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Rwanda Evening

Thank-you



Many of us enjoyed a splendid Rwanda evening on Saturday 25th. Tricia gave us a presentation charting the beginnings of the charity to where it is today, and we saw evidence of the massive improvement it has brought to the lives of the people involved.

We were treated to music from the Windmill Street Singers, and from an amazing African group (with drumming) and enjoyed a wonderful African meal.

Thank you to all who organised the evening, and to all who came along.

A total of £740.46 was raised for the charity.



Eco Tip

Avoid palm oil



Palm oil is found in a huge range of products, from bread to ice cream. But the way it's farmed has been linked to rainforest clearance. Make your voice heard on this issue by switching to palm oil-free products. Diana Ruiz, Greenpeace forest campaigner, explains why this will have more impact than buying products with sustainable palm oil logos: "If you want to take a stand on palm oil, don't be swayed by sustainability logos. These certification schemes have proved to be unreliable. You may be better off avoiding products with palm oil until your favourite brands can prove the palm oil hasn't contributed to deforestation or human rights abuses."

Church Flowers

The beautiful flowers in shades of purple have been graciously given by Barbara and Steve Taylor, in loving memory of their beloved daughter Deborah.

Thank-you.

Toddler Group

If you are interested in assisting with the development of a Toddler Group at church, please contact Jan at:
jan.rose.1000@hotmail.co.uk



Please note that this is the **CORRECTED** email address for Jan (last time, the dot after 'jan' was omitted!)

The Children's Society at the Charities Bazaar Can you help?



The Children's Society

The Macclesfield Children's Society Committee are holding their annual stall at the Charities Bazaar on **Saturday 8th November**. I'm afraid my notice is rather late this year. However as usual we are selling **new but unwanted toiletries plus any new items or gifts surplus to requirements**. Thank you in advance for your support.

Jenny Wild 07775579968 / 0162542035.
Hilary Halliwell. 01625 420616

Foodie Friday: 7th November

Angel
at my Table

Foodie Friday takes place on the first Friday of each month at 6.30pm.

A 3-course meal using surplus food, with guests contributing on a 'pay-as-you-feel' basis (a price is suggested). Profits from the meal go towards providing free meals for more vulnerable members of our community during the week.

The next Foodie Friday will be **Friday 7th November**. Contact the church office to book, 01625 421984.

Music@Mike's

The next concert is on Friday 7th November 1.15pm organ recital by Christopher Cromar

The Angel at my Table café will be open for light refreshments.

Entry is free but donations are invited for the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church, jointly.



Collect for the Fourth Sunday before Advent

God of glory,
touch our lips with the fire of your Spirit,
that we with all creation
may rejoice to sing your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

SilkLife Foodbank Christmas Appeal:

foodbank

The Reverse Advent Calendar*

As a result of increased weekly referrals and fewer donations stock levels of basic food items at the Foodbank are low. The focus of the SilkLife Foodbank Appeal this Christmas is therefore less on Christmas goodies (though of course these are also welcome) and more on essential food items to enable them to meet anticipated higher demand into the new year.

As in previous years the list of desired food items has been published in the form of a **"Reverse Advent calendar"** – i.e. you are asked to **donate** one item from the list each day in November.

There is an electronic version of this calendar attached with this newsletter, but you can also find printed copies of the calendar to take away on the desk in the Welcome Area. It is also pinned above the Foodbank crate in the welcome area next to the noticeboards. The crate is checked and emptied twice weekly.

We need to deliver to SilkLife **before 29th November** to enable them to put together Christmas hampers in good time before the holiday so please leave your donations before Thursday 27th.

Please remember

- **no alcohol or food items containing alcohol** (not even a little bit)
- **no fresh goods** as the Foodbank does not have facilities to store these
- **monetary donations also welcome.** These can be made using the QR code (also on the calendar itself). Cheques payable to SilkLife church – please write *SilkLife Foodbank* on the reverse.



Remembering Gaza

In the light of the fragility of the ceasefire, the insufficiency of the aid going into Gaza, and the grim reality for citizens of Gaza returning to scenes of devastation Global Justice Macclesfield invites you to join us in a silent vigil.

Join us at 5.00pm on Friday 7th November for an hour of silence outside Macclesfield Town Hall.

No banners, no chants, no flags, please don't bring placards.

We will have several placards along these lines; "Ceasefire but no Peace", "Silent Vigil for Peace", "Stop arms sales to Israel", "Stop the Illegal Settlements", "Palestinians need Hope", "Peace for Gaza and the West Bank".

At 6.00pm we will end the vigil and offer an opportunity to sign a letter to our MP asking him to demand the Government stops the sale of arms to Israel, imposes broader sanctions and suspends its trade deal with Israel.



The Martyn Donaldson Music Trust

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**Concert: 22nd
November at 7.30pm**

Venue: Macclesfield Methodist Church

The Martyn Donaldson Music Trust presents

Macclesfield Methodist Community Choir and the Occasional Musicians (leader Nicola Bright) in a choral and orchestral concert.

The highlight is the Mozart Clarinet Concerto K622, performed by Chris Walters.

Tickets £10 adults, £5 children from 01625 433187/
01625 615298



SILKLIFE foodbank MACCLESFIELD

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Christmas is a great time to give. From the 3rd November to 27th November 2025 Please 'Help us to Help Others' by creating a Christmas hamper for the SilkLife Foodbank, which will enable us to continue helping families referred to us in 2026.

3rd Nov	4th Nov	5th Nov	6th Nov	7th Nov	8th Nov	9th Nov
Fruit Berries	Tinned or	Tinned	Tinned	Tinned	Pasta	Bagged
Pie	Instant	Veg	Macaroni	Fish	Sauces	Rice or Pasta
10th Nov	11th Nov	12th Nov	13th Nov	14th Nov	15th Nov	
Tinned Chili	Jams or	Tinned	Hotdogs	Stewed	Tea Bags	
Con Carne	Spreads	Mealballs	Stew	Stew		
16th Nov	17th Nov	18th Nov	19th Nov	20th Nov	21st Nov	22nd Nov
Wet Wipes	Coffee	Breakfast	Tinned Rice	Tinned	Pot	Mixed
		Cereals	Pudding	Fruit	Needles	Teddlies
23rd Nov	24th Nov	25th Nov	26th Nov	27th Nov		
Tinned	Tinned	Stews or	Festive	Meat		
Cold Meals	Curry	Casseroles	Sweets	Paste		

Drop Off Day: Saturday 29th November

Please drop your completed hampers to Tytherington Family Worship Car Park, Sandwich Drive, Tytherington SK10 8UD on Saturday 29th November 2025 (10:00am - 12:30pm). You can also deliver directly to the SilkLife Foodbank, George Street, Macclesfield SK11 6HS. Open to the Public on Tuesdays and Fridays 9:30am - 11:30am.

**Our 2025 Christmas collection will be used to support the stock levels of essential foods needed to meet the increased weekly referral numbers during the first half of 2026. Festive donations will be included in our usual weekly hamper. Any toys donated will be passed to the Salvation Army Toy Appeal.

Please Scan the QR Code to Donate Instantly

Reminders

Eco Tip

Eat seasonally

Although we need to eat a variety of fruits and vegetables to stay healthy, you can help to reduce the carbon footprint of your festive meals by buying seasonal produce.

This means resisting asparagus which will have been flown to the UK from Peru! Instead, focus on root vegetables like potatoes, parsnips, carrots and beetroots, and winter vegetables like cabbage, squash, broccoli and cauliflower.

For fruit, we can choose UK produce like apples and pears. We don't have to only eat what's produced in the UK – instead, we can supplement UK produce with fruits and vegetables that have been shipped to the UK by boat such as clementines, pineapples and pomegranates. By being conscious of what we're importing we can reduce the emissions from flying food to the UK. This can also help support UK farmers.



Advent Calendar 2025

Our St Michael's 2025 Advent Calendar will be available (I hope) by mid-November at the latest.

If you would like to order one or more copies, there is a sign-up sheet on the notice-board at the back of church.

In case you have never seen one, the calendar comprises a series of daily reflections from Advent Eve to Christmas Day (29th Nov - 25th Dec) each submitted by a member of our church family. The reflections have some written text and an image (or two), all designed to give you something to think about in a time of quiet each day at this busy period of the year.

As usual, we invite contributions towards the cost of producing the calendar, which is around £10 per copy. If you would struggle to find this amount, please don't worry - you can have a copy for free! But if you are able to make a contribution, that would be greatly appreciated.

Please sign up in the next couple of weeks to be sure you receive your copy in good time!

Lynne



Money Management Course

A free 4-week course has been organised by Christians Against Poverty (CAP) at Tytherington Family Worship Free, starting on Weds Nov 12th 7.00pm to 9.00pm.

More info: <https://capuk.org/get-help/money-coaching>



AUTUMN 2025 HOPE SUPPORTERS' EVENING



WEDNESDAY 12th NOVEMBER

Join us for light refreshments at 6.45pm to start at 7.00pm
Hurdfield Community Hub, 197A, Hurdfield Road, SK10 2PX

beside Holy Trinity Church, Hurdfield (HTH)
Speakers will share how Hope is involved in our local communities.

They will focus on:

- Reflections on the Season of Creation in September;
- East Cheshire Hospice and the Christmas Tree Collection's 25th Anniversary;
- The Hope Centre's Prayer Stop shop in the Grosvenor Centre;
- Sowing Roots in local primary schools;
- Plans for Christmas, the Civic Prayer Breakfast and Easter.

We much look forward to welcoming you!

St Michael's Building for Hire

Do you need to hire a space?

St Michael's has meeting rooms of various sizes to meet your needs, and our large Worship Area with its giant screen and AV system is suitable for presentations, concerts, etc.

Email Elaine: bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

Tel: 01625 421984

Indian Banquet

Book your Tickets Now!



Date: Sunday 16th November

Time: 6.00-9.00pm

Venue: St Michael's Church

Join us for an evening of food and entertainment

All proceeds go towards the St Michael's Building Fund

Pay: online (details below) or by cash in the church office

Please use reference "(Surname), Banquet"

Account: 10175873

Sort Code: 16-24-32

For more information or to inform us of dietary requirements, telephone 01625 421984 or email clegypa@maccteam.org.uk

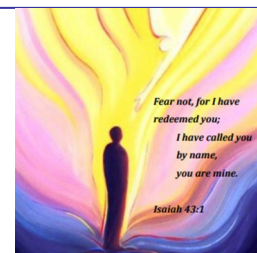
Service of Prayer for Healing & Wholeness

The next Healing Service is on:

Friday 28th November 11.00am in the Savage Chapel

The service will last approximately 30 minutes

All are welcome.



Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

2nd November 2025
Fourth Sunday before Advent

10:00am: Holy Communion
with Roots Group & Storytelling for the children

Leader & Celebrant: Revd Vivien Gisby
Speaker: Martin Bancroft (LLM)

Bible Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, (5-10), 11-12

Please use the link below to stream this
(and previous services) on YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/@stmikesmacclesfield>

Start the Week

Every Monday from 7.30am in church
Morning Prayer at 8.30 am in church and also on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/stmikesmacclesfield>

Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

Alternate Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Savage Chapel
lasting 30-40 minutes.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 12th November

Thursday Morning Worship 10:30am (35-40 mins)

Our midweek services follow the order from
the Book of Common Prayer (traditional language) and
alternate between Morning Prayer and Holy Communion

6th November: Holy Communion
13th November: Morning Prayer

Thursday Homegroup

Meeting for Bible study and prayer –
morning and evening groups

Please contact Eve & David Budgett (431606)
or David Mayers (420716) for more information



Contemplative Prayer

Friday mornings from 9.20-9.50.
An opportunity for quiet prayer followed by a cuppa and chat.

Compline/Night Prayer

Every Friday

Topic: Night Prayer | Time: 8.30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting; [https://](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09)

[us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09)
[pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2twT2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZoVXdaZz09)

Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476 Passcode: compline



Share your Photos with St Mike's Church Family



If you have any photographs of recent activities you have been involved in which you would like including in the weekly bulletin/newsletter or in the Church Family News slot in Sunday services, please use this number to WhatsApp them to the relevant people:

+44 7579 820265

You can, of course, also email pictures and text to
stmikesnotices@gmail.com

How to contact the office...



Phone: Landline: 01625 421984

Email addresses:

- **Isobel** clergypa@maccteam.org.uk for ministry issues
- **Elaine** bookings@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk for bookings and building matters
- **Bulletin/Newsletter** stmikesnotices@gmail.com
- **Printing** maccteamprinting@gmail.com
- **Safeguarding** see box below

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

Elaine's office hours are *usually* Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9:30am – 1:30 pm

Isobel's Office hours are *usually* Monday & Wednesday 9.00-2.45; and Thursday 9.00 - 1.00 & Friday 8.30 - 1.00

Safeguarding Contact Information



If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the St Michael's Safeguarding Officer, Katie Wilcock:

Phone: 07435 568 729

Email: safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk



SCAN ME

Donating to St Michael's is easy!

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



Email any prayer requests to:

prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk

Your request will be circulated confidentially to a limited group of people who will pray for you.

