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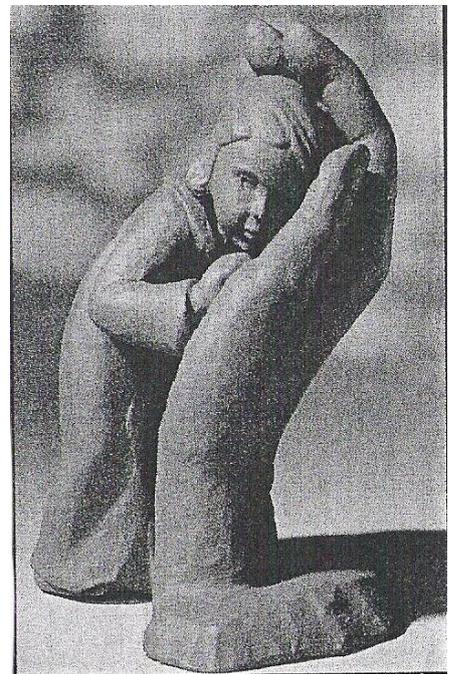
Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

*Our Mission*

*Living With Christ*

*Living For Christ*

*Living to Make Christ Known*



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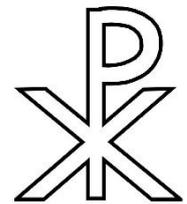
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***Articles for the May Magazine by 8th April please***

## Christ, the Victor

Think of a Roman mosaic. In it picture the head and shoulders of a young, fair-haired, clean-shaven man, wearing a tunic and robe. Behind the man's head see two superimposed Greek letters, a capital rho (P) and a capital chi (X), such that they are partly hidden behind it. On both sides of the head, imagine a pomegranate.

The above description is a fairly limited one – intended to sketch out the main features of part of a mosaic found in the remains of a Roman villa in Dorset, from about AD 350. If I asked you who this is meant to depict, then perhaps you might be fairly confident in replying Christ because of the Greek letters which are the first two of the Greek word for Christ (Christos). This mosaic probably contains one of the oldest surviving depictions of him, arising after Emperor Constantine's conversion to Christianity and Christianity being officially recognised alongside other religious and mythological beliefs. Christ appears looking a bit like a Roman Emperor or a god, with rich clothes and a hairstyle related to the fashion of the mid-fourth century.



Christ's head is a part of a larger mosaic which includes mythological elements. These include the Greek hero Bellerophon riding Pegasus and slaying the Chimaera, a monster combining the head of a lion, the body of a goat and a serpent's tail. It could be that people who saw the mosaic would make a link between Christ and Bellerophon, seeing the part depicting Christ as some sort of symbol for Christ's victory over death and evil.

The strife is o'er, the battle done; Now is the Victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung: Allelulia! <i>(Hymns and Psalms, 214)</i>
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Further interpretation of the face of Christ in the mosaic can be done by considering the presence of the pomegranates on either side of it. These could be reminders of the myth of Persephone who was carried off to the Underworld, rescued by her mother and

brought back to land of the living. While in the Underworld, Persephone had eaten seeds from a pomegranate to sustain her in her time of darkness. Also, in the ancient world, pomegranates were commonly used as figurative images of eternal life. Therefore, the Dorset Christ can be seen to express the Christian hope alongside the hopes of others – that death is not the end but part of a bigger story which will reach its climax in the defeat of evil and in fruitfulness and abundant life.

In Britain, in the third and fourth centuries, Christ was merely one god amongst many others, so the appearance of Christ alongside images of other gods is not as incongruous as it might initially appear. What Christianity did was to adapt for its own purposes powerful imagery from Greek and Roman mythology to convey the message of resurrection and the triumph of life over death. Hence, the mosaic in Dorset, with parallels to be drawn between Christ and Bellerophon and Persephone.

This Easter we celebrate our risen Christ who, through his work on the cross, has defeated the powers of evil and triumphed over death. He is Christ, the Victor.

May you know something of the power which raised Christ from death working in your own life,



*Philip*

*To find an image of the Dorset Christ, insert 'Hinton St Mary Mosaic' into your web search engine.*

## **Reminder of major events for Golden Anniversary at CHMC**

28th April	'More than Gold': Prayer, the Bible and Justice
29th April	The Big Sing
18th May	Flower arranging by Val Seed
12th-22nd June	'A Fisherman's Tale'
17th June	Preacher Rev Helen Jenkins
14th July	Family Fun Afternoon/BBQ
15th July	Preacher Rev Dr Judith Rossall
8th September	Early evening Beetle Drive
9th September	Preacher Rev Mark Hammond
27th-30th September	'It's a Miracle' Flower Festival
30th September	Harvest Festival Rev Debbie Lucas

All of these preachers are former members of CHMC and have then gone into the ministry

## *Come and Worship*

### **Sunday 1st April Easter Sunday**

- 8.30am Rev Philip Peacock will lead the service with Holy Communion
- 10.00am Rev Philip Peacock and Pat James - All Age Worship and Holy Communion: *He is risen!*
- 6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock and Rev Louise Gough with Holy Communion and prayers for Healing and Wholeness

### **Sunday 8th April**

- 10.00am David Allaby
- 6.30 pm Rev Louise Gough

## **Sunday 15th April**

9.30 for 10.00 Taste

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock, then General Church Meeting

4.00pm Easter Offering - Circuit Service at Wilmslow

*No evening service at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church*

## **Sunday 22nd April Vocation Sunday**

10.00am Informal Worship

10.00am Rev Geoffrey Barnard

6.30pm Local Arrangement – based around a Nooma Video

## **Sunday 29th April**

10.00am Messy Taste – see below

April 29<sup>th</sup> **Morning Worship** For the second year running, April has five Sundays so we shall be running a Messy-Taste service, on the subject of 'Jesus is the True Vine', on April 29th.

We plan to begin worship altogether in the sanctuary; then choices to continue will include: Bible study, prayer stations, opportunities for reflection, craft, food-making, games and puzzles before we gather together to conclude. We hope you will come and invite your friends – and if you haven't already been asked to help and have a gift to offer, please get in touch! You are welcome to join us for a 'bring your own butties' indoor picnic after the service.

Pam Howie, Taste Leader.

6.30pm Big Sing - Churches Together and Circuit Service

## **New Worship Patterns at CHMC.**

We hate to change things when you've only just begun to get used to the current pattern but.....

The Informal Service at 6pm on fourth Sundays has not attracted the families for which it was primarily designed. Adult attendees have definitely appreciated the chance to participate in worship through quizzes and puzzles, discussion and games and we will consider how we might continue with less formal evening services at our next meeting.

Meanwhile, we have made the decision to move the service, in its current family-friendly form, to the morning from April 22nd. The Informal service will run alongside the service in the sanctuary from 10am and may use the Hall, room 6 and the coffee lounge, as appropriate. This will ensure that morning worship will always

include specific provision for children and families.  
All are welcome to attend the Informal service and we would appreciate volunteers to help lead or prepare resources - please let me know if you think you could help.

Pam Howie, Evening Worship Planning Co-ordinator

## **Church Council Jottings – February 2018**

18 members present and 9 apologies, the meeting was chaired by Rev Philip Peacock.

- Resources Team reported that there are ongoing issues with daytime usage of the car park.
- Property return is required by May 2018, to be completed by the Office Administrators and approved by the resources team.
- Quinquennial inspection reported that roof repairs are required.
- The Annual Accounts for year ended August 2017 were presented; signed by the Chair subject to approval by the Independent Examiner.
- New volunteers would be welcome for the Publicity Task Group.
- New regulations for Data Protection regulation come into effect in May 2018 which must be adopted by CHMC. Awaiting guidelines to be published by The Methodist Church.
- The Pastoral Worker's role will come to an end in August 2018. Revd Louise Gough is to become an additional Minister at CHMC contributing pastorally and in worship in order to provide Philip with more time to fulfil his Circuit Superintendent's role.
- Council accepted a proposal from the Leadership Team to create a new post of Evangelism Enabler, from September 2018.
- The Vision Statement document was explored in more detail; first looking at Evangelism and ways to achieve objectives related to this.

- It was noted that overall membership numbers have decreased, but there is potential for some new members.
- Thanks were expressed to Christine Woodhead for the new embroidered cover to the prayer book.
- Defibrillator donated by Ken and Barbara Johnson has been installed in the church building.
- Emma Coe is stepping down from her role as Cradle Role Secretary.
- Two representatives were elected to the Circuit Meeting: John Harrington and Margaret Parker.
- Leaving service for Revd Heegon Moon and Revd Tim Nicholls to be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 5pm, Cheadle Trinity.
- Welcome service for Revd David Warnock to be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 7.30pm at St Andrew's.

## *News of the Family*

### **Bereavement**

We are so sad to hear of the death of Norman Pattie and assure Margaret and the family of our prayers and support during this sad time.

### **Baptism**

Conway Noah Archie Sim was baptised and welcomed into our church family on 18<sup>th</sup> March as part of the Cradle Roll service. Please pray for all the children on the Cradle Roll and their parents.



If any church member is aware of someone who cannot come to the Sunday Morning Service for lack of transport please let me know  
George Lea

The Flower Visitor in April is  
Cheryl Palmer



## **Christian Aid Sponsor Walk- Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

This year is our 51<sup>st</sup> Sponsored Walk in aid of Christian Aid. There will be the choice of three routes to cater for all ages and walking abilities, all starting and finishing at St Martin's Church, Shrigley Road North, Higher Poynton, SK12 1TE. The three and six mile walks along the Macclesfield canal in the direction of Marple and back to St Martin's along the Middlewood Way, are flat and also suitable for buggies and scooters. The 8 mile route is a circuit around beautiful parts of Lyme Park, passing the Cage, Lantern and Paddock Cottage, through woods and meadows. All the routes are well signposted, there are marshals to guide you and we give all walkers a map. Well behaved dogs are very welcome.

Walkers register at St Martin's Church between 10 and 11 am on the day. Sponsor forms will be available for those planning to ask for sponsorship or alternatively we ask walkers to make a donation on the day to Christian Aid. Further information about the walk, the three routes and sponsorship forms will be on the Christian Aid notice board at church.

To ensure the walk runs smoothly we need a considerable number of helpers on the day, people to put up and take down the route signs, act as marshals, help with registration and making refreshments. Please could you offer to help for a couple of hours? Last year we had 85 walkers taking part and over £4700 was pledged in sponsorship on the day. Our target this year is 100 walkers and to raise over £5000.

Please could you note the date of the walk this year, **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May**, and consider what you could do, walking, helping with the walk on the day or sponsoring a walker?

Thank you

Gill Smith

# CHRISTIAN AID – WARMEST THANK YOU!

## GROWING ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES in Ghana

Our local Christian Aid group would like to thank all our supporters for enabling us to complete our second Special Project in Africa, where we sent in £5,000, and the European Union tripled it, to make a total of £15,000 – staggering! THANK you all!

The first Special Project was focused on the Democratic Republic of Congo where some of the poorest people on earth live. We helped them develop a ‘voice’ to help them explain their needs to local government, with the result that now they have safe drinking water locally, some simple medical services and a belief that their needs CAN be attended to!

Our Second Project is focusing on the need for job creation in Ghana, where unemployment currently stands at 48%. The issue is most acute for young adults who leave education but find no jobs available, particularly if they are young and disabled.

As a project is beginning, a meeting is called to *listen* to the ideas, hopes and dreams of relevant people. Local government is involved in this meeting.

**Needs assessment** is the next stage.

What skills are needed? driving? tailoring? welding? soap- or shoe-making, etc, ?

EMPOWERMENT comes next..... as people with the relevant skills are brought in and train young adults, as small loans are made available so that SET UP COSTS are covered and, as land is acquired, so that those longing to farm can begin to do so, CONTINUING GROWTH.

Those who have been trained later train new people their skills.

This explanation about these projects was given to us at our recent Lent Lunch, by Aba Hagan, from Ghana. Her employment is as the acting Senior Private Sector Engagement Officer for Christian Aid in Accra. I understand that the private sector is generally more effective in setting up and developing new businesses, so their partnership is beneficial in several ways to the people being trained in our projects.

Aba says that after the three years of Christian Aid's support (when they usually withdraw from these new and sustainable businesses, to start similar work elsewhere) she expects that **half a million young people will have become self-supporting because of this programme!**

Margaret Clarke

**Christian Aid Week** this year is Sun May 13 - Sat May 19. Our focus on the envelopes is Haiti. Please consider helping in this vital work. We always need help to deliver and collect envelopes. We will also need help with the counting of the money we collect, further details will be in the weekly notices.

Everyone is invited to to hear about Christian Aid's work in Haiti, at Cheadle Hulme United Reform Church, 65 Swann Lane, on Monday 16 April 7 - 8.30pm . Come along to be inspired in the lead up to Christian Aid Week. Hear about the impact your support has had in Haiti.

Please contact Sue Bethwaite or Margaret Clarke for further information

## *For Your Diary*

### **Cameo**

Tuesdays 10.30am until 2.00pm

Elderly people come together to chat, have refreshments and a hot lunch and enjoy entertainment

### **Contact**

The next meeting of Contact will be on 18th April: Rob Howard accordion player

### **Focus**

Will be on 20th April "Garden Party at Buckingham Palace"  
Norma Cavanagh

### **Foodbank**

Continues on the second Sunday of the month, please bring tins in date

## **Refugees**

A group meets on Monday mornings (10.30 - venue in the Notice Sheet), to share information and to PRAY, about various aspects of this on-going crisis.

**Toddlers**      Wednesdays at 10.30am for toddlers with carers

**Baby Chat**    Thursdays at 10.30am

**Tiddlywinks**   Fridays at 10.30am (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays)

## **Fishermen's Tale**

Those who remember the Christmas and Easter Trails we have put on at church in years gone by, will know what a fantastic experience they are. Everyone who has attended these events have been 'blown away' by the experience and have asked when we can have another one. Well the wait is over!

Commencing on Tuesday afternoon **12th June** and running through to Friday morning **22nd June**, excluding the weekends we will be running the Fishermen's Tale (not Trail!). Just as with previous events the local schools will be sending their pupils in during the days of the Tale but for two evenings each week there will be evening Tales to follow for any adults and children who have not been able to take part via the local schools.

So more details nearer the time BUT these events don't just happen. They need a lot of help in setting up, clearing away and also catering. So according to the organisers of the event, an organisation called '**Bible Encounter**', this is the help we need:-

### **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

1.      11:00am - Deliver Props [**8 people to help off-load**]
2.      12:30pm - Deliver catacombs [**4 people to help off load**]
3.      2pm - [**6 people to help off load – heavy lifting**] Deliver Boat

## **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Pre Set-up Day**

1. Move pews after morning service 8/10 to move pews
2. 2pm – 6pm  
Initial set-up – **6/8 active people to build set** - happy up ladders/wielding a screwdriver.  
Bring own stepladders and tools (electric screwdriver etc)

## **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Main Set-up Day**

1. Morning Session: 9:15am-12:3a.

9am for 9:15am **8/10 active people to build set** – happy up ladders/wielding a screwdriver. Bring own stepladders and tools (electric screwdriver etc)

- b. 10am **6 people to iron** – with own iron and a thick blanket

2. Afternoon Session: 1:30pm – 5:30pm

- a. 1:30pm – 4pm **6 active people to complete set** - happy up ladders/wielding a screwdriver

- b. 2pm – 5:30pm **6 active people to hang cloth** - happy up ladders

3. Evening Session: 7pm–9pm

- a. **4/6 active people to help with final cloth hanging/set dressing & tidying up**

## **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Fishermen's Tale**

1. Day to Day needs

- a. Welcome/Refreshments team (**2 people**)

2. Evening Presentations

- a. Stewards and refreshments for Wednesdays & Thursdays

- i. 6:45pm

- ii. 8:00pm

## **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Dismantle**

1. 3:30-5:30pm **6 active people** to - remove and pack artefacts &  
- remove and fold cloth
2. 4:15pm-6:30pm **8/10 active people** to dismantle framework/set
3. 6:30pm - 8pm **6 active people to** load van etc

## **Saturday 23rd June**

1. 11am **6/8 active people** to load boat and replace pews

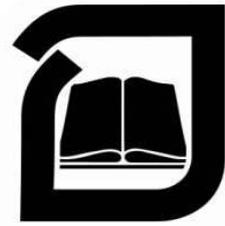
So, as you can see we are going to need a lot of help if we want to be able to run the Fishermen's Tale.

Please then will you volunteer to assist with this venture.  
Please let me know your availability as soon as you can.  
Thank you.

John Harrington



# Church Life



## Homegroups

Monday	Wendy and Les Turner		8pm
Monday	Rachel Monkhouse		8pm
Monday	Pam Howie		8pm
<i>(Tuesday</i>	<i>Evening reflective</i>	<i>Pat James</i>	<i>7.00pm )</i>
<i>worship at Church</i>			
Tuesday	Val Pickwell		8pm
Wednesday	Dilys and Maurice Turnpenney		8pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday</b> Thursday	John Harrington		10am – 12 noon

Home Groups meet on the first and third weeks of each month

# MEETING TOGETHER

People to contact

## Sunday

Young Church 10.00 Pauline Moore

## Tuesday

Cameo 10.30 Val Pickwell

Banner Making 14.00 Sue Jacklin

Reflective Worship 19.00 Pat James

Rock Solid 19.30 Emma Coe

## Wednesday

Toddler Group 10.30 Susie Metcalfe

Contact 14.30 George Lea

The Singers 18.45 Christine Watson

## Thursday

Baby Chat 10.30 Susie Metcalfe

Network 14.30 Ruth Mason

Scouts 19.15 David Heatley

## Friday

Tiddlywinks 10.30 Susie Metcalfe

Beavers 18.30 Jacqui Metcalfe

(6- 8years)Parish Rooms

Cubs 18.30 Andrew Thompson

Thorn Grove Guide HQ

Focus 19.30 Val Pickwell

Heating Steward: R. Watson/A Hardman -

Envelope Secretary: David Clark

Room Bookings: Church Office

Transport Rota: George Lea

