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THE MAGAZINE

Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

Come near

to God

and he will

come near to you.



James 4:8

Our Mission
Living With Christ,
Living For Christ,
Living to Make Christ Known.

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Articles for the October Magazine
by 14th September please.

Rev Philip Peacock introduces himself and writes:-

Dear Christian sisters and brothers,

I have sent some words as a bit of an introduction to me for the Circuit magazine and do not see the point of repeating them in this one. So here, instead, perhaps I might reflect briefly on a verse from Jeremiah:

'I say this because I know what I am planning for you', says the Lord. 'I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future.'

(Jeremiah 29:11, New Century Version, Anglicised Edition.)

I do not know whether this verse is familiar to you or significant for you. I think that I first became aware of it as a late teenager around the time that I felt called to the ordained ministry. It contains words which are reassuring and positive. Read in isolation, it suggests that God wants what is good for me and has a purpose for my life. I presume that I am not the only individual who has ever drawn comfort and encouragement from its words. As I move to Cheadle Hulme, I trust that this is part of God's plan for me.

Once I have arrived, there will then be the need to try to discern with you what exactly that plan entails. That prospect is both exciting and unsettling. I simply need to trust that what God has in mind is good and will not bring me harm. I wonder what plans God has in store for you as an individual in the coming Methodist year. Some may be ones that you are already pursuing. Others may yet to be revealed. In them all God is concerned for your well-being too.

I have no recollection of being aware of the context of Jeremiah 29:11 as a teenager, but I am now. The above words were spoken not to an individual but to the Jewish people who were in exile in Babylon. They were part of a letter which encouraged the Jews to lead a normal life in Babylon and to prepare for a lengthy stay. The people were being encouraged not to see their time in exile negatively. They were to embrace it and to see it as part of God's purpose for their lives.

It has been said that the Church in twenty-first century Britain might consider itself to be in a kind of exile, because the Church is no longer at the centre of things and Christians are a minority group. Sometimes this might lead to despondency and anxiety about the future. However, perhaps we can learn from those words addressed to those Jewish exiles. When things do not seem to be going well, this is not to suggest God's indifference to us and the worthlessness of the experience. Rather, we need to recognise that in the hard times God is there with us, offering hope and promising a more positive future.

I know that there are 'plans' (priorities) that you are focussing on as a church but, as of yet, I do not really know how things are going. If they are progressing well then that is something for which to thank God. If not, then take some heart from Scripture. The Lord says: *'I have good plans for you, not plans to hurt you. I will give you hope and a good future.'*
I look forward to meeting you and sharing with you in God's mission in Cheadle Hulme,

Philip.

Welcome Services

Circuit Welcome Celebration

Service to welcome Rev Philip Peacock as the Circuit Superintendant and our Minister here at CHMC
And also to welcome Rev Philip Berry as Minister of Bramhall M.C. and Christ Church, Colshaw

Will be at Wythenshawe Forum on Sunday 7th September
10.30am.

Rev Bob Richards

Many thanks to Bob for looking after us during Gill's sabbatical
We have worked you very hard Bob and you have always responded with skill, thoughtfulness and friendliness. So our church family in Cheadle Hulme thanks you very much and we send all best wishes for the future and as you take a rest.

Alison writes:-

Thank You

Many of you will have read in the church notices over the summer an announcement from the Leadership Team stating that I am stepping down from my role as Ministerial Support and Pastoral Development Worker at the end of October.

I am currently serving in my 8th year on the Leadership Team and in my 5th year as Pastoral Worker at CHMC and after a lot of thought and prayer I have decided that the time is right for me personally to step down.

It has been an amazing journey and an enormous privilege to work and serve amongst you all within this church family and community and I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support and prayers and for all that we have shared together. I have been overwhelmed by all the messages of understanding, love, support and concern that I have received and I sincerely want to thank you and assure you all that there is honestly no other reason for my decision than my discerning that it is the right time for me to step aside and hand over the role and I hope and pray that can be understood and respected as the church seeks to find my successor.

We cannot know what the future holds and I certainly never expected my life to change direction completely in moving from Radiographer to Pastoral Worker but as followers of Christ we put our trust in God as He leads us and guides us and I have been amazed by all that God has enabled me to do. I have learnt so much and grown tremendously in my own faith and understanding through stepping out of my boat and walking on the water with Him. (I recommend John Ortberg's book " If You Want to Walk on Water you've got to Get Out of the Boat ")

I have had the enormous privilege of sharing in so many experiences with people and opportunities that I could never have anticipated have come my way. In sharing the love of God with others I personally have seen and received so much of His love through others.

I thank God for every moment and especially for the strength He has given to me in supporting and walking with people at very difficult times and also in seeing Him at work in healing, blessing and bringing comfort to those in need.

I have no immediate plans for the future (apart from a rest!) but look forward to continuing to worship with you all at CHMC at this exciting time of change as we welcome Rev Philip Peacock as our new Minister.

I pray that together as a church, and individually, we will all continue to seek, serve and follow Christ wherever He may lead us. And if any of you are thinking and praying about taking a step of faith and getting out of your boat - then just do it! Believe me you will be amazed by what God can do with you!

With love and thanks

Alison

Cover Verse

This verse came home to me very powerfully after we had had our Inspire band meeting a little while ago, where three of us meet each month in what we call our band practice, to support each other in our walk with God. We were each sharing where we were with God, and I said that I was kind of jogging along, no special ups and no particular downs. It was later that day that I reflected on this, and realised that although I was reading the Bible at some point each day, and offering a few prayers, I was not really spending time coming close to God, purely for the sake of being close. So naturally God did not seem particularly close! It was a no brainer! How could I have forgotten? So it was a salutary lesson to me, to remember to spend time simply being with God, to enjoy his presence, without just focusing on getting through the task of the daily devotions. Can't say I am suddenly brilliant at this, but I trust my band colleagues – and anyone else who wants to – gently to remind me about it.

Margaret Parker

Come and Worship

Sunday 7th September

10.30am **Circuit Service at Wythenshawe Forum**
with welcome to Philip Peacock for CHMC and
Philip Berry for Bramhall

Tues 9th September **7.00pm** Reflective Worship

Wed 10th September **10.30am** Wednesday Worship

Sunday 14th September

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock with Holy Communion
No Reflect today

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock

Tues 16th September **7.00pm** Reflective Worship

Wed 17th September **10.30am** Wednesday Worship
including Holy Communion

Sunday 21st September

10.00am Pat James will lead Worship
Reflect will be led by Helen Harrington

4.00pm Messy Church

6.30pm Reflective worship with Rev Philip Peacock

Tues 23rd September **7.00pm** Reflective Worship

Wed 24th September **10.30am** Wednesday Worship

Sunday 28th September Harvest Festival

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock
No Reflect today

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock with Holy Communion

Tues 30th September **7.00pm** Reflective Worship

Wed 1st October **10.30am** Wednesday Worship

Mid-week Worship and Learning

Homegroups start the Autumn term on the fourth week in
September . This is the week beginning Monday 22nd
September

Homegroups will then continue to meet on the first and third
weeks in the month for the rest of the term.

Fellowship Groups – Please see ‘For Your Diary’

Welcome Lunch Sun 14th Sept

There will be a 'bring and share' church lunch for everyone after the morning service on September 14th to welcome Philip Peacock and his family. Please sign up on the flipchart in the narthex and indicate contributions, dietary needs, and any help you can offer, such as setting up/clearing away/making drinks etc. It would be lovely if as many people as possible were able to come!

Welcome to Vestry Stewards

We are starting in September a system of having vestry stewards for Sunday duties. As well as the existing 6 church stewards who have opted to serve as vestry stewards, six other people have agreed to serve in this capacity. There'll be two groups, one group of 8 for the morning and one group of 4 for the evening and these are:-

Morning:- Rachel Roberts-Newton, David Cocker, Ann Booth, Lesley Peacock, Maurice Turnpenney, Duncan Booth, Margaret Smith, Andrew Hardman

Evening:- Pam Howie, Susan Bethwaite, Kathryn Price, Steve McManus

The church stewards will continue to serve on the Leadership Team. This new system was proposed and approved at the June Church Council further to the discussions at an earlier Church Council and the General Church meeting.

News of the Family

Thank You

At last I have moved home and want to thank everyone for the care, understanding and support that you have given me over the last year with all my ups and downs.

My details are now:

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Tel: 0161 917 1644 and e-mail:margulson346@gmail.com

Margaret Gulson - Magazine Editor

Norma Martin wishes to thank the church family for their prayers, kindness and good wishes. Also the members of "CAMEO" for the lovely cards and flowers on her move to Anglesey. New Address: 26 Tros Yr Afon, Llangoed, Beaumaris, Anglesey LL58 8AT

Mabel Shepperd and her daughter Ruth attended the Praise Tea on 13th July. They really enjoyed every minute of it and would like to say a big thank you to all concerned

Mabel is now at:-

Brook View, Brook Lane, Alderley Edge, SK9 7QG

Rachel Beresford wishes to thank Liz Parkinson for the delicious 50th birthday cake especially brought to Wednesday Worship. Rachel would also like to thank Kathryn Price for the delicious meal (my favourite) prepared for me and my friends (including Ben and Jill Gourley, my Pastoral Visitors). So thank you everyone, including those that sent me 50th birthday cards. I really had a 50th birthday celebration to remember.

Baptisms

We have had great delight in celebrating the baptism of Mia, the daughter of Rachel Hickman and Jonathan Allman on 6th July

Birthdays

Our congratulations and best wishes to Kath Armstrong as she celebrated her 80th birthday on 11th June

Celebration

Congratulations to Sheila and Peter Cresswell who celebrated their Golden Wedding at the end of August and we thank them for the opportunity to share with them in their lovely tea time

Bereavement

We have shared in the funerals of Michael Godfrey on 11th July and that of Gwen Fessey on 14th July and Hilda Dunstan 31st July Our thoughts and prayers are with the families

Gwen Fessey 14.08.1926

On the last Sunday in her own home, asked me to write down “for the magazine” her very real gratitude to the people of “her” church for all their kindness. Her warmest thanks for all the visits, phone calls, letters and cards, flowers and prayers. She knew herself upheld by deep and loving support and thanks you all .

Gwen spent the last three weeks of her life in St. Ann’s Hospice, contented, comfortable and ready to go “home”. On her first Sunday afternoon there, where she was so obviously enjoying the blessed peace and respite, she told me stories of her life. Gwen was at her very best – vivid, hilarious and even outrageous. Instead of my version of her life story here are some of her very words:

“In 1947, when I was 21, Beryl and I (we worked together at the co-op) booked a week’s holiday at Pontin’s Holiday Camp. As we waited at Snow Hill for the overnight train from Birmingham to Brixham, we met a couple of fellows who were also going to the Camp. When they arranged for us to be on their table for the week Beryl paired with Dennis and I got Des. On the second day Des said to me “I don’t think I come up to your expectations but we shall get married. I asked “What did you say” and I just laughed and laughed. But in 1950 we were married. He was an accountant and a wonderful husband and father. I ran a Newsagent’s shop for 30 years and he did the finance side until he died very suddenly. I ran the shop alone for another 7 years. Then I had 23 very happy years of retirement in Cornwall where my brother, a fine old Methodist Local Preacher, lived. Then these last three years I have been very happy in Cheadle Hulme where my son Andrew brought me to be with him and his three gorgeous sons Max, Benjamin and Roman. I was thrilled to live opposite the church.”

Gwen had said “I know I’m near the end of my life, but I’m not sad. I’ve done what I was born to do. I’ve lived long enough to see Andrew become himself.”

At Gwen’s Thanksgiving Service we sang real old Methodist hymns. Andrew painted a vivid picture of his mother’s strong character and the tribute was concluded with words from Max (9) “I really miss Grandma. She was the best Grandma. She will be happy up in Heaven. Grandma will be remembered for ever.”

Ann Garrood

Hilda Dunstan

Hilda was born on 3rd June 1928 in Cardiff, one of four children – a brother and then came 3 girls of which she was the middle one. She often spoke of her happy childhood, memories being strong from back then. Hilda was proud of her Welsh heritage and had a beautiful voice and sang in the Cardiff Snowflake Ladies Choir. She met her husband Geoff at a dance school in September 1949. They were married and had three children John, Jean and Eric. They moved to Cheadle Hulme with their three small children just 3 weeks after Hilda's mother died which must have been a very difficult time.

The family joined CHMC and back in those days there was a thriving amateur dramatic society and Hilda took on a back stage role. During her life she had been a very loyal member of Contact and Women's Fellowship, as it was called then, and latterly a valued member of CAMEO, which I know she enjoyed going to, and her singing voice was still strong whenever we sang hymns or songs from the shows. She was a keen quizzer too.

Her other pastimes were playing bowls and she was also a keen bridge player.

Latterly Hilda's health failed and she became housebound, however her strong intellect and personality remained. It was always a pleasure to visit both Hilda and Geoff, whose care for her was very touching. At her service of Thanksgiving for her life it was stated she is now 'In heavenly love abiding' but she lives on in our thoughts, and our love and prayers are with her family as they mourn Hilda's loss.

Jill Gourley

In our Prayers

We remember in our prayers those who have been in hospital during the past month and those who are very poorly. We continue to pray for those listed in our prayer book:-

Ethel Beresford, the family and friends of Gwen Fessey, Sheila and Peter Cresswell, the family and friends of Hilda Dunstan, Vicki and Stef, George Codnor, the family and friends of Colin Remington, Phyllis Gerrard, Doug Clarke, Peter Baxendale, Nan Collier, the family and friends of Brenda Hill, Mary Gunn, Colin Taylor, Evelyn Richardson.

Horizons Phase 1

We are pleased to announce the imminent arrival of the refurbished lounge/room 6. Light, bright, energy efficient, and adaptable. The architect and contractors have transferred our vision into reality.

When I moved to Cheadle Hulme in the 1960's, a young mum with 3 boys, I looked around for a Sunday school, playgroup etc, for the boys and a church where I could return to Christian fellowship. After a few false starts, I came to CHMC, just as it opened. The building matched my own aspirations for the swinging sixties, young, trendy, modern and ready for a challenge. The new building drew me in and I have grown in faith, strength and purpose during the past 43 years. But for both of us, the world moves on, and time takes its toll, gradually showing wear and tear and not quite giving full potential. It's no longer acceptable to say "it's ok for me". It's not about "me". We aren't spending money on ourselves; we are showing commitment to future generations to help them to discover a life where God is central.

Thank you for your prayers, patience and your gifts of time and money, which have made this first phase possible. We look forward to continuing our task, and will be meeting over the next weeks in preparation for Church Council in October. We are so grateful to all of you who are making individual efforts for this project and adding to the funds as you go.

Horizons Fundraising Events *Coming Up*

*Fun Evening of Songs and Entertainment
by Bibs and Bobs*

Saturday 20th September 7.30pm

Tickets available from the church office

Price £5 including drink and cakes

We thank Bibs and Bobs for their time and hard work putting this evening together, we hope as many as possible come along to support them. All proceeds are to Horizons.

*Mart Rodger Manchester Jazz
Concert*

Saturday 25th October 7.30pm

Tickets available from the church office

Price £8, refreshments included

All proceeds are to Horizons

Autumn Fair Saturday 22nd November

Whether you're in a group at church which is already planning something or not, please consider what you can do (as well) at the Autumn Fair to raise money for the Horizons project. Perhaps children's activities, eg a craft table, games like hook the duck etc. How about collecting cracked/chipped pottery for a china smashing stall; people would pay good money to have a go! (probably outside, that one). Any more ideas? Please have a chat with friends and join in!

Cookery book, Calendar, Christmas cards 2014

Art Exhibition Sat 21st Feb 2015

Lawrence Singers 7th March 2015

Open House and Garden 27th and 28th June 2015

Ongoing Events

Sale of Chutney and cakes

Sale of cards and decorations

Coffee mornings

If you can come up with any other fund raising ideas, please speak to Ivor John or one of the team, they would love your input.

With Phase 1 complete, we are now working to raise money to complete Phase 2 which includes disabled friendly doors.

Christian Aid Sponsored Swim

This year the Sponsored swim takes place on Saturday 25th October at 4.45pm at Cheadle Hulme School. We have six lanes in use and people swim for fifteen minutes only. It is not a race and is suitable for all ages of any ability. You can use any stroke you feel comfortable with. Please see Hazel Crummett for a sponsor form or look out for people to sponsor.

Hospital Chaplaincy Volunteers

The Chaplains at Stepping Hill Hospital are looking for extra volunteers to work as part of the team. Chaplaincy volunteers spend one afternoon per week visiting patients on the wards. For all those wishing to know more there will be a meeting in the Stepping Hill Hospital Chapel Thursday 25th September at 2.00pm. A training course will place on at Stepping Hill on Thursday afternoons, 2nd – 23rd October & 6th November, 2.00pm – 4.00pm

Like all hospital volunteers, Chaplaincy volunteers need to provide references, undergo a DBS check and complete a medical questionnaire

For more information contact the hospital chaplaincy on
0161 419 5889

Charity Christmas Card Sale

Saturday October 25th 2014

10 am - 12 noon

Free entry, Refreshments £1+

Please support!

Lots of local charity shops represented.

Or just meet friends for coffee!

**WE ARE
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MacMillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 27th September

10am - 12noon

*Please come along and help raise
money for a very worthwhile cause*

WANTING A HOLIDAY

There are 566 members in our Church but 100 are frail and elderly.

That leaves 466 to do all the work, but 80 are young people at college.

That leaves 386 to do all the work, but 150 are tired business men.

So that leaves 236 to do all the work, but 150 are busy housewives with children.

That leaves 86 to do all the work, and a further 46 have most important outside interests.

That leaves 40 to do all the work, and a further 15 live too far away to come regularly.

So that leaves 25 to do all the work. And 23 say they've already done their bit for the Church.

That leaves you and me, and I'm exhausted.

GOOD LUCK TO YOU!

Sound familiar? At Cheadle Hulme we have a membership of over 250, but some of these are elderly, some are parents with young families, some are Young Church teachers, some are stewards, some are prayer team members, some are local preachers or worship leaders, some are on the coffee or counting rota, some are drivers, some are greeters.

We also have some who are door stewards (25 in total). There were more until last year but due to various reasons, some have come off the rota.

Ah well, I thought, that's no problem finding another 4 or 5 people to become door stewards out of a Church membership of over 250. But herein lies my problem. No matter how many times I have pleaded through the Magazine, through the Notices and directly from the front of Church, **I AM STILL UNABLE TO FIND 4 OR 5 PEOPLE TO TAKE ON THIS VERY VITAL ROLE WITHIN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH!**

I am therefore appealing to you **YET AGAIN**. Please, please, please can you commit to being a Door Steward in February or July **in the morning**? I have no-one for these two months. I am extremely grateful to those who have stepped in to cover July at short notice who are already Door Stewards, but please prayerfully consider this role. If you want more details I am happy to talk to you about it. In addition, there are 4 or 5 Sundays in every month but I only have **3 evening door stewards**. Could you commit to being an evening door steward on the **first Sunday** of the month or as a stand in if necessary?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks

Kathryn Taylor, Door Steward / Greeters Rota organiser & Prayer web Co-ordinator

Commemoration Service

Thank you for the wonderful outdoor service which commemorated the beginning of World War One 100 years ago. Our thoughts and prayers were guided towards the wonderful acts of courage and the horror experienced by so many for the sake of all of us in this country

The service was so well planned and carried out and was appreciated by so many. Thank you to all involved.

I have included some of the talk Kathryn gave with the research that she brought to us on that occasion

How did it start? Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, was shot on 28th June, by a young Bosnian Serb terrorist. Austria hadn't liked Franz Ferdinand, but they saw this act as an excuse for Austria to stamp out the little country of Serbia, a troublesome neighbour. In the first days of July, Austria decided to invade, then dissolve Serbia. They anticipated that Russia would step in to protect Serbia, so Austria asked Germany for help, and Germany said yes. Described by even the most reasonable historians as 'notoriously unstable', Wilhelm II reckoned that Europe should be under the sway of whoever had the most soldiers (Germany) and called for champagne at the thought of a jolly time beating everyone else and being in charge himself. The Austrians declared war on Serbia on 28th July. The Russians mobilised three days later. France was a Russian ally, and Germany demanded that France surrendered its frontier fortresses as a guarantee that it wouldn't fight – France mobilised. Germany decided that it would be easy to defeat France before turning on Russia, and were going to go through Belgium. Britain was a guarantor of Belgium's neutrality. Berlin formally notified London of its intention to invade Belgium, and it was this that caused the British government to send an ultimatum to Germany. Germany did not draw back, and on 4th August, Britain became the last major European power to enter the struggle.

Across Europe, 65 million men were mobilised. Nearly a third of them, 21 million, were wounded. Another 8.5 million were killed. 7.7 million were taken as prisoners of war. That means that over half of all soldiers that went to the war were killed, wounded or captured. Statistics (from Birmingham University) show that 6 million British men fought

65,000 of them suffered from shell shock 1%

170,000 became prisoners of war	3%
1.7 million of them were wounded	28%
772,000 of them died.	13%

One old soldier, called Henry Mellersh, wrote this in 1978: 'I and my like entered the war expecting a heroic adventure and believing implicitly in the rightness of our cause; we ended greatly disillusioned as to the nature of the adventure, but still believing that our cause was right and we had not fought in vain.' The thousands who perished must not be thought of as having died 'for nothing'. Yes, the personal suffering and deaths were the greatest of tragedies. So many lives lost or ruined. And we think of the horrific conditions the soldiers had to endure. But this was normal for war – except that it was usually experienced by professional soldiers. This war was different, in that it was farm lads and factory workers, shop boys, students and schoolchildren, who went through it.

Women's lives were completely changed by the war. Suddenly 2 million women found themselves in employment for the first time, Even more traumatic was the painful process of readjusting to the return of loved ones from the battlefields. Hundred of thousands of men returned from the war injured in some way. Women bore a large part of the burden of caring for these men. Women lost their fathers, husbands, lovers, brothers, and sons; many were widowed or found that they would now never marry.

Every member of the British Armed Forces was given a New Testament as part of their kit: uniform, helmet, boots, Bible. The New Testament in which we read of Jesus, whom Christians believe to be God's son. Jesus who died. God knows death. God stands beside us, with us, during bereavement and grief. But we also read that Jesus defeated death, by coming back to life. Belief in him means we can share his life both now and in eternity. But what about peace? Between 1914 and 1918 many believed they were fighting to defend democracy against tyranny. War is not honourable. People are honourable. Those who fought, their memory deserves honour. Was that war necessary? Is any war necessary? Whatever the answer to that, it is certain that many lives were, and are, needlessly lost. Humankind hasn't done very well in terms of peace. Perhaps a beginning will be by remembering. On occasions such as this, let's not forget.

The New Testament also says **'God will wipe away all tears from their eyes. There will be no more death, no more grief or crying or pain'**.

Let's pray for that day. When, Lord, when?

For Your Diary

Young Church

Young Church will start again on 14th September

Friendly Food

Recommences on 17th September at 12.15pm. Do come and join us for a hot meal costing £3 and £1 for children.

Men's Breakfast

The September Men's Breakfast will take place at Church commencing at 8.30am on **Saturday 13th September**. The cost of the cooked breakfast will be £5. After breakfast we hope to have our usual chat and be away by 10.30am. All men (including those who are not members or even attend CHMC) are very welcome. Please advise John Harrington if you plan to attend by no later than Wednesday September 10th.

Network

Our meetings restart on 11th Sept.

Contact

On Tuesday 23rd September our meeting will be on the Rowley Project with Pastor Steve Rowley

Focus

On Friday September 26th at 7.30pm in the coffee lounge 'A Christian teacher in a Muslim school' with Derek Booth
All are welcome

Toddlers will restart 3rd and **Baby Chat** on the 4th September
Tiddlywinks will restart Friday 12th September.

Rock Solid

Will start again on Tuesday 9th September

Banners

Will meet in room1 on each Tuesday from 16th September.

Foodbank

Continues with our collection of tins of fish or meat on the second Sunday of each month.

Spring Harvest

Some of us are planning to go to Skegness from Easter Monday until Friday = 6th - 10th April 2015. There is an option of going to Minehead, where there is a choice of three separate weeks.
If anyone wants a brochure please see Margaret Parker.

CAMEO

CAMEO meets every Tuesday from 10.15am to 2pm It is for older people who enjoy the chance to meet up for a chat, enjoy some entertainment and have a hot meal.

We need more people to go on our rota so if you feel you could help by making drinks or serving the meal (which comes ready cooked), by sitting and chatting to the CAMEO members or perhaps by organising some simple entertainment then please do consider it. *Any help, of any kind, would be appreciated*, to find out more about CAMEO please speak to Margaret Clarke, Alison Gunn or Hazel Crummett

Cameo Out and About

CAMEO has moved about during this lovely summer including return visits to Wilmslow Garden Centre and Bruntwood Park. The gardens are a joy and the staff in the cafes very helpful. The highlight of the year was the Marple/High Lane Canal trip in mid August. Thanks to Andrew Pease who lent us the Grove Lane Baptist Church's special mini-bus and to Win from St Anne's Church who drove us to Marple Thirty three years ago Prince Charles launched the canal barge, which is adapted for the elderly and disabled with a lift down to the cabin. Built, equipped and maintained by public subscription and service.

We saw a heron and black moorhen chicks, as well as many a duck family and the commentator explained how these really hard working barge families travelled. A special mention of Doug Clarke, under a blanket and at times under a fisherman's umbrella, in his wheelchair travelled in the bow relishing the views and the commentators jokes. We all enjoyed the soup and sandwiches and hot drinks with Hazel's giant cake and we all voted it a 'Grand Day Out'

Ann Garrood.

TRANSPORT

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

George Lea



The September **Flower Visitor** is
Jacqui Harnett

Book Reviews

The Book of Boaz by Dave Smith www.instantapostle.com

Dave Smith offers an alternative title to this book, 'It's amazing what you can do when you don't know what you can't do.' And in the book, he proves the truth of that statement!

This is his own story of how he set up the Boaz Trust to fight the cause of asylum seekers, to be a voice for the voiceless. (If you have read the biblical story of Ruth, you will recall that Boaz was a landowner who gave shelter to Ruth.) It's both an easy and a hard book to read – easy because it is so well written, hard because of the distressing content. He begins with some helpful definitions, including making clear the difference between an asylum seeker (someone who has lodged an application for protection) and a refugee (a person whose asylum claim has been accepted); both are different from economic migrants and illegal immigrants.

Asylum seekers are desperate; they have fled for their lives from their homelands, and they are traumatized by what they experienced there. Many are professional people, but as asylum seekers they are treated like second – or third – class people, forced to live in squalid conditions, prevented from working, and often sinking into depression as they wait months or years for their applications to be processed. The stories of real people are profoundly moving, and they certainly made me feel the deep injustice of the cruelly inefficient and bureaucratic asylum system which operates in this country.

Dave Smith is a local Christian, the Boaz Trust is here in Manchester, which somehow brings these stories home. I encourage you to dare to read this book.

Margaret Parker

"The Shack Revisited",

I must start by saying that I've not been quite so excited by anything (theological) that I've read for a very long time!

Several years ago, you may have read "The Shack" - Paul Young's moving tale of Mackenzie, his beloved daughter Missy, and a long weekend of life-changing experiences at 'the shack' - place of his worst nightmares, and his ultimate renewal and release from his 'Great Sadness'. I know responses to that book were varied, and I had to read it a couple of times before I could quite cope with the portrayal of the characters and get through to the really remarkable encounter which was taking place. (I'm saying no more; you may not yet have read the book!)

However which is not a sequel, is an attempt to get behind the story, and into the theology of what was going on, and its scope is HUGE. The writer draws on several early Christian writers, as well as more recent thinkers such as C S Lewis and Karl Barth. It's by American theologian C. Baxter Kruger, with a foreword by Paul Young, and an explanation of how "The Shack" came to be written. This book, too, will be controversial, but for me it is proving to be a vivid, helpful, thought-provoking description of the workings of the Trinity - not an easy topic! - and the relevance of all that to our lives. And much, much more!! As I've been reading, my various responses have been to wonder if it's all just too good to be true; to ask why I've not seen things in this way before; and to be amazed at the extent and reach of the love and grace of God.

If you have read it, I'd be glad to have a chat, as there are some parts I've not quite 'got my head round', where you may be able to help, and some parts with which I think I may disagree. And if you've not read it yet, just a word of warning that it won't make too much sense unless you first read or even re-read "The Shack" - which would be a good plan in any case!

But, as it says on the cover, "There's more going on here than you ever dared to dream".

Jean Goodacre



Church Life

Homegroups



Monday	Shirley and Ivor John 23 Acre Lane	8pm
Monday	Fiona & Andy Longworth 26 Sherbourne Close	8pm
Tuesday	Margaret Smith 54 Woodfield Road	7.45pm
Tuesday	Paul Reddy Church	8pm
Tuesday	Val Pickwell 122 Heathbank Road	8pm
Wednesday	Dilys & Maurice Turnpenney 7 Twining Brook Road	7.45pm
Thursday 3rd Thursday	Helen & John Harrington 2 Leyland Avenue Gatley	10am – 12 noon
Friday	Pam Howie 1b Manor Close	8pm

Home groups will meet on the third week of this month



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September Prayer Diary

Monday 1 st September	Lord we pray for Gill, Leslie and Laura as they settle into their new life in Yorkshire after their welcome services this weekend
Tuesday 2 nd September	Please pray for the countries and the people suffering violence as you hear it on the news, and hold these people before God.
Wednesday 3 rd September	Loving Father we pray for refugees everywhere, and for the governments, health workers and aid agencies working to support them. Guide and protect them and bring them to safety.
Thursday 4 th September	Lord we hold before you Philip, Andrea, Hannah and Ben as they settle into their new home, church and community. Help us to help them feel at home and very welcome here with us.
Friday 5 th September	We pray for all children and young people beginning this term at a new school; those who have moved house, or moved on to secondary school; and especially the little ones beginning their school careers. Bless them Lord and hold them very close.
Saturday 6 th September	Pray today for teachers, especially newly qualified teachers, or those who have moved to a new school; Bless them Father in this very special work.
Sunday 7th September	10am Circuit Service at Wythenshawe Forum Today we welcome Rev Philip Peacock and Rev Philip Berry to our circuit. Give thanks and praise to God, and ask Him to bless and guide them throughout their ministry here with us.
Monday 8 th September	Ask God to bless newly married couples, especially those we know, or who have chosen to marry at our church. Bless and guide them and their families, Father, in their lives together
Tuesday 9 th September	Pray for young people beginning a new term at University, naming those we know and bringing their special needs before God. Pray especially for those starting their university career and living away from home for the first time.
Wednesday 10 th September	Father today we pray for our church groups starting back after the summer break. Strengthen the bonds of fellowship between us as we worship, learn about you, and care for each other.
Thursday 11 th September	We pray for the community groups meeting in our church, and pray especially that local people will find our church a welcoming place to be, and feel encouraged to find out more about our spiritual life.
Friday 12 th September	Lord we pray for all who are hungry throughout the world, and the charities who support them. We remember especially our local food bank, and our collection here this Sunday.
Saturday 13 th September	Father, we give thanks for all we have enjoyed in the summer, the countryside, the flowers, and perhaps holidays or days in the sun. Help us still to remember to take time out with you for ourselves, resting in your love and peace.

<p>Sunday 14th September</p>	<p>10.00am Philip Peacock 6.30pm Philip Peacock</p> <p>Today we are holding a welcome lunch for Philip, Andrea, Hannah and Ben, so we pray that all who attend will feel included, and part of a warm and caring church fellowship. Bless and guide Philip and family, Lord, as they continue to settle into this church and community.</p>
<p>Monday 15th September</p>	<p>Father we bring before you all those we know who are sick in mind, body or spirit. We name them before you as you know their needs, and ask that your healing love will surround them and their families; may we understand how best to support them</p>
<p>Tuesday 16th September</p>	<p>We pray for local clinics, doctors, dentists, nurses and hospitals, chaplains, surgeons and specialists as they work to bring care and healing to this community.</p>
<p>Wednesday 17th September</p>	<p>Father we bring before you all those suffering because of the Ebola outbreak in Africa; the sick and the bereaved and all who are very frightened for their families. Give strength and wisdom to the medics and governments dealing with this crisis, and help us to know how to help.</p>
<p>Thursday 18th September</p>	<p>Lord we give thanks for Emma and her work with families as Tiddlywinks, Toddlers and Babychat begin again. Bless all who attend, especially new families who join us after the holidays.</p>
<p>Friday 19th September</p>	<p>Lord we pray for the Horizon Project working to make our premises more suitable for use by our community. Guide and enable those who are working hard to make this happen, especially those applying for grants. May the fund raising event tomorrow be well supported..</p>
<p>Saturday 20th September</p>	<p>Lord we pray for peace in this world. We bring before you our government leaders, and pray for a working together with others in wisdom and humanity to enable those intent on violence to take a different path.</p>
<p>Sunday 21st September</p>	<p>10.00am Pat James 4.00pm Messy Church 6.30pm Philip Peacock</p> <p>We pray for the families attending messy church today and for those working so hard to provide the activities. May they feel your spirit guiding this work Lord.</p>
<p>Monday 22nd September</p>	<p>Bring our church's children and young people before God as Young Church, Great Heights and Rock Solid begin again after the break Especially pray for their leaders doing such vital work, that they may receive the support they need..</p>
<p>Tuesday 23rd September</p>	<p>Home Groups are back in action again; we ask God to bless Paul Reddy and his group meeting at church on Tuesdays. Guide their discussions Father, as they seek to understand more about you.</p>
<p>Wednesday 24th September</p>	<p>Lord we bring before you those in prison. Be with those who work with prisoners. Guide the chaplains and volunteers, especially as they support those about to be released.</p>

Thursday 25 th September	Father we pray for Alison in her work as Ministerial support and Pastoral Development Worker, and give thanks for all the care she has given during Gill's sabbatical. Bless and encourage her Lord as she supports Philip in his first months here, and as she considers her future path.
Friday 26 th September	Father we thank you for all who help with the prayer life of our church. Help us to join with them in prayer and to show how important prayer is to our community.
Saturday 27 th September	We pray for the work of Cheadle Hulme Churches together, that in unity we may express your love, and guide others to you in this community.
Sunday 28th September	<p style="text-align: center;">Harvest Festival</p> <p>10.00am Philip Peacock 6.30pm Philip Peacock</p> <p>A harvest we bear- our talents and time. A calling to share such is God's design. As people of Jesus we honour His name; Through our love for neighbour, His love we proclaim (Dominic Grant b. 1970)</p>
Monday 29 th September	Lord we give thanks for Bob Richard's care during Gill's sabbatical, and the support received from all the circuit staff over these past few months.
Tuesday 30 th September	Thank you Lord for the work of our Leadership Team, and all involved in the running of our church. Bless and enable them at this beginning of a new Methodist year.
	<p style="text-align: center;">Prayer of the Month</p> <p style="text-align: center;">God, giver of all life and of our lives, blessed are You in the fruits of the earth blessed are You in the work of human hands blessed are You in the harvest of human creativity.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">God of the poor and hungry, blessed are You in the striving for justice blessed are You in the fragility of peace-making blessed are You in the grace of hospitality.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">God of the great feast and the simple meal, blessed are You in the sowing of seed blessed are You in the breaking of bread blessed are You in the sharing of bread blessed are You in our daily bread. Amen.</p>

MEETING TOGETHER People to Contact

Sunday

Young Church	10:00	Rick Price
Great Heights	20:15	Phil and Jacqui Sarbutts

Tuesday

CAMEO	10.00	Margaret Clarke
Rock Solid (fortnightly during term time)	19.30	John Harrington
Contact (Monthly)	15.00	George Lea
Tues Evening Reflective Worship	19.00	Kathryn Price

Wednesday

Wednesday Worship	10.30	Liz Parkinson
Toddlers (Term Time)	10:45	Susie Metcalfe
Friendly Food (Term Time)	12:15	Hazel Crummett
Banner Making	14:00	Sue Jacklin
The Singers	18:45	Christine Watson

Thursday

Baby Chat (Term Time)	10.30	Emma Coe
Network (Sept – Easter)	14:30	Margaret Pattie
Scouts	19:15	David Heatley

Friday

Tiddlywinks (2 nd and 4 th in month Term Time)	10.30	Emma Coe
Beavers (6-8 years) (Parish Rooms)	18.30	Jacque Metcalfe
Cub Scouts (Woods Lane Guide HQ)	18:30	Neil Davison
Focus	19.30	Val Pickwell
Messy Drinks (Friday before Messy Church)	20:00	Phil Sarbutts

Saturday

Men's Breakfast (Monthly)	8.30	John Harrington
Playgroup (Weekdays, Term Time)	9:15	Christine Watson

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ROOM BOOKINGS:

TRANSPORT ROTA:

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