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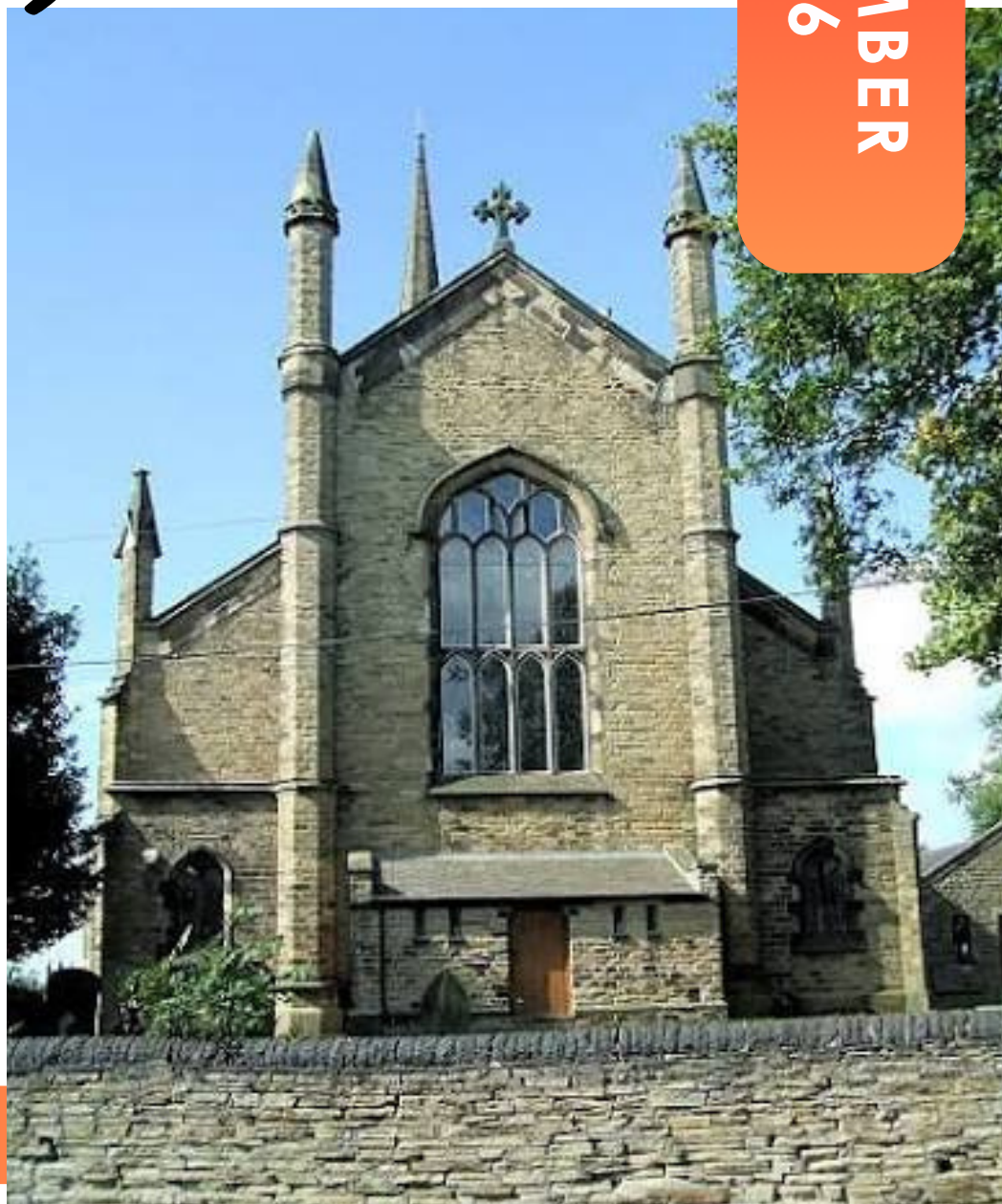
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HARVEST DATE

This year's Harvest Service will take place on
Sunday 11th October at 10:30am.
As usual, our Uniformed Groups will be joining
us for the celebration.

Donations of non perishable items such as
tins, pasta and toiletries would be most
grateful for distribution to those in need in
the Parish and wider community.



2 REVEREND'S REFLECTIONS

Rev. Simon Gowler

Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith." [Hebrews 12:1-2]

September often feels like the true beginning of the year. The holidays are over schools return, diaries begin to fill once more, and many of the activities that pause over the summer start up again. It is a season of renewed purpose and fresh opportunities.

The writer to the Hebrews encourages us to "run with perseverance the race that is set before us." The Christian life was never meant to be a sprint. It is a journey of faith, with seasons of excitement and seasons of challenge, times of celebration and times of patient waiting. Through them all, we are encouraged to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, trusting that he walks with us every step of the way.

As a church, September is also a time when we look forward with renewed energy to all that lies ahead. One of the joys this autumn is the return of Fun@4, our informal worship for children and families. Before the pandemic it became a much-loved part of the life of St Paul's, and we are delighted to be reintroducing it as a regular monthly gathering.

Our first Fun@4 will take place on Sunday 13 September at 4.00p.m. There will be stories, songs, activities, crafts, refreshments and a chance for children and adults alike to explore the Christian faith together in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere. Whether you are a regular churchgoer or have never crossed the threshold before, everyone will be warmly welcome. If you know a young family, a grandchild, neighbour or friend who may enjoy coming along, why not encourage them to join us?

Looking further ahead, this autumn will also see important progress in our plans for the future of St Paul's itself. Many of you will know that we have been working towards the significant task of reroofing and refurbishing our beautiful church building. Such projects inevitably take time and careful planning, but we are now moving into an exciting new stage. We hope that before too long we will be able to share more detailed proposals with the congregation and the wider community.

These plans are about far more than bricks, slates and stonework. We are seeking to care faithfully for a building that has stood at the heart of Macclesfield for generations, while ensuring that it can continue to serve the town for many years to come. Our prayer is that St Paul's will remain not only a place of architectural beauty, but above all a living church where people encounter the love of God, discover faith in Jesus Christ and find a welcoming Christian community.

As we begin this new season together, let us continue to pray for one another, encourage one another, and look forward with confidence. Whatever opportunities or challenges this autumn may bring, we can be sure that God is already ahead of us, calling us onwards in faith.

With every blessing, Simon



VICAR'S LETTER – SEPTEMBER ST PAUL'S, MACCLESFIELD



FUN@4 IS BACK!

Our monthly messy church for children and families returns on Sunday 13th September at 4.00 pm. Stories, songs, crafts, refreshments and fun for all – everyone welcome!



LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

As we go into the autumn we are moving ahead with our plans for reroofing and refurbishing the church and hope to have more detailed proposals to share with the congregation soon.



Following on from the Wilmslow Half Marathon in May this year, I have set myself another local challenge, to run the Congleton Half Marathon course on 6th October. This is a rural course with a 'sting in the tail' towards the finish line !!

Several people have already expressed a desire to sponsor me, in support of the refurbishment appeal, as you did for the Manchester Half Marathon last year. If you would like to offer your financial support via the card machine or envelopes in the white box at the back of Church, it will give me further encouragement, as I continue my training. As always my thanks to you all, it really is appreciated.
Ann Harris



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1210861

BEETLE DRIVE & Supper

Fundraising Event

A FUN, FAMILY-FRIENDLY EVENING
OF GAMES, LAUGHTER & COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

TICKET PRICE/DONATION TO BE CONFIRMED SOON

**Sat
17 October**

St Paul's Parish Centre

6.00pm doors open

6.15pm start

★ FUN BEETLE DRIVE GAMES

★ RAFFLE & GREAT PRIZES

★ HARVEST SUPPER

★ BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS

Please book for catering purposes: sign up on the list at church,
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4 WARDEN'S WARBLINGS



CHURCHWARDENS
Matt & Nick

We hope that you have all enjoyed the summer holidays, and if you have been away we hope that you were blessed by the beautiful summer weather that we have experienced for long periods. We have both enjoyed respective time away and also time as friends down at the caravan in Wales. There's a saying that goes 'The best things in life are the people we love, the places we've been and the memories we've made along the way'.

We hope that you enjoyed the lookback on the last year at St Paul's during August All Age Worship. It's not until you step back and take stock of everything, looking through hundreds and hundreds of photos, do you realise just what amazing things go on here at St Paul's. If you haven't seen the video yet, then do have a look at it on our youtube channel.

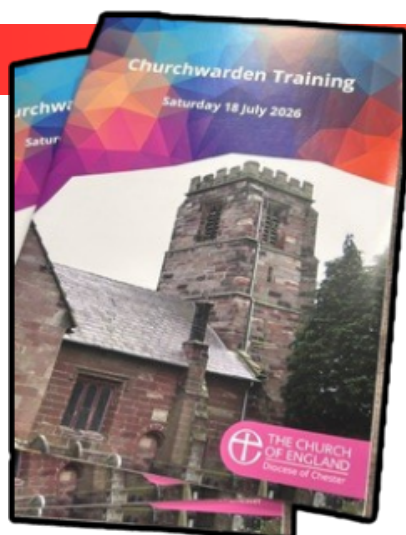
September sees us enter the final months of the year as we make plans for Harvest, Remembrance, and yes, Advent and Christmas! We also look forward to meeting the architect along with the PCC for discussions about the roof project and a real pivotal moment as we make steps to moving this forward and it becoming a reality. A VERY exciting point in the history of St Paul's.

We have a truly unique place here at St Paul's. A place that is steeped in 182 years of love, dedications, fellowship and spirituality and has another 182 year to give! YOU are all part of this story in some way. The stories that have gone before and the stories that are yet to come.

Let's just think about the prayer we used to reflect on the last 12 months at St Paul's and the exciting future ahead:

Lord, you call us to shine like stars in the world, to shed light like a lamp set up on a lampstand. Help us, and all your church to fulfil at least a little of that calling, through our words, our actions, our living, our loving, our serving and growing together with God. Amen.

With love, Matt & Nick. x



WARDEN TRAINING

Following an invitation from the Archdeacon of Macclesfield, churchwarden Matt recently ventured over to Church House to talk to the newest batch of churchwardens.

Interviewed by our Assistant Archdeacon Lesley Currie, Matt offered words of advice and encouragement as roles are taken up and to share knowledge and skills to help them along their way.

*Every week in the
Parish Centre*

Mornings

Afternoons

Evenings

Mondays	★ 10am Chair Yoga ★ 11.30am Baby Signing		5.30pm Yoga
Tuesdays	★ 10am Postnatal Yoga	NEW starting 8 Sept	★ 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		

★ = Term Time Only

SEPTEMBER

2 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Morning Prayer Service led by Revd Simon	
6 SUN	10.30am	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon	14th SUN AFTER TRINITY
13 SUN	10.30am	All Age Worship with Wardens Matt & Nick	15th SUN AFTER TRINITY
16 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Holy Communion led by Revd Simon	
20 SUN	10.30am	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon	16th SUN AFTER TRINITY
27 SUN	10.30am	Family Communion led by Archdeacon Jane and Bev	17th SUN AFTER TRINITY

OCTOBER

4 SUN	10.30am	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon	18th SUN AFTER TRINITY
7 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Morning Prayer Service	
11 SUN	10.30am	All Age Worship with Wardens Matt & Nick Uniformed Group Parade	HARVEST FESTIVAL
18 SUN	10.30am	Parish Communion led by Revd Simon	ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST
21 Wed	11.00am	Mid-week Holy Communion led by Revd Simon	
23 SUN	10.30am	Family Communion led by Canon Veronica and Bev	21st SUN AFTER TRINITY



Next year Peter and I will have lived in our house for fifty years. During that time, we have filled every room with 'prized' possessions. There are eighteen 'pictures' on the walls in our living/dining room. Ten ornaments, two plants and a calendar on our two windowsills, six ornaments, one clock and two small vases with flowers in on our mantelpiece, six ornaments a candle, stand and snuffer in the hearth, along with a vase of flowers, and the fire guard.



Most of the walls have furniture leaning against them. We also have two bookcases, one full of books, the other full of CD's, and before any of you younger ones, say anything, our sons have been trying for ages to get us to get rid of the CD's and put the music on some fancy device but I'm afraid we are Luddites where certain things are concerned. But I think our living room is 'cosy'.

We do enjoy watching house renovation programmes, but I always get cross when the houses are made open plan, I love cosy sitting rooms, and a separate kitchen, but no one dares enter the kitchen when I am cooking!!

The hall stairs landing and bedrooms also have many pictures on the walls. We also have a built-on garage and a walk-in cellar, both full of things, the cellar mainly gardening equipment.

At the top of the house is the loft which was made into a playroom many years ago when our sons were young, but is now my craft & sewing room, which contains to many things to mention. But if you are not sure where to find something, try the loft, but don't you dare mess with my cuddly toys. The one thing that you would defiantly say about us is that we are not minimalists.

Every now and then we do have a clear out, but like many people getting rid of things, especially if they have sentimental value, or they were presents from friends or family is not easy, so from time to time we do take things to the charity shop, or take some of our books to the NT book shops, but I do find it especially hard to give my books away, and most of the books are mine.



For someone who struggled with reading as a young child, I love books. My sister has never understood how I can have more than one book on the go at one time, but I quite often do, At the time of writing, I had a couple of books on the go, both detective novels, one gentler than the other, because I do like a grisly murder, not sure what that's saying about me.

Home is my sanctuary, my safe place, my haven.

Th only problem with having so much stuff is when we have 'lost' something.

If it's a kitchen item, there is usually no problem I know where everything is kept, Peter is not so sure, when he puts items away after washing up, if they are left on the side, I know he doesn't know where they go. If it's anything else, then good luck finding it!

This does remind me of the story of the lost coin as we call it. The women who had lost it, spent all day cleaning the house looking for it, until she found it, well it, recently it took me a week to find something, and then it was by good luck more than good fortune that it was found.

Jesus told great stories, because stories pull us in, and we listen and if we listen, then hopefully we will learn. I was a child when I started reading the stories of Jesus, mainly from ladybird books, because, they had a picture on every other page, often skipping the words and 'reading' the pictures.

Many years later I am still reading the pictures, so to speak, I don't think Jesus minds that. Many times, he told us about God in stories, picturing something helps us understand, and when I look around my house at all the pictures, I see the beauty of the world God created, and am thankful, and hopefully learn about our wonderful world and wonderful Lord and Saviour. Now where did I leave my knitting!!

Fran

NEXT PCC MEETING

The next full PCC (Parochial Church Council) Meeting will be on Tuesday 8 September, 7pm in church.



If you have any items you wish the Council to discuss please talk to Vicar Simon, Gill (PCC secretary), churchwardens or a member of the PCC (listed on the back page) by Sun 6 Sept.

SAMARITANS FUNDRAISING



Matthew Ottley is running the Great North Run on 13 Sept for Samaritans.

He's also doing a guess the name of the dog raffle to raise money. It is £5 per name with the chance for the winner to win a £100 voucher of their choice.

Please see Matthew on a Sunday morning or email him on mattottley97@outlook.com



CONGRATULATIONS! 7



Congratulations to all on recent A Level and GCSE results. We wish everyone the best of luck in their future studies.

A special congratulations to our very own Heather and Marina.



Marina received a fine set of A Level results and is off university in Sheffield.

Heather completed the Technical Qualification (T Level) in Agriculture Land Management and Production and is now working on 2 local farms as a Dairy Farmer.

We wish you both all the luck and blessings for the start of this new chapter and look forward to hearing how you are getting on.

BOOK EXCHANGE STALL

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

Could we ask that if you bring (good condition) books and the two baskets are full on the table, please take them back home with you for another time rather than pile them on the baskets or leave them underneath.

Thank you for your help and support with this.



Please let us have any info or news for our **OCTOBER ISSUE by 13 Sept.**
To the Parish Office or emma@stpaulsmacc.org

8 RUSHBEARING SERVICE

A lovely afternoon at Forest Chapel as members of St Paul's were out in force to attend the annual Rushbearing Service at Forest Chapel.



BUILDINGS UPDATE

A quieter time for the buildings recently. It will be interesting to see the impact of the hot dry weather on the building when we finally have some rain!

We had a very positive meeting with local residents and relevant agencies with regard to the anti social behaviour in the churchyard. There was lots of discussion and general consensus that the issues have to be rectified for the safety of the community and everyone that accesses the church grounds. A monitoring period is in place and a review meeting will be held mid September.

We are still to arrange to meet the council soon for discussions over the maintenance of the church grounds. We are not happy with how they are looking after them, it falls way below our expectation and standard. Councillor Mick Warren is going to support us with this and meet with us on site with the council.

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

Huge thanks to John Anderson for the wonderful work on sanding down and re-varnishing the centre doors. They look so much better and helps keep them in good condition. We are going to look to see whether we can do some remedial work on some of the external church doors to help them over the winter.

We will soon be in receipt of some new audio visual equipment for the Parish Centre and we look forward to this being installed and enhancing what we can offer. We have also done some refreshing of paintwork in the centre by cleaning it down and also giving the floor a clean with specialist wooden floor maintainer. We still do need to consider a wider refresh of décor in the centre.

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





The roof appeal
fund total is:
£57,284.00
(end August 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

A full measured survey has been completed and the architects have utilised this detail to begin to look at what could be achieved. A fee of approximately £3,000 has been paid from the roof fund to cover this as it is an important stage of the project.

By the time you read the newsletter, the PCC will have met with the architects (on 01.09.26) for a presentation around the project and they will have some idea of the scale of the project. We will feed back to you what we can from the meeting so you understand where we are up to.

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 ALL as a church community to safeguard our building for the next generation and to make it a beacon of light in our local community!

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.

Matt & Nick

Here's what the architects have to say:

Buttress Architects have been working with St Paul's to explore an exciting and vibrant vision for the future of the church: one that strengthens its resilience, supports worship, and helps the building continue to sit at the heart of its community.

A key focus of the project will be addressing the condition of the roof and ensuring the building fabric is safe, secure and sustainable for the future. However, this is also much more than a repair project. It is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to think carefully and creatively about how St Paul's can best serve its congregation, its community and future generations.

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Over recent months, we have spent time listening to the congregation and wider community through consultation. This has been a really important part of the process and has helped shape the emerging direction for the project. Thank you to everyone who has contributed their thoughts, hopes and ideas so far.



The recently completed Quinquennial Inspection has helped us to better understand the condition of the church building, the priorities for repair, and the likely costs associated with caring for the fabric in the years ahead.

A full measured survey has now been completed, allowing the architects to create a detailed model of the church. This gives us a strong foundation from which to explore a number of feasibility options, looking at how St Paul's might be reimagined for worship, community use and long-term resilience.

Nothing is fixed at this stage. The purpose of the feasibility study is to explore ideas, test what may be possible, and help the church make informed decisions about the best way forward.

We look forward to keeping the church community updated as the work develops, with further news and progress shared in forthcoming parish newsletters.

Ed Kepczyk, Director, Buttress Architects.

REFURB PLANS QUESTIONS EXERCISE

Thank you to everyone who took the time to offer their thoughts on the project by answering the three questions.

All the responses have been compiled and forwarded to the architects for consideration in the initial thinking of the project as a whole.

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 here.



BAPTISM

26 July Toby Leo Nicholls

"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."



BURIAL OF ASHES

7 June Carol Davies



May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

FUNDRAISING EVENTS COMING UP

Christmas Fair 28 November | 10.30am-12.30pm

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!!

Every Tues	10.00am	Cosy Cuppa	
Every Wed	12.30pm	Light in the Forest	(Forest Chapel)

September

Thurs	3	11.30am 1.30pm	Holy Communion with a Bring and Share lunch in the centre Jolly Tots	
SUN	6	10.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion & Junior Church Parish Evensong	(Forest Chapel)
SUN	13	10.00am	Parish Communion & Junior Church	
FRI	18	7.30pm	Mothers' Union Pudding Party	
SUN	20	10.00am 3.00pm	All Age Service Harvest Festival	(Jenkin Chapel)
SUN	27	10.00am	Civic Service , followed by light refreshments in Rainow School	

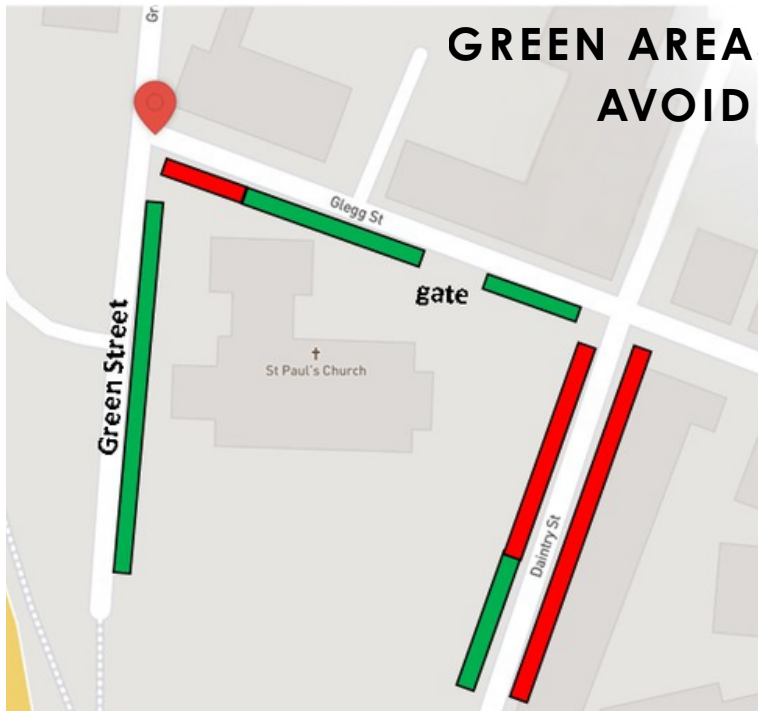
October

SUN	4	10.00am 3.00pm	Parish Communion & Junior Church Harvest Festival	(Forest Chapel)
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RAINOW FETE

It was great to help out at Rainow Fete back in July on yet another sunny and hot day. Although appearing a little quieter than the previous year, a great time was had by all.





**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.

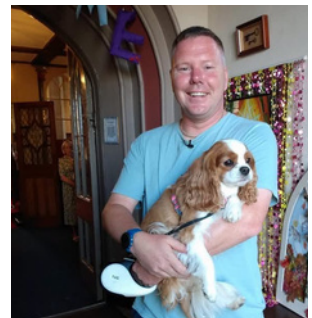
Please if at all possible, do not park on the grass areas within the church grounds.

ALL AGE WORSHIP PET SERVICE

We held our first ever Pet Blessing Service in July and it was a great success! 10 dogs and their families as well as various cuddly toys!



Bev, along with Scruffy delivered an excellent sermon for us too. We can't wait to organise another one.



14 CHRISTMAS FAIR DONATIONS

We know it is not yet time to mention Christmas Fair, but already things are being left in the back pew!

Please, please check with the Wardens if you have things to bring and look out for what we will be collecting for stalls in the notices.

We end up with lots of stuff left over that we can't sell and we then have to take them to the charity shop and if they won't take it then it sadly has to go to the tip.

Please help us this year by following what we are requesting and not just offloading on us.

Thank you. Matt and Nick. Churchwardens.

SATURDAY BREAKFAST CAFE



Every Saturday

9.30am - 12noon

Last hot breakfast order at 11.30am



WARM PLACES
Keeping Cheshire East warm

 **PLACES OF WELCOME**

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Cheshire East

Saturday café has continued through the summer holidays with consistent attendance across the board.

Thank you to everyone who helps in anyway to provide this important community resource.

Please contact David Furphy who is the Lead Volunteer and Co-ordinator if you are able to give a few hours on a rota to help. Jobs include making tea and coffee, cook breakfasts or just chat to the people attending. Phone or text on 07887 931574.

CHURCHYARD BINS

We have removed our bins from the Garden of Remembrance due to persistent fly-tipping and rubbish contamination. As a small parish we do not have commercial waste collections and the amount of rubbish being left was becoming unmanageable.

We are monitoring it over the next month and apologise for any inconvenience caused. Please may we ask that you take home dead flowers, plastic wrapping and packaging. Thank you.





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WATCH US ONLINE 15

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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.

19 July | 7th Sunday after Trinity:

Parish Communion

[Click here to watch](#)

9 August | 10th Sunday after Trinity:

All Age Worship

[Click here to watch](#)

Looking back with fondness
and forward with hope

[Click here to watch](#)

16 August | 11th Sunday after Trinity:

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.*

Macclesfield Methodist Community Choir and
The Occasional Musicians (leader Nicola Bright)

F J Haydn's

CREATION

Saturday 12th September, 7pm

Molly Joynton | Soprano

Steve Thorpe | Tenor

Terence Ayebare | Bass

Andrew Donaldson | Conductor

Tickets: £12.50 Adults, £7.50 Children

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USED STAMPS**

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(CUT OUT WITH A 1CM BORDER)
THERE IS A PLASTIC COLLECTION
BOX IN THE CHURCH PORCH.
THANK YOU.





Have you ever visited the beautiful St Trillo Chapel in Rhos on Sea? Tucked beneath the main road on the promenade, it is the most beautiful and peaceful place. It is well worth a visit if you are in the area.

Here's what the national Churches Trust have to say about it: *Is this the smallest church in Britain? With seats for just six people, it may well be a contender for the title. Dating to the early 16th century, the chapel may have been built on the site of an older church on the orders of the Cistercian monks at Aberconwy Abbey. In 1935 the chapel was carefully restored and reconsecrated by William Thomas Havard, Bishop of St Asaph.*

The chapel is dedicated to St Trillo, an early saint from the 6th century with connections to the area. The altar stands over a natural spring, thought to have been an ancient holy well, from which water has been used for baptisms in the parish.

The well of St Trillo has a square shaped stone covering it but this can be moved to allow access to the holy spring. Long ago the well was renowned for its healing properties. Even today it is used for baptisms and the chapel is open for daily prayer and quiet contemplation. However, due to its tiny size only a small number of people can get in at any any one time. A stained glass window inside depicts another Celtic saint called Elian.

St Trillo, a 6th century saint from Brittany, was the son of King Ithel Hael. He came to Wales as a missionary and was accompanied by other members of his family, including his brothers St Tegai and St Twrog. It appears that Trillo lived as a hermit at this site sometime between 570 and 590 AD. He was buried on the holy island of Bardsey off the coast of Wales.



SEASON OF CREATION: 1 SEPT - 4 OCT 2026



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

The international Season of Creation has been celebrated by churches in Macclesfield for over 10 years and is open to all local people. In 2026, the theme of "Living Water" is of a river growing deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems. This vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage and embracing interconnectedness.

We are all called to immerse ourselves in the water, actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human wellbeing may flourish together.

The symbol also encourages us to immerse ourselves in the tears of creation, that is allowing our hearts to be touched by those suffering particularly from environmental degradation, as well as the suffering of all creation.

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Full calendar of Season of Creation events

1 September - 4 October

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CALENDAR OF ECO EVENTS, ACTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
31st August Make do and mend rather than buying new. Find something that could be repaired and bring it to the monthly Repair Café—every second Sunday (12th this month!) More info email: repaircafe.macc@gmail.com	World Day of Prayer for the care of Creation Prayer Service Led by Rev Simon Bessant Riverside Park SK10 2SL 6:30pm Contact Andrea: 07366561 955	2nd Whilst shopping select Fairtrade, plastic free and locally produced products with low food miles. Have you shopped at Scoop and Scales the refill shop at the Old Sunday School, Roe Street, SK11 6UT. Find out more: www.scoo.op.an.dscal.es.co.uk Care for Creation Bible Study Wednesdays 10:30am at East Cheshire Hospice Chapel, SK10 3DR	3rd Donate unwanted clothes to local charities or initiatives like The One Project. They also take a wide range of hard to recycle waste. Find out more: Facebook/oneprojectmaccsfield Care for Creation Bible Study Thursdays 7:00pm at East Cheshire Hospice Chapel, SK10 3DR	4th Remember to say Grace before eating your meal today, and throughout the Season of Creation, thanking God for creating the food and for the people who have produced it. Foodie Edit 6pm for 6.30pm 3 course meal, pay what you feel, all made from food which would otherwise be wasted. St Michael's Church, Market Place SK10 1DY. Booking required: 01625 421 984	5th Litter Pick 10am monthly litterpick in Prestbury followed by tea and coffee. Meet at St. Peter's Church, Prestbury, SK10 4DG Creation Walk I (6 miles) Walk between out of town churches. 10.00am at Holy Trinity Church, SK10 2PX Contact Andrea: 07366561 955	6th Growing Food Natures Way 15:00—17:00 Come for a talk & tour on Macclesfield Market Garden followed by a shared feast. Located behind Prestbury Plant & Garden, London Rd, Prestbury, Macclesfield SK10 4DY https://www.facebook.com/groups/1113418853421899/
7th Think about how you travel. Could your journeys be walked, cycled or by bus to reduce use of our cars? It's good for our health too! Arrange local deliveries by electric cargo bike from eLOV Macclesfield More at: https://elov.co.uk/about/	8th "Hidden Water" 5:30pm Guided Walk around Danes Moss led by Gordon Richardson. Meeting point—Kissing Gate on Moss Lane, SK11 7XE. Parking outside Ash Grove School. (What 3 words location link: https://w3w.co/organs.drain.chats)	9th Consider how many bottles of water or soft drinks you buy. Could you replace these with tap water in a reusable bottle? Find out more: www.refill.org.uk Bible Study - see above	10th People, Planet, Profit 7:00pm - 8:30pm The Snowgoose, Sunderland Street, SK11 6HN. Come and chat about local sustainability initiatives. Find out more at www.scoopandscales.co.uk Bible Study - see above	11th "People's Emergency Briefing on the climate and nature crisis" 7:30pm Film followed by discussion. St. Michael's Church, Market Place, SK10 1DY.	12th Haydn: The Creation 7:00pm Performed by the community choir at Macclesfield Methodist Church, Westminster Rd, SK10 1BX. Repair Café 10:00am - 2:00pm Community Centre, Duke Street, SK11 6UR Litter Pick 10:00am - 11:00am Starting from Repair Café. Equipment provided. www.scoopandscales.co.uk	13th Sacred Circle Dance 3:00pm - 5:00pm St. Alban's Parish Centre, Chester Rd, SK11 8DJ Booking required: 07401 003976 Family Service 10:30am to celebrate the Season of Creation in the monastic garden. St. Peter's Church, Prestbury, SK10 4DG
14th Pray for all those who have been affected by climate change, natural disasters and war through injury, death of loved ones, loss of their homes or livelihoods.	15th Workshop: "Calling a wounded earth home" 7:45pm Led by Richard Baker. Exploring what kind of people we might need to become to live life in its fullness in a time of climate breakdown. St. Alban's Parish Centre, Chester Rd, SK11 8DJ.	16th Remember wearapart of God's creation and take care of ourselves in the way God intended with compassion and care. Bible Study - see above	17th Reduce food waste by planning your meals and buying just what you need. Bible Study - see above	18th Feeding bellies not bins! 17:00—21:00 Cooking with surplus food. Come along to prepare, cook and eat a shared meal. Booking preferred: 01625 421 984 St. Michael's Church, Market Place, SK10 1DY	19th St Peter's Parish Walk (5 miles) 10:00am—12:30 Prestbury to Adlington Meet at St. Peter's Church, Prestbury, SK10 4DG. Refreshments at St John's Adlington. River Bollin Clean Up 10:00am - 3:00pm. Riverside Park, SK10 2BL. Bring your wellies and gloves. Welcome. Bring your wellies and gloves. 26th Middlewood Way Nature walk (5.5 miles) Start: 14:00 at Adlington Rd car park, SK10 6JF. For four lanes end SK10 4P. Refreshments before return to Bollington along canal for 17.00.	20th Big Trees and Mini-Beasts Family Fun in West Park 12:00pm - 2:00pm Meet at the Rangers Hut next to the Café. Organised by Friends of West Park. All welcome.
21st How is your money or pension invested? Does it contribute to harming creation - through fossil fuels or destroying natural habitats? Check out your bank at: https://bank.green/	22nd Turn off the television, computer, mobile phone, etc. and spend half an hour going for a walk or other activity in God's natural world. Invite your family or others to join you.	23rd Laudato Si Centre Visit Meet 9:15am and return 2:30pm. Diocese of Salford's eco hub for environmental learning & wellbeing, walled vegetable garden & woodlands. Meet: St. Alban's Church, SK11 8DJ. Transport provided. Booking required: 01625 421 984 Bible Study - see above	24th Have a meatless/vegan meal. Meat and cheese have a large carbon footprint. Could you do this more often during the Season of Creation and beyond? Bible Study - see above	25th Creation Walk II (4 miles) 5:00pm Walking between town churches. Meet: St. John's Church, Earlsay. Contact Andrea: 07366 561 955	26th Harvest Thanksgiving Service 10:30am St. Peter's Church, Prestbury, SK10 4DG. Everyone is welcome.	27th Big Trees and Mini-Beasts Family Fun in West Park 12:00pm - 2:00pm Meet at the Rangers Hut next to the Café. Organised by Friends of West Park. All welcome.
28th Take a break from consuming and buy nothing today.	29th Scoop and Scales Book Club 7:30pm 'Is a River Alive?' by Robert MacFarlane Meet: The Prince of Wales Pub, Roe Street, SK11 6UT.	30th Take stock of what you've done so far. How are you getting on with listening to the voice of Creation. What more could you do to take better care of God's creation. Bible Study - see above	1st October Apple Pressing 4:00pm - 7:00pm. Come and have a go at pressing apples and enjoy some juice. Drop in, Scoop and Scales, Old Sunday School, SK11 6UT. Suitable for all ages! Bible Study - see above	2nd October Creation Canteen 6pm for 6:30pm—9pm A simple bring & share meal to celebrate the Season of Creation. St. Michael's Church, SK10 1DY. Booking required: 01625 421 984.	3rd October Nature Needs You! 11:00am - 3:00pm West Park - SK10 3BJ. A Macclesfield Town Council event. Look out for the Season of Creation tent!	4th October St. Francis' Feast Day 800 Anniversary of his death 4:00pm Prayer Service to close Season of Creation. Tea and cake to follow. St. Michael's Church, SK10 1DY.

stalbanmacc.org.uk/season-of-creation
or contact: Bernadette Bailey justiceandpeacemacc@gmail.com



Volunteers Wanted

Help clean up the River Bollin at Riverside Park, Beech Lane Saturday September 19th

Anytime between 10am and 3pm



Bring
wellies!

Please register in advance by contacting Steve Oliver
on 07801 715572 or steve.oliver3@ntlworld.com

Organised by Macclesfield Methodist Circuit in conjunction with Bollin
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Contact 01625 665685 or cmicb-cheshire.echospicesfc@nhs.net

Our Open Day is back for 2026, and we welcome you to join us.

You are invited to take a guided tour of Park Green House; meet our friendly, open and approachable team, and ask any questions you may have.

You will have the opportunity to see our historic Georgian building; our reception rooms, chapel of rest, funeral service chapel, coffin selection room, garage and workshop. Our fleet of vehicles will also be displayed. There will be information available about prepaid funeral plans from Golden Charter, for those wishing to plan ahead, and Dorothy Bentley-Smith, our local historian, will be available to provide a fascinating insight into Park Green House and Macclesfield throughout the years.

A complimentary cream tea will be served.

Experience for yourself the high standard of our facilities, the ethos and values of our company, our flexible, innovative and open approach and how we care for, help, and support our clients during a time of bereavement.

Saturday 3rd October 2026

10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m.

Andrew Smith Funeral Services

Park Green House, 82 Sunderland Street, Macclesfield. SK11 6HN

Tel: **01625 433853**

www.andrewsmithfuneralservices.co.uk

All are welcome

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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