



Three Dates for Your Diary

1. 21st December (this Sunday!)

Between all the excitement for our Church Family Nativity (10.00am) and Carols by Candlelight carol service (6.30pm), there's the opportunity to serve and witness to our wider community in a couple of ways:

- by welcoming visitors **into** St Michael's during Treacle Market (contact: Vicky);
- by swelling the singing or doing a reading during the two **Treacle Market Shoppers' Carol Services** – start times: 1.00pm and 2.00pm (contact: Revd Martin)

2. Sunday 18th January 2026

A **Thank You party** - organised by the Connecting People Team - to thank everyone who volunteers in **any** way at St Michael's. If this includes you, please come and join in the fellowship and fun on Sunday 18th January.

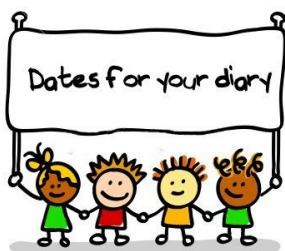
2. Saturday 7th March 2026

Six years ago we had a whole church Vision Day which gave rise to our Strategic Purpose and three Strategic Objectives. It's time to celebrate what's been achieved from that, review what's still to do from it, and refocus our attention going forward. To help us, we'll be very ably supported by colleagues from the Diocese.

EVERYONE who's on Church Council or one of the CC Teams is strongly encouraged to make this next day a priority please, as well as anyone else who's involved in a leading way in the life of St Michael's.

Martin will be writing to those he feels should definitely attend, but if you want to take part too then have a word with him ... and reserve the date: daytime, Saturday 7th March

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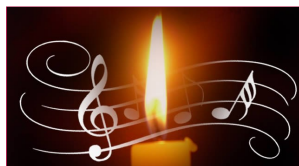


Nativity

**This Sunday (21st)
10.00am**

Please come and join in the retelling of this familiar story as members of our congregation, from the very young to the exceedingly old, don their tea-towels, tinsel and crowns to bring it to life once again.

If you would like to come as a shepherd, an angel or a king (and, yes, we know that they aren't really kings!) it would add to the sense of celebration. You are welcome to come onto the stage and take part in the relevant scenes when invited.



Carols by Candlelight

This Sunday (21st) 6.30pm

As a complete contrast to the Nativity in the morning, we have our traditional Carols by Candlelight Service in the evening (6.30pm). Come and join us for this time of carols sung by the choir, plus congregational carols and traditional readings in the beautiful candlelight - a time for thoughtful reflection and joyful thanks.

Eco-tip

Christmas crackers? Over 40 million Christmas crackers end up in the bin by the end of Christmas day. That's a shocking amount of cardboard resting in our landfills. And that's without considering all the plastic knick-knacks in them, which 99% of people said they chuck in the bin too! Buy simple crackers from Oxfam, or better still - make your own!



Church Flowers

The lovely white flowers in the Worship Area have been graciously given by Audrey and Helen Evans in loving memory of their beloved Jane.



Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Eternal God,
as Mary waited for the birth of your Son,
so we wait for his coming in glory;
bring us through the birth pangs of this present age
to see, with her, our great salvation
in Jesus Christ our Lord

Christmas Services

Christmas Eve

4.00pm: Crib Service
11.30pm: Midnight Communion

Christmas Day

10.00am: Family Communion

Sunday 28th

10.00am: Church Family Worship



Join us for *Worship*



Sunday Worship

21st December 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

10:00am: Nativity Service

Leader & Speaker: Lynne Spedding (LLM)

Participants - numerous members of the church family!

6.30pm: Carols by Candlelight

Leader & Speaker: Revd Vivien Gisby

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: TBC

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

No service until...

8th January: Morning Prayer

15th January: Holy Communion

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



Sound of Silence (Contemplative Prayer)

Friday mornings from 9.20-9.50.

An opportunity for quiet prayer followed by a cuppa and chat.

Compline/Night Prayer

Every Friday

Topic: Night Prayer | Time: 8.30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting; <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75676947476?pwd=R2tWt2pQbTFzUGR5bk1reDZvVXdZz09>

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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
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- **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; Thursday 9.00 - 1.00 and 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



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