

ST MIKE'S BULLETIN

25TH JANUARY 2026



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Please pass on my thanks to everyone involved in organising, preparing and cooking the food for the party last Sunday. The food was delicious and I enjoyed the opportunity to play some board games!

My best wishes and thanks to all

Love Hazel

(Ed: I am sure that Hazel speaks on behalf of all who came along to the Big Thank-you Party!)

Music@Mike's

Next week's concert is on Friday 30th January, at 1.15pm: a piano recital by Adrian Lord, playing mostly his own compositions (and don't forget this week's concert on Saturday 24th!)



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.



Church Flowers

The glorious flowers on the Chancel Table and in the Worship Area have been graciously given by Mark Langham in loving memory of his father, who would have been 100!
Thank you Mark.

Eco-tip

Are you concerned about plastic pollution?

Would you like to reduce your carbon footprint?

Reduce your use of plastic packaging by shopping at Scoop and Scales - they can provide containers but you will need your own which can be re-used hundreds of times! And you'll have an enjoyable shopping experience with friendly and efficient service without the bustle and queues of the supermarket. Give it a try!



Riding Lights A date for your diary

Thursday 5th March

Riding Lights, the Christian theatre group, brings its new Passion Play to St Michael's.



More info at <https://www.ridinglights.org/nightfalls>
Box office: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/ridinglights/nightfalls/2026-03-05/19:30/t-vxvkrvn>

Lent Programme at St Mike's



Please sign up on the relevant sheet at the back of church if you would like to attend one of our four additional study groups during Lent.

In brief:

'Dancing to the Heartbeat of God' groups:

- Monday evenings at 7.30, at 10 Old Buxton Road
- Tuesday mornings 10.15 in church
- Thursday mornings 11.15 (after the midweek service) in the Youth Centre

'The Art of Worship' group

- Tuesday evenings 7.30 alternating between Higher Fold Farm, Rainow Road and 56 Fence Avenue.

Acquiring copies of the books

Lynne is sourcing copies of 'The Art of Worship' (it is out of print) so she needs to know numbers and names of those attending **asap**.

For the 'Dancing to the Heartbeat' book, please liaise with the leader of the group you will be joining if you have not already obtained your own copy of the book and need assistance in doing so.

Four Friends Painting



Please see the accompanying flyer with details of an art exhibition being put on by four people connected with our church family: Catherine Stephens; John Staveley; Hilary Raymond and Hilary Plymen

Monday 9th - Saturday 21st February
Macclesfield Library

Eco-church Group Meeting



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

All welcome - to pray for and discuss our plans to make the church more sustainable and care better for God's creation.

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Epiphany

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

Join us for **Worship**



Sunday Worship

25th January 2026

10:00am: Church Family Worship with children's groups

Leader: Sallie Bancroft (OWL)

Speaker: Revd Vivien Gisby

Bible Reading: Mark 2:1-12

Theme: Friends who bring friends to Jesus

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

29th January: Holy Communion
5th February: 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



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...



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- 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



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Safeguarding Officer, Katie Wilcock:

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Email: safeguarding@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk



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