. Everyone is welcome to attend this vital and well established community asset.

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 the Lead Volunteer and Co-ordinator. Phone or text on 07887 931574.

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WARM PLACES Keeping Cheshire East warm

PLACES OF WELCOME

livewell Cheshire East

Everyone is welcome to attend this vital and well established community asset.

Silk
MUSEUM

YOU ARE INVITED

to join us at a special launch event of the **Community FC!** photography exhibition. A celebration of football in Macclesfield.

The Silk Museum
Thursday 18 June, 6pm - 7:30pm

Please RSVP to Natalie at
education@silkmaccesfield.org.uk

COMMUNITY FC!



We are led to believe that some of St Paul's pictures of celebrating Macclesfield FC's famous cup victory and Danny Elliott's recent visit will feature!

CHURCHYARD BINS

Please can you help keep waste in the bins by the Garden of Remembrance to a minimum by taking home any waste or dead flowers that you have.

We rely on the churchwardens taking home the waste bags to put in their own bins and this is not always possible if their own bins are full. If you could help by taking a bag of rubbish at some point please do let Matt or Nick know.

JULY ALL AGE WORSHIP

July's All Age Worship will take on a different avenue!

As part of the service, we are inviting everyone with pets, big and small, to come along with their pets for a lovely service as we give thanks to God for 'All Creatures great and small'.

This is the first time St Paul's will have hosted such a service, so as our saying goes, 'expect the unexpected!'

Do encourage friends and family to come along.



MAY ALL AGE WORSHIP 15

It was pleasure and a joy to welcome Macclesfield FC's Danny Elliott to our All Age Service in May to talk about football and faith.

We look forward to welcoming Danny back to St Paul's soon and we also wish him and his fiancé Abi, all the best for their forthcoming wedding.



Message to Danny:

Huge thanks again Danny for coming along. Excellent feedback received from many people who were taken by your faith journey. Hope your week at St George's park goes well and every blessing for your forthcoming wedding. We look forward to welcoming you both anytime. Matt & Nick.

Reply:

Hi guys thanks very much! Excellent photos. Thank you very much for having us and making us feel so welcome. We both thoroughly enjoyed it and will definitely be back!

One Project
♻️
macclesfield



WE ARE COLLECTING USED STAMPS FOR ONE PROJECT MACCLESFIELD
PLEASE BRING THEM TO CHURCH (CUT OUT WITH A 1CM BORDER)
THERE IS A PLASTIC COLLECTION BOX IN THE CHURCH PORCH. THANK YOU.



April's Family Communion had us looking for the sheep around the church and keeping all of them safe so none escaped!



Please **SHARE** the weekly email and links to the online services with friends and family.

WE ARE GROWING ONLINE TOO!
The number of subscribers and people watching our services online is really encouraging.

JUST SEARCH FOR ST PAUL'S CHURCH IN YOUTUBE AND YOU'LL SEE THE LATEST SERVICES IN THE 'VIDEOS' SECTION

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

10 May | 6th Sunday of Easter:
All Age Worship with special guest, Macclesfield FC's Danny Elliot
Click here to watch

17 May | 7th Sunday of Easter (after Ascension):
Parish Communion
Click here to watch

*If you are reading a digital version of the newsletter click on the **bold** links to go straight to the video.*



NEW TASTER SESSION
FREE FOOD AND DRINK

JC. CREW

YOUTH CLUB

FOR 10 - 16 YEAR OLDS

FREE ENTRY



INDOOR GAMES . TEAM CHALLENGES . MUCH MORE

SATURDAY, 13 JUNE

2.30PM - 4.30PM

THE SALVATION ARMY, SK11 6UT
(USE ENTRANCE OPPOSITE CHURCHILL WAY CAR PARK)

TO RESERVE A PLACE/MORE INFO CONTACT:
HAZEL - 01625 425343
HELEN - 0797 967 4572

AMPLIFIED

7/6/2026 HTH CHURCH 6:00 - 7:30 PM

PLUS SILENT DISCO UNTIL 8:30 PM

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MACCLESFIELD

The u3a is for people who want to keep active in mind and body, enjoy socialising, and are no longer in full time employment.

We provide around 45 popular interest groups. You will find arts and crafts, languages, literature, walking, music, card and board games, social activities, discussions, and more.

Groups meet in various venues ranging from member's homes to local halls/rooms and are informal and friendly.

Members may join any group, provided that the group has places available.

Non members may enjoy a total of two taster sessions for free. To continue, they must then join the Macclesfield U3A.

Macclesfield u3a can also be contacted by phone - 0300 102 4507

www.maccu3a.uk

TUES

CREATIVE CARD MAKING

10:00AM - 12:00PM

TUES

DEMENTIA MUSIC CAFE

2:00PM - 3:30PM

WED

COLOURING AND CRAFT

11:00am - 12:30pm

FRI

GAMES GROUP

10:30am - 12:00pm

FRI

KNITTING FOR CHARITY

10:00AM - 12:00PM

FRI

CHATTY CAFE

2:00pm - 3:30pm

WHAT'S ON

For more details and updates, please visit our website or follow us on social media.

www.hopecentremacclesfield.co.uk

The Hope Centre

thehopecentre_macclesfield

One Project Ukraine



Supporting Ukrainians in the community, Poland and in Ukraine

Do you have any old bandages, pads, wipes, old medical equipment, which can't be returned. Clothes, bedding, towels, non-perishable food, toiletries etc.

If so, please bring them to church and pass on to David Furphy who will arrange for these to go to One Project Macclesfield, the charity supporting Ukraine. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR READING!

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