

St Alban's

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Monthly News

FREE monthly magazine of St Alban's Parish

Our aim is to offer a variety of articles, essays, and materials that help us develop our Spiritual, Human, Intellectual, and Pastoral life (SHIP).

Our Monthly Newsletter is designed specifically for the St Alban's Community and its friends, featuring curated content that speaks to our daily life under the Catholic faith. We therefore encourage you to publish your thoughts with us, based on facts and reliable sources of information. Our **SHIP** content allows you to print all materials related to the liturgy, retreats, sacraments, etc. (**S**piritual), Catholic social teaching, politics, culture, etc. (**H**uman), science, theology, philosophy, etc. (**I**ntellectual), and everything linked to parish life (**P**astoral). Just remember that our aim is not simply to inform, but to **FORM** consciences in the light of Catholic teaching... and all these in **LOVE** and **RESPECT**.



Step into the Living Water

Karyn Johnston



From 1 September to 4 October, we join our fellow Christians around the world to unite in prayer and action during the Season of Creation. This year's theme, "Living Water", is inspired by the beautiful vision of the prophet Ezekiel: "Wherever the river flows, everything will live" (Ezekiel 47:9).

Ezekiel's vision was given at a time of great hardship. Jerusalem had been destroyed, the Temple lay in ruins, and many of God's people were living in exile. Yet God did not abandon them. Instead, the prophet was shown a river flowing from the sanctuary of God. What began as a tiny trickle became a mighty river bringing life wherever it went. Barren lands became fertile, lifeless waters were healed, and trees flourished on its banks, bearing fruit, providing healing.

This vision is far more than a promise for the distant future. It speaks directly to our world today. We see environmental challenges all around us: 5 heatwaves since April, polluted rivers, loss of biodiversity, changing climates, and increasing pressure on the natural resources upon which all life

depends. Ezekiel reminds us that God desires renewal and healing, not only for humanity but for the whole of creation.

The symbol chosen for this year's Season of Creation depicts water flowing from the Temple, gradually deepening as it moves outward. The message; simple but powerful: we are invited not merely to observe God's work of renewal but to step into it. As we all

immerse ourselves in God's grace, channels through which His love and care flows into the world.

Our parish will be marking the Season of Creation with opportunities for prayer, reflection, and practical action. Be part of it.

The Season's calendar is at the back of church with lots of events to celebrate the beauty of God's creation, learn more about caring for our common home, and explore how simple changes in our daily lives can make a difference.

"Wherever the river flows, everything will live."



First Saturday Devotion

3 October 2026

Join our Holy Rosary at 10:30 am,
Consecration Prayer and
Reparation to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary,
followed by Adoration of the
Blessed Sacrament and
Confessions at 11am with
Holy Mass at 12 noon

St Alban's Coffee Club

All welcome, especially new parishioners!
This month we will be meeting on **Wednesday 16th
September at All Things Nice in Chestergate**. For
more information contact Jane on 07855628085 or just
turn up - look forward to seeing you there!



St Alban's Parish ROSARY FOR PEACE

Every Wednesday at 5:30pm in Church

Pope Leo's intention for September 2026



For the care of water

Let us pray for a just and sustainable
management of water, a vital resource, so that
everyone may have equal access to it.

Bible Course



We are delighted to be running the Bible Course again, starting on Wednesday September 30th 2026 in The Parish Hall.

The Bible Course was developed by the Bible Society to promote knowledge and study of the Bible and is supported by the Catholic Church. Over eight weekly sessions, you'll be introduced to the underlying message of hope and salvation, throughout the Old and New Testaments.

Each evening will feature a 30-minute video followed by discussion in small groups. You are encouraged to bring your own Bible and to purchase the book accompanying the course (£9.99), which contains passages of scripture, background context and suggestions for further reading. There is also interesting and informative additional material on the Digital Hub accompanying the series.

Last year's course was enthusiastically received by participants. Do come along and see for yourself.

For info and to sign up, contact **Helen** on **07972 694834**. There is also a sign-up sheet in the Church porch.

The Mystery of the Eucharist

The idea for this series of articles, which we are launching in this issue of our monthly magazine, arose from our preparation of an RCIA catechesis explaining the Holy Mass for those who joined the Catholic Church last Easter.

The explanation of the various signs and symbols we touched upon during our session had but one aim: to foster a deeper experience of faith during the Holy Mass, to help people come to know God in their lives, and to live with Him day by day.

Faith comes from listening, and where else do we listen most about God if not in the church? And what else do we encounter in the church if not the sacraments?

We usually become most aware of the significance of the Holy Mass in our lives on Maundy Thursday (the Last Supper Mass). But perhaps, for many people, both young and old, it comes across as boring, or as a theatrical performance that is difficult to understand.

That is why a few people who are very involved in running the RCIA sessions within our parish asked me, after our catechesis in the church, to begin this series of short articles focusing on the Holy Mass, highlighting God's love for us, which is hidden

in the signs and symbols present at every celebration of the Holy Mass.

What you will read here, month by month, is a compilation of various publications on the Eucharist and official documents of the Church on the subject.

From my own experience, I know that footnotes (which indicate which sentences belong to which authors) turn a text into an academic article – one that is rather off-putting to read – which is why I have deliberately omitted them from the individual texts. This approach affords a certain luxury: the explanations of the liturgical signs remain relatively brief and easier to read. All the texts published on the pages of our monthly magazine are compiled in such a way as to bring them closer to the life of our parish community, and they have but one aim: to ensure that those 50 minutes of Sunday Mass are not a waste of time for us.

Since I cannot recall any further 'sins' regarding this issue, I have no choice but to encourage everyone to read it. Enjoy!

Fr Tomasz

Sign no 1: The place: a Church

This first sign reminds me that the Holy Mass is like a date with a beloved. Recall a date from your youth, or think back to how you imagined or dreamed of a date. That is exactly what the Eucharist is like!

You see, those truly in love have places close to their hearts to which they like to return together. Sometimes it is a park bench where they first dared to hold hands, or a table in a cozy café that witnessed their first declarations of love. It is much the same with our love for God. He, too, likes to invite those who give Him their hearts to specific places - special places. One such place (another, for instance is the confessional room) where God invites us for a "date" is Holy Mass.

I have often heard these words: "I can meet God anywhere; I don't need to drag myself to some Mass filled with crowds, where the priest talks about politics", and so on. It is true - you can encounter God everywhere, and as a believer, you will experience this more

than once in your life. Yet, this "date" - this encounter at Holy Mass - takes place in a special setting and holds unique significance.

Imagine this scenario: a husband or wife goes to their spouse - to whom they vowed love, fidelity, honesty, and so on - and says, "Darling, today is our wedding anniversary. I've booked a table for dinner at the Italian restaurant where we got engaged". In response, they hear: "Let's forget about that sentimental nonsense. After all, we see each other every day, we're together, and we've been living under the same roof for fifteen years - it's childish. Just make some coffee, and let's watch the forty-fifth episode of our favourite series together". Wouldn't you feel hurt if you found yourself in such a situation? I won't ask which households would experience the so-called "silent days" after such a scene, but I suspect there would be many. It is much the same when we fail to let God invite us to a special encounter - at a

specific time and place, and for a specific occasion. Our daily walk with God (assuming we have one) then becomes drab and colourless, filled with routine and mediocrity. Worst of all, we fail to refresh the memory of those early days when He first entered our lives.

The Holy Mass is the Lord's favourite place - a setting where He desires to sit with us at a festive table to recall and solemnly experience the love that unites us. In this encounter, Christ speaks to you and me: "Beloved, remember the day I declared My love for you by dying on the Cross - only to rise again and open to you the heart from which eternal life flows". In the church, at His altar, Jesus calls to mind the very beginning of our bond with Him - a time before we even existed in this world - recalling the greatest declaration of love in the history of the universe: death and resurrection.

SEASON OF CREATION

an Eco Festival of events in Macclesfield

1st September - 4th October 2026

The churches of HOPE in North East Cheshire invite you to join in this period of reflection and action to cherish and protect our environment.

See the calendar inside or scan the QR code for more information.



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

The international Season of Creation has been celebrated by churches in Macclesfield for over 10 years and is open to all local people.

In 2026, the theme of "Living Water" is of a river growing deeper and deeper restoring barren land, reviving waters, and sustaining flourishing ecosystems.

This vision invites human responsibility: recognising ecological damage and embracing interconnectedness. We are all called to immerse ourselves in the water, actively safeguarding and working for the renewal of creation so that environmental healing and human well-being may flourish together.

The symbol also encourages us to immerse ourselves in the tears of creation, that is allowing our hearts to be touched by those suffering particularly from environmental degradation, as well as the suffering of all creation.

Full calendar of Season of Creation events overleaf and on the St Alban's Church website:

stalbanmacc.org.uk/season-of-creation

or contact:

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Event Highlights

Tuesday 1st September 6.30pm

Prayer Service at Macclesfield Riverside Park
Meet at visitor centre, Beechwood Mews, SK10 2SL.

Friday 11th September 7:30pm

People's Emergency Briefing on the climate and nature crisis

Film followed by discussion. All welcome.
St. Michael's Church, Market Place, SK10 1DY.

Tuesday 15th September 7.45pm

Workshop: 'Calling a wounded earth home'
Exploring what kind of people we might need to become to live life in its fullness in a time of climate breakdown.
St Alban's Parish Centre, Chester Rd, SK11 8DJ.

Friday 18th September 5.00pm–9:00pm

Feeding bellies not bins!

Cooking with surplus food. Come along to prepare, cook and eat a shared meal made from surplus food. Booking preferred: 01625 421 984.

St. Michael's Church, Market Place, SK10 1DY.

Wednesday 23rd September 9:15am–2:30pm

Laudato Si Centre

Visit to the Diocese of Salford's eco hub for environmental learning, wellbeing, and spirituality with a walled vegetable garden and woodlands. Transport provided.

Friday 1st October

4.00pm–7.00pm

Apple Pressing - come and have a go!
Drop in at Scoop and Scales, Roe Street, SK11 6UT.



**Fri 11 Sep 7:30pm,
St Michael's Church, Macclesfield**

Join us for the People's Emergency Briefing. It's an eye-opening 50-minute film in which nine leading UK scientists and experts bring the latest evidence and why it matters for things like

- Extreme weather
- Food security
- Health
- Cost of living

The film is based on the evidence-led National Emergency Briefing for politicians and leaders of organisations which took place in Westminster in November 2025. It includes appearances from Chris Packham, Deborah Meaden, and a range of voices from across the UK.

After the film, there will be an open discussion about what it means for our future and what we can do locally. Tim Roca, MP for Macclesfield, has been invited to attend as a participant in this crucial conversation. All local politicians are also welcome.

Seats are **FREE** but limited, so please book in advance by clicking [this link](#). There will also be admission on the door. Seating is unreserved and the venue is accessible.

Season Of Creation, More information

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Heating Fund collection

As most of you will know, heating in our church has been problematic for a few years – there have been problems with the boiler, costs are crippling, and the Parish Council, in partnership with the Diocese, is looking at alternative heating systems.

The church building still needs to be heated before a permanent solution is agreed and implemented. To help with the rising costs, Margaret at Calm Sanctuary is offering relaxation sessions, with all profit going towards the heating fund for our church.

The offer has been extended until the end of this year. If you would like to take advantage, please contact Margaret on 07479 556 557

Just Drop In at 25

By Mike Guerin

What to do for the Millennium? Strongly influenced by St Albans priest, Fr Paul Hughes, (a late vocation with a background in teaching), Churches Together in Macclesfield decided that rather than erect a monument, they would invest in the future of young people of the town and set up a charity, Just Drop In.

Originally based in Chestergate, with a group of Trustees drawn from all denominations and chaired by St Albans parishioner, Mike Finn it opened its doors in 2001 inviting young people to 'drop in'. Staffed largely by volunteers, it offered advice, guidance and mentoring. Its aim was to make a difference.

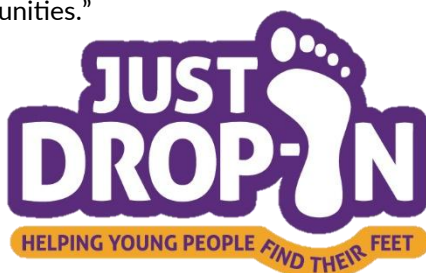
Since then, it has moved to Great King Street, later Duke Street and is now based in Brook Street. Each time its activities have expanded, and it now provides mentoring, counselling, parent support and wellbeing services. Although it employs professional staff lead by Chief Officer Ann Wright, volunteers remain essential to its ability to offer its full range of activities. Macclesfield parishioners continue to be an important part of the team. Its annual report for 2025/26 records that volunteers contributed 2,836 hours in the year.

Satellite operations in Wilmslow and Knutsford, also run by volunteers are supported by professional staff from Macclesfield.

All services provided by Just Drop In are free to the user. Finance is therefore a major issue. Donations, support from Charitable Foundations, the National Lottery, Children in Need and Cheshire East and Macclesfield Councils have all featured in financing its operations over the period of its existence.

It describes its Mission to be "to help and support children and young people who are finding life hard. We have a heartfelt commitment to improve their mental health and social well-being helping them to find themselves and their feet. For all who dropping in, we seek to create a safe space and instil a sense of self-worth and hope, relieve their struggles embrace and develop their strengths and build their resilience to face the world with renewed self-confidence. Our aim is that that they grow to their full potential as individuals and live fulfilled lives as members of their communities."

If any parishioner is interested in obtaining a copy of the Annual Report or helping young people by volunteering, they can contact Ann Wright at: ann.wright@justdropin.co.uk



Loreto Spirituality Centre, Llandudno

Despite its grand title, this place is a very gentle and friendly place to spend time by oneself or with a group.

A few of us gathered last year for 'A Space to Grieve' weekend. I just wanted to see where I was in my loss, in my chaotic feelings, and just give myself some space and kindness in all the pain. Just looking for somewhere away from everybody, and everything, and grateful not to be expected to share, or even listen too much.

We did share our appreciation for the hospitality, the food, the en-suite facilities, the incredible views down the road-the Welsh mountains, deserted little beaches, and even the famous wild goats trotting by the roadside or climbing the Orme.

We gathered a few times to hear a very gifted and wise leader, Sr Ewa Bem, gently speaking to us. One person mentioned coming for some spiritual input after having lots of help following the loss of their grown-up son; a widow and her two adult sons were there, and others.

There is a beautiful small chapel where we could sit by ourselves, and plenty of tea and coffee making facilities in the lounges as well as opportunity to speak with the leader if we wished.

I can recommend the centre, as well as this programme. There is much variety - from teaching retreats to private times. You can stay with friends or family, with self-catering apartments, if you wish to have a short break.

It is accessible by road or rail (Llandudno Junction is on the Euston/Holyhead trainline).

For more details of programmes and cost etc do look at www.loretocentre.org.uk

Christine Pike

After the earthquakes in Venezuela, communities are finding hope!

Jerome Johnston

On 24 June, two earthquakes measuring 7.2 and 7.5 struck northern Venezuela, causing deep sorrow, loss of life and severe material damage in various regions of the country.

From the very outset, our local partner, Caritas Venezuela, has remained committed to standing alongside people who are suffering, especially those most in need.

As the immediate search and rescue phase comes to an end, Caritas continues to provide emergency assistance and work with communities as they begin to rebuild their lives. This wouldn't be possible without your support so thank you.

How your support is making a difference.

Thanks to your generosity, alongside support from across the international Caritas family and the tireless commitment of local volunteers, Caritas Venezuela has already reached thousands of families affected by the earthquakes. More than 21,000 tonnes of essential aid have arrived, with 86% already delivered to people and communities who need it most.

Your support is contributing to this wider response, helping provide families with the essentials they need to get through this difficult time:

- 22,924 families received food and hygiene supplies.
- 99,608 medical supplies and medicines were distributed, helping hospitals and healthcare centres under immense pressure.
- 13,760 food parcels provided families with essential items including rice, pasta, maize flour, sugar, tinned fish and honey.
- 9,164 hygiene kits were distributed, containing items such as soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and water purification tablets.

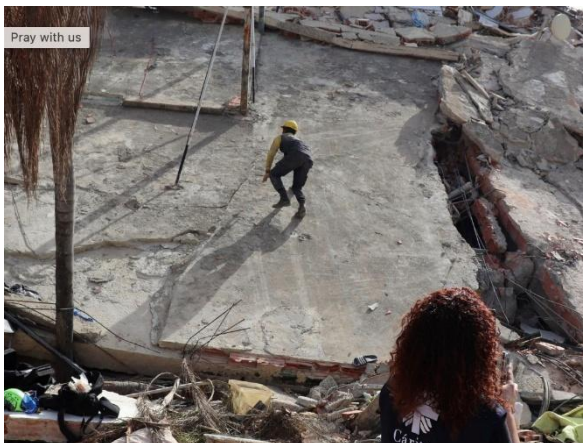
Volunteering is at the heart of this response.

Around 10,000 volunteers from dioceses and parishes across Venezuela have stepped forward to help. Among them, 7,540 people have been directly involved in receiving, sorting, packing and distributing aid. They are teachers, young people, mothers, retirees and neighbours who have chosen to stand alongside families in need.

Thanks to you, they are not standing alone.

Every day, an average of 280 volunteers worked on the

operation, with an average working day of 7.5 hours per person, amounting to 2,100 hours of service each day in support of the affected families.



Many of these volunteers are serving communities that they themselves are part of, accompanying neighbours through one of the most difficult moments in their lives while they, themselves, are going through similar loss.

Across Venezuela, the Church has become a place of refuge, comfort and hope.

Parishes have opened their doors to families in need, while priests, religious sisters and volunteers continue to accompany people who have lost loved ones, homes and livelihoods. Alongside practical assistance, they are providing pastoral care, emotional support and a reassuring presence for communities facing immense uncertainty.

This nationwide effort has been spearheaded by the leadership of Monsignor Jesús González de Zárate, President of the Venezuelan Bishops' Conference (CEV), and benefits from the significant presence and support of Monsignor Alberto Ortega Martín, Apostolic Nuncio to Venezuela, as a visible sign of the communion and closeness of the universal Church to our people.

CAFOD will continue to stand alongside Caritas Venezuela as they accompany communities through this next phase of recovery.

Thank you for your prayers, your generosity and your solidarity. Together, we can continue bringing hope to families affected by this devastating disaster.



Out and About in Derbyshire

Anne Flynn

On Wednesday 15th July St Alban's Ladies Group set out on a McCarthy's coach into Derbyshire for a bit of retail therapy whilst enjoying the wonderful countryside on the way. Although the day started out a little cool and misty, especially near Buxton, the weather turned out to be glorious as was expected.

Calling first at Peak Village Shopping Centre at Rowsley, a favourite haunt from two years past, the ladies loaded up with shoes from Pavers, summer dresses and tops. Moira commented: I'm enjoying wearing my new sandals" A very good lunch could also be had at Caffee Massarella's.



In the afternoon they went on to the Spa town of Matlock for even more shopping as it was market day. However, there was also respite in the shade of the trees in Hall Leys Park in the centre of Matlock with a chance for a cooling ice cream or a refreshing cup of tea.

A quick nip into Matlock's M&S before we all got on the coach and Steve our driver got us back in Macclesfield for just after 5pm.

What a grand day out we all had!



ST ALBAN'S LADIES GROUP

AFTER THE SUMMER BREAK, WE WELCOME
YOU BACK ON 2ND SEPTEMBER AT 2.00 P.M.



AUTUMN PROGRAMME

We meet in the Parish Centre on 1st & 3rd
Wednesdays 2.00p.m. – 4.00p.m.

Tea & Biscuits (inc. chocolate ones!) are also
enjoyed

SEPTEMBER

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Society) was chosen as our
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16th *Open meeting*

OCTOBER

7th *Speaker: Patty Callaghan –
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21st *Tales from the Travel Industry
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7305267325

Ramble News

Anna Franks

What a hot summer we have had! In July, we tried a different kind of ramble. Starting from my home in Rugby Drive, Tytherington, we set off up the canal towards Clarke Lane and returned via the Middlewood Way. Just two miles. There were twelve of us walking, and three dogs. The walk took the group an hour (we stopped to look at the chain saw sculpture beside the Dutch bridge, passing boats and other interesting features). After the walk we settled down for tea and cake in the garden, seeking out as much shade as possible. It was lovely to welcome everyone and we all enjoyed time to relax and chat. I would be happy to arrange a shorter walk again, but would not ask EVERYONE to bring cake! Thank you to all who came. Families would be welcome another time.



The St Albans **Knitting and crafts group** starts again on Tuesday 8th September in the Parish Hall. We meet every Tuesday straight after morning Mass and finish at 12noon. We welcome knitters of all abilities, from the beginner to the accomplished. Bring your knitting, embroidery, crochet or other project with you. Or if you don't knit, please come along and enjoy a sociable chat in a welcoming environment.

For more information, contact Helen on 07972 694834 or Anne on 07808 921678.



Macclesfield President's Charity Takes to the Air

Mike Guerin

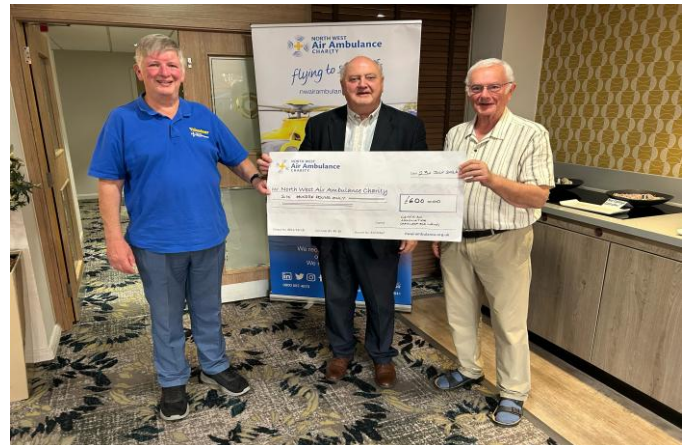


Adrian from the South Cheshire Air Ambulance Crew describes the Air Ambulances role and activities

Each year the Presidents of Catenian Circles choose a charity to support. Each Circle actively raise funds for the President's chosen charity during the President's year of office, raising substantial sums. It is estimated that in Great Britain Catenian Circles raise over £250,000, which goes to these chosen charities. This is in addition to donations to the Association's two charities – the Benevolent Fund and Bursary Fund. The

Catenian Association is also a major donor to the National Office for Vocations, and funder of Flame – the biannual catholic youth rally.

Macclesfield President, Maurice Wilbraham, decided to split the money raised by the Circle between three charities: Arthritis UK, East Cheshire Hospice and the North West Air Ambulance, each receiving six hundred pounds. Following a recent Macclesfield Circle meeting, Adrian from the South Cheshire air ambulance crew described the work done by the air ambulance and its need for donations as it received no government funding. As Maurice was on holiday, his brother and fellow Catenian John presented the cheque on behalf of the Circle.



John Wilbraham and Charles Golabek (Circle Treasurer) present cheque to Adrian from the South Cheshire Air Ambulance Crew

St Vincent de Paul Society

Tess McGhee

The St Vincent de Paul Society, or SVP as it is known, is an international charity which is over 200 years old. Many parishes have an SVP group. Our group in St Alban's meet weekly, aiming to help and befriend individuals and families of any faith or nationality. We are only able to do this through your love and prayers and your generous financial support.

The SVP in St Alban's get referrals for help through SVP Head Office in London, our parish office and through our dedicated phone line. The number is 07881 895540; messages left will be answered within 24 hours.

SVP members visit people in their own homes and in care homes, offering help, including lifts to appointments. Our members have contact with the schools in our parish and offer help to families for uniforms, shoes and, when funds allow, other items such as furniture, appliances and carpets.

Throughout the year St Alban's SVP support families and individual people in need with food vouchers, and we also help with gas and electricity in emergencies. We are able to help a local food bank and at Christmas we provide food vouchers to over one hundred families. Members deliver the 'Toy Sunday' donations to the primary school and to other local charities.

The SVP Appeal will take place towards the end of September. If you can support us with your prayers and/or financially we would be very grateful. If you would like to join our group please talk to one of our members or call the SVP number above.

God bless you and thank you.

Every little helps at all our supermarkets

The Scots have a good way of putting it: they talk about *mickles* and *muckles* – small amounts, which together make something big and significant.

This is certainly true when we purchase Fairtrade items in shops and online. Our pounds and pennies spent on tea and other things certified as meeting the Fairtrade standards make a big, big difference.



Many people choose to spend their money this way - total expenditure by UK consumers is in the order of £2.5 billion annually. Retail outlets offer Fairtrade products in many countries and on most continents. All sorts of products carry the badge. So you are not at all on your own when you fork out the price of your chosen bananas, coffee or even wine at the checkout - you are one among tens of thousands.

You are also one of quite a few when you enjoy a cuppa, tea or coffee after Mass on a Sunday morning in our Parish Centre. As a community, our parish decided to support Fairtrade some years ago and we are recognised by the Fairtrade Foundation as a Fairtrade Church. This means that we are committed to using Fairtrade products in our collective catering.



We might say that we are a bit like Marks & Spencer's - we serve Fairtrade tea and coffee in the café.

The Fairtrade Premium

One of the key objectives of Fairtrade is to make sure that farmers and producer, mainly in developing countries, get fair wages. Also, that their farms and plantations receive a guaranteed price to cover all costs. This is important in a world dominated by big multinational companies which tend to insist on market prices which fluctuate wildly. Working to Fairtrade standards helps plantations maintain financial sustainability.

Perhaps less well-known is the Fairtrade Premium, an extra stream of revenue they receive to fund local development work. The total raised by UK Fairtrade sales is around £30 Million a year. This impressive muckle is for investment in health projects, infrastructure, education and other assets needed by the producer communities.

Fairtrade and the Environment



Fairtrade is identified very much with price guarantees to producers and workers. It also has a very strong set of standards to protect the environment of producer farms and plantations. This emphasis is perhaps not one of which everyone is aware.

It is a happy coincidence that Fairtrade Fortnight starts this and every year now in the Season of Creation when which our attention is drawn to our common home.

To qualify for certification, producers avoid the use of certain pesticides which are widely used in multinational agriculture. Improvements in soil structure by methods such as organic farming are widely encouraged. So are irrigation schemes, so important in a world where so much of the earth is threatened by desertification with climate change

After all, the Season calls us to hear "the cry of earth" as well as "the cry of poor." Fairtrade helps us with our mickles to respond to both cries.

Together we make a muckle difference



People's Emergency Briefing

on the climate and nature crisis

Macclesfield



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7.30pm, 11 Sept, St Michael's Church, Market Place, Macclesfield SK10 1DY

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