

ST MIKE'S BULLETIN

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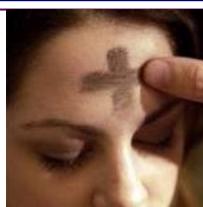
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Chris R. would like to extend his thanks to Vivien, Martin, Jonathon, Chris, Eddie, Hilary and Mark, and to everyone at church for all their help and prayers when he was in hospital recently.
God bless.

Ash Wednesday Services

Please note that there will be two special services on **Ash Wednesday, 18th February** - one at **10.30am** and one at **6.30pm**. These will involve the marking with ash (optional) as a sign of repentance, and will signal the start of Lent. The services will be held in the Savage Chapel.



The evening service will last around 45 minutes. The morning service, which will also include Holy Communion, will last slightly longer.

Calling all Philatelists!

Philately is the study of postage stamps and postal history.

Garrie is organising a special exhibition for the Macclesfield & Prestbury Philatelic Society to be held at the **Silk Museum** on **Friday 6th and Saturday 7th March** (10.00-16.00), entitled 'Letters from Macclesfield'.



A poster with more details is attached with this Bulletin.

Pancake & Quiz Night

- Saturday 7th Feb
- 6.00pm
- at St Michael's



Please RSVP to salliebancroft@googlemail.com
See attached flyer for full information



Trading in Oppression

How the UK's economic ties with Israel support the occupation of Palestine.

This is a talk by Global Justice Now's speaker, Tim Brierley, on Tuesday

10th February, 7.30pm at St Michael's Church.

Eco-tip

What happens to the contents of our silver bin? Unfortunately much is rejected and ends up being incinerated - generating some power but lots of dangerous emissions and waste products. Even a small amount of grease on a pizza box, or plastic tape on cardboard, can mean it won't get recycled. Always wash tins, plastic and glass bottles before putting them in the silver bin. Come to the Eco-church meeting on Monday to discuss further!



Music@Mike's

Next week's concert is at 1.15pm on **Friday 6th February** - the Dunelm Duo, playing popular and classical tunes on piano, flute and saxophone. 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.

Eco-church Group Meeting

The next meeting is on **Monday 2nd February 7.30pm** in the welcome area. All are welcome.

Babysing

The Babysing group has got off to a flying start and could do with more helpers! If you feel able and would like to assist, please let Jan know as soon as possible: jan.rose1000@hotmail.co.uk. The sessions take place at St Michael's at 10.30 on Friday mornings.

Lost Property

Is this bag yours?

If so please call into the office to collect it, or ask Rachel.



Foodie Friday



'Foodie Friday' serves 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 13th February** (not 6th as might be expected).

Arrive at church at about 6.00pm for a 6.30pm meal.

To book: contact the church office, 01625 421984.

Liz's Next Show



Liz B. will be performing at Heald Green Theatre in the show, 'City Life Showstoppers' from 17th-21st February. For more details, please see the attached flyer.

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

God of heaven,
you send the gospel to the ends of the earth
and your messengers to every nation:
send your Holy Spirit to transform us
by the good news of everlasting life
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lent at St Michael's

In addition to the information below, please note that the current **Thursday morning Homegroup** will also be studying the Lent book, 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God', and will be meeting weekly (not fortnightly as usual), starting on Thursday 12th February. This group meets at the home of David and Eve Budgett. There are one or two vacancies if anyone would like to join this group. **Please contact Vicky or Gordon.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15 th Feb. Sunday next before Lent			18 th Feb. Ash Wednesday Service of Ashes Savage Chapel 10.30 am & 6.30pm	19 th Feb. 11.15am 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God'		
22 nd Feb. 1 st of Lent	23 rd Feb 7.30pm 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God'	24 th Feb 10.15am Dancing to the Heartbeat of God 7.30-9.00pm 'The Art of Worship'		26th Feb. 11.15am 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God'		
1 st March 2 nd of Lent	2 nd March 7.30pm 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God'	3 rd March 10.15am Dancing to the Heartbeat of God 7.30-9.00pm 'The Art of Worship'		5 th March Evening: Riding Lights Passion Play in church 11.15am 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God'		
8 th March 3 rd of Lent	9 th March 7.30pm 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God'	10 th March 10.15am Dancing to the Heartbeat of God 7.30-9.00pm 'The Art of Worship'		12 th March 11.15am & 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God'		
15 th March 4 th of Lent Mothering Sunday	16 th March 7.30pm 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God'	17 th March 10.15am Dancing to the Heartbeat of God 7.30-9.00pm 'The Art of Worship'		19 th March. 11.15am & 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God'		
22 nd March 5 th of Lent	23 rd March 7.30pm 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God'	24 th March 10.15am Dancing to the Heartbeat of God 7.30-9.00pm 'The Art of Worship'		26 th March 11.15am 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God'		
29 th March Palm Sunday	30 th March	31 st March 10.15am Dancing to the Heartbeat of God 7.30-9.00pm 'The Art of Worship'		2 nd April Agape Meal and Foot- washing Service Savage Chapel 7.00pm	3 rd April Good Friday Morning Service 10.00 Contemplative Service 2.00-4.00pm	Holy Saturday
5 th April Easter Sunday						

If you wish to take part in any of the Lent groups, please sign the relevant list on the noticeboard at the back of church, or speak directly to the relevant group leader.

In addition to our regular Monday and Thursday morning homegroups, there will be **three** new Lent groups looking at the Archbishop of Canterbury Designate (Sarah Mullally)'s Lent book, 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God', and one new Lent group considering 'The Art of Worship', a collaborative book between the National Gallery and St Martin-in-the-Fields Church, containing art, meditations and prayers on the Christian life.

PLEASE NOTE: you need to liaise with the group leader about acquiring a copy of the relevant book. Many people have bought or are buying their own copies. Your leader might be willing/able to order you a copy if you find it difficult to purchase one yourself. Lynne is happy to source copies of 'The Art of Worship' (the book is out of print so second-hand copies need purchasing online. Please let Lynne know as soon as possible if you need a copy)

1. 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God' - **Tuesday morning**

Every Tuesday from 24th February to 31st March.

10.15am in church.

Leader: Tricia Atherton (tricia.atherton@gmail.com)

2. 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God' - **Thursday morning**

Every Thursday morning from 19th February to 26th March

11.15am (following the midweek service)

Venue: Youth Centre, St Michael's Church

Leaders: Revd Vivien Gisby (vivien.gisby@btinternet.com / 07888707829) & Barbara Taylor (btlrc@hotmail.com / 01625 610521)

3. 'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God' - **Monday evening**

Dates: February 23rd, March 2nd, March 9th, March 16th, March 23rd

7.30pm

Venue: 10 Buxton Old Road, SK11 7EL

Leaders: Mike Strutt (mjstrutt@btinternet.com / 07785 523674) & David Mayers (davidjmayers@btinternet.com / 07963 802659)

4. 'The Art of Worship' – **Tuesday evening**

Dates: 24th February – 31st March

7.30pm

Venue: alternating between Higher Fold Farm, ~~Rainbow~~ Road, SK10 2PF (24th Feb., 10th March, 24th March) and 56 Fence Avenue, SK10 1LT (3rd, 17th & 31st March)

Leaders: Sue Olley (missolley@gmail.com / 07884 042123) & Lynne Spedding (lynne.norbron@gmail.com / 07881 423687)

Join us for **Worship**



Sunday Worship

1st February 2026

10:00am: Holy Communion with children's groups

Leader & Celebrant: Revd Martin Stephens

Speaker: Martin Bancroft (LLM)

Bible Reading: Matthew 13:31-33

Theme: The Power of Small Faithfulness

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: 4th February

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

5th February: Morning Prayer

12th February: 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=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; 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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