

# ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

26th April 2026



## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Risen Christ,

faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:

teach us to hear your voice

and to follow your command,

that all your people may be gathered into one flock,

to the glory of God the Father.



## St Michael's Eco-tip



Try zero-waste shopping...

eliminate single-use plastic from your bins!

Shop at **Scoop and Scales**. The Old Sunday School (Heritage Centre), Roe Street, SK11 6UT. Access via the Exchange Street car park (next to B&M) or stepfree access via Roe Street (the Cinemac doors)

**Opening times:** Mon (10-4), Tues (10-4), Wed (10-4), Thurs (10-7), Fri (10-4), Sat (10-4) & Treacle Sunday (10-2).

They sell over **300 products**, including fruit and veg boxes, pulses grains and pasta, cleaning products, breakfast cereals, fresh organic fruit and veg, nuts fruits and seeds, herbs and spices, tinned goods, lots of sweet treats, baking essentials, and much more!

## How does it work?

Shopping with them is easy! Find out how zero waste shopping works [here](#)



## Deanery Ascension Day Eucharist Service

On Ascension Day, Thursday 14 May, people will gather at St Peter's Prestbury for a Eucharist at 7.30pm. Revd Elle Bird will be presiding and our Rural Dean will deliver the sermon. All are welcome so do bring your friends. This is open to all and afterwards St Peter's will serve refreshments.

There will be an opportunity to sing in a scratch deanery choir so if you know people who would like to join that for the evening, please invite them.



For the Choir Master, it would be helpful to know numbers so please drop Richard Raymond a line (ask Isobel in the office for details). There will be a choir practice at 6.30pm.

## Music @ Mikes

1.15pm

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

Free entry but donations are invited for the East Cheshire Hospice and St Michael's Church, jointly.

Friday 24th April  
**Simeon Walker**



Pianist and composer, playing his own compositions in a "modern classical" style

Friday 30th April  
**Steven Davies & friends**



Playing traditional English & Scottish tunes on concertina and recorder, and perhaps melodion



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## Annual Church Meeting

The APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) took place last Sunday. It was a great opportunity to hear more about what is going on in the life of the church and our vision for the future. There are a number of opportunities to become a member of PCC (the Parochial Church Council) or Deanery Synod (representing local churches in the Macclesfield area). Please speak to Martin or member of PCC if you are interested to find out more, or pick up a nomination form at the back of church.



CHURCH MEETINGS ARE BRILLIANT

## Confirmation Service

On Sunday 6th September (time TBC), there will be a confirmation service. Confirmation is a chance for those baptised as infants to publicly affirm their faith, and for adults to reaffirm or newly declare their belief. Anyone who has not yet been baptised can also be baptised during the same service.

It's a joyful occasion for the whole church community, so do come along to support those being confirmed. If you'd like to find out more, please speak to a member of the ministry team.

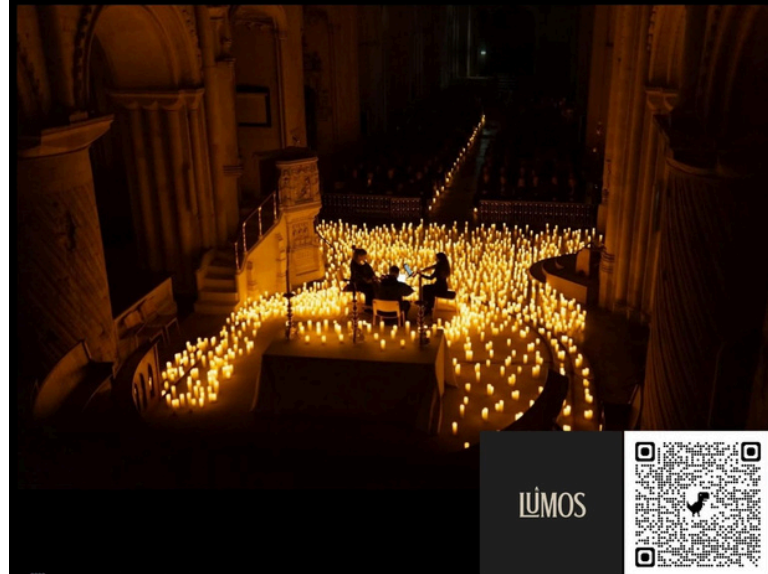
## Appointment at All Saints, Macclesfield



We are pleased announce that **Reverend Jeremy Bentliff** is to be appointed Team Vicar for Macclesfield Team Ministry with specific responsibility for All Saints, Macclesfield.

Jeremy is currently incumbent at Hyde St. George with St Thomas and will be inducted into this new role at All Saints at 7pm on the 2nd September by Bishop Sam.

## A Vivaldi & Mozart Candlelight Experience In Macclesfield



LUMOS



📅 Saturday 2nd May

📍 St Michael & All Angels Church, Market Pl, Macclesfield SK10 1DY

🕒 2 Sittings: 1st Sitting 7-8pm | 2nd Sitting: 9-10pm

🚪 Entry: 1st sitting: Doors open at 6:15pm | 2nd sitting: Doors open 8.30pm

🎵 Musical Theme: A Classical Vivaldi & Mozart Tribute

🪑 Seating Is First Come First Serve To Your Allocated Tiered Zones (In Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze)



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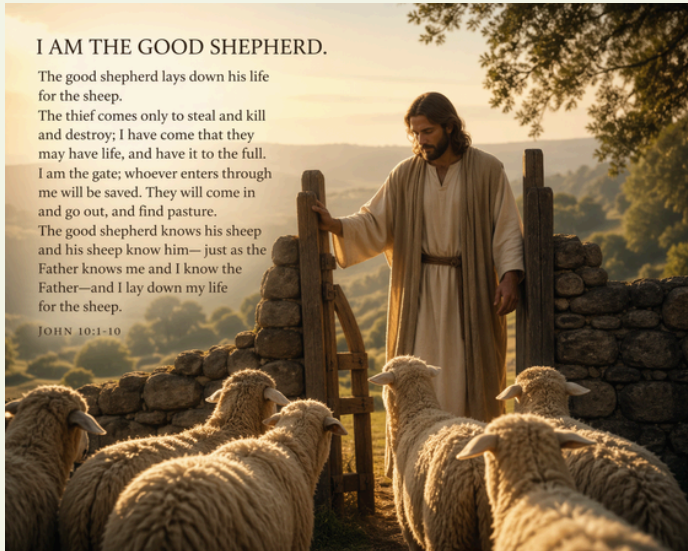
## Sunday 26th April Worship

**10:00am:** The Fourth Sunday of Easter, Church Family Worship (plus young people's group).

**Leader:** Lynne Spedding (LLM)

**Speaker:** Martin Bancroft (LLM)

Use the link below to stream this (and previous services) on YouTube  
[www.youtube.com/@stmikesmacclesfield](http://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 - [Link to Facebook](#)

### Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

Alternate Wednesdays at 10:30 am in the Savage Chapel - lasting 30-40 minutes.  
Next Meetings: **29th April, 13<sup>th</sup> May**

### Thursday 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

**23<sup>rd</sup> April: Midweek Communion Service**

**30th April: Midweek 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



### Held in the 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; [Click here to join meeting](#)  
Meeting ID: 756 7694 7476 Passcode: compline



## Share your Photos with St Mike's Church Family



If you've any photos of recent significant birthdays or celebrations which you'd like to share in Church Family News on Sunday mornings, please send them via WhatsApp to this number: **+44 7579 820265**

You can, of course, also email pictures and text to [stmikesnotices@gmail.com](mailto:stmikesnotices@gmail.com). The deadline each week is: 12 noon on Wednesdays

### How to contact the office...



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**Isobel:** [clergypa@maccteam.org.uk](mailto:clergypa@maccteam.org.uk) for ministry queries (Office hours usually Mon & Wed 9.00-2.45; Thurs 9.00-1.00 and Fri 8.30 - 1.00pm)

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- Safeguarding see box below

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**The National Safeguarding Team**  
**Promoting a Safer Church**

### Safeguarding Contact Information

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

**Phone: 07435 568 729**

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[prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk](mailto:prayer@stmichaels-macclesfield.org.uk)  
Your request will be circulated confidentially to a limited group of people who will pray for you.