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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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Please note the next magazine will be for **September** and please send your articles **by 12th August** - thank you

Rest

Dear members and friends of Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church,

by the time this magazine reaches you, some of you may have enjoyed some holiday before the schools have broken up, some of you may be looking forward to some once the school's summer break is here, and some of you may be delaying your holiday until children are back at school in September. Whatever the case, it is good to have time off from our usual routines and responsibilities, so that we have the space to relax, unwind and do other things.

The importance of rest is a theme which emerges from the Old Testament. God rests on the seventh day following his work of creation in the first chapter of Genesis. We are told that God blessed that day and made it holy (Genesis 2:3). In the fourth of the ten commandments, God instructs the people of Israel to remember the Sabbathⁱ day and to keep it holy. All their work was to be done in the preceding six days and the seventh day was to be a rest day not only for them but also for their children, their slaves, their animals and any foreigner resident in their towns (Exodus 20:8-10). Rest was important for the land too. God instructed the people of Israel to observe a sabbatical year every seventh year when the land was to lie fallow, when there was to be no sowing or pruning or gathering (Leviticus 25:2-4). This enabled the land to be restored naturally with any unattended growth providing food for the poor and wild animals (Exodus 23:11).

With our celebration of fifty years of mission and ministry from our current site, we are having a rather full year. On top of our normal programme of church life, we have had our reunion weekend, a Passover Meal, More than Gold, the Big Sing and the Fisherman's Tale, with our Fun Day in July and the Flower Festival/Harvest in September still to come. Whilst all of this is great and has provided us with opportunities to share something of the

Jesus said: 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11:28)

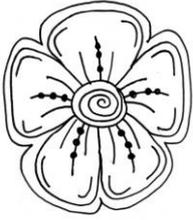
good news of Jesus with a wider 'audience' than usual, it has also been a demanding time with respect to resourcing everything. So, following the Flower Festival and Harvest, we are going to have a rest from organising anything major for twelve months and observe something of a sabbatical year. This will not mean that we shall be doing nothing – we will be focusing our attention on our regular core activities of worship, learning, caring, service and evangelism. Further, we do not want to rule out responding to the Holy Spirit should we be prompted to do something extra. However, this “sabbatical” will enable us to recharge our spiritual and physical batteries (to change the metaphor) and give some space to take stock of where we are as a Christian community.

Until then, may the rest you take over these summer months enrich and refresh you.

Philip.



¹ Sabbath comes from a Hebrew word, the root meaning of which is 'to cease' or 'to desist'.



Poppies!

Calling ALL 'crafty' people.

Do you enjoy knitting or crochet? or making things from fabric or paper? Would you like to make a poppy?

2018 is the 100th Anniversary of the end of the
First World War

We are planning to decorate the church
with 100(or more!) poppies.

We would love to have a poppy made by you.

Please place your finished poppy in the box near the Hall.

Patterns for knitting or crochet poppies are available by the box. You can use any pattern, there are many free ideas on the internet, Pinterest is a good place to look.

Do you have any spare red wool, any shade? Please put it in the box near the Hall. For more information contact Pat James or Sue Jacklin

22nd May 2018



On 22nd May 2018, the anniversary of the Manchester Arena bombing, we made space available in the sanctuary for quiet and reflection from 9.30am till 7.30pm. A large central candle burnt on the communion table representing Jesus, the Light of the World. Other lit candles around the central candle symbolised those who died in the attack. The arrangement sought to convey the belief that Jesus is alongside those who suffer, suffering with them, offering them comfort and strength.

A leaflet was produced to aid prayer and reflection. This contained the names of the suicide bomber's victims, the Universal Prayer for Peace, and the words of the poem, 'This is the place', performed by Tony Walsh at the vigil following the bombing. People were invited to remember those who died and to pray for those who still carry physical injuries and/or psychological wounds, for the families who were bereaved, and for peace. A 'Tree of Hope' was provided for those who wanted to attach messages or prayers.



At 2.30pm, some people gathered in the sanctuary to stand for the national minute's silence and at 7.00pm the regular Tuesday evening reflective service took place to draw this time of remembering and prayer to a close.

Thank you for your support for Christian Aid

We would like to thank everyone for all your generosity supporting Christian Aid this year.

The Lent Lunches this year raised £832.

£1193.22 was collected in the bucket collection held on 20th & 21st April at Handforth Dean.

The Sponsored Walk on Saturday 12th May had 80 walkers with £3268 pledged on the day. £1736 of this amount was pledged by the churches in Cheadle Hulme taking part and we know this amount has increased to at least £2200.

The House to House envelope collection in Cheadle Hulme during Christian Aid Week in May collected a total of £7257.05, with £3188.37 being raised by 22 collectors from our church.

The Cheadle Hulme Christian Aid committee have supported a number of Christian Aid projects that attract matched funding. We are able to use any money we raise for these projects except the house to house collection. We are planning to support a project that Christian Aid have launched in Lebanon

and Iraq. The project will look to strengthen the resilience and social cohesion of young refugees, internally displaced people (IDPs) and host communities in Lebanon and Iraq. This primarily will be achieved through education, psychosocial support, economic empowerment activities, advocacy and direct service provision, targeting thousands of young people, children and people with disabilities from different religions and ethnic groups.

This project will be matchfunded at a ratio of approximately 6:1 by Bread for the World not by the EU. Bread for the World Protestant Development Service, is the development and relief agency of the Protestant Churches in Germany. They work in more than 90 countries across the globe to empower the poor and marginalised to improve their living conditions. Key issues of their work focus on food security, the promotion of health and education, access to water, strengthening democracy, respecting human rights and keeping peace and the integrity of creation.

Our next two Christian Aid events will be the street collection in September and the Sponsored Swim on Saturday November 10th.

Thank you very much for all your support.

Susan Bethwaite, Margaret Clarke and Gill Smith
On behalf of the Cheadle Hulme Christian Aid group

Steve and Rosalind's News April 2018

Ros has a frozen shoulder which has hindered some of her work. She is having physiotherapy treatment.

Steve is working on a project which involves running an internet speed test on computers overseas reporting results to a central server. This will allow leadership to see which of our offices need help with their internet services.

In a village in Uganda we had just completed the translation of Galatians into Betty's language Aringa. The message was very clear to her that she had turned from God and was looking at other thoughts. So she has turned back to God and feels she is now part of the Christian people in fellowship with Christ

Laura has had a good trip around Italy and is now doing Ministry trips and projects with High School students



We asked the photographer to make sure Africa was showing on the revolving globe .. it IS where we met :-)



5	1 st edition Bibles
16	1 st edition New Testaments
1	1 st edition New Testament, in Ajami script
7	New Testaments with portions of Old Testament
1	2 nd edition Bible
1	2 nd edition New Testament
31 Languages	

A special annual event at JAARS is a celebration of all Scripture translated during the previous 12 months.

We carried the Cora NT and accompanying sign during the parade of all the completed translations.



The Fisherman's Tale

About 950 people (over 700 children and over 200 adults) heard The Fisherman's Tale. Here are some comments from a few of them:

“Beautifully done. It brought stories to life in a thoroughly engaging way. We would recommend it to anyone.”

“A truly inspirational experience.”

“Wow! We loved the boat and all the scenery. The stories were amazing too.”

50th Anniversary Fun Afternoon
Saturday 14th July 2-4pm

Refreshments, crafts, bouncy castle, games,
face painting and party bags.
Free event! Please come and join in the fun!



Come and Worship

Sunday 1st July

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock and Pat James - All Age worship

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock – Holy Communion and Prayers for
Healing and Wholeness

Sunday 8th July Action for Children Sunday

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock - Holy Communion with Prayers
for Healing and Wholeness
Young Church & Reflect

5pm Circuit Service at Trinity Church Cheadle: Farewell Service
for Rev Tim Nicholls and Rev Hee Gon Moon

Sunday 15th July

9.30 for 10.00am Taste

10.00 am Rev Dr Judith Rossall (returning as one of our
anniversary Preachers)

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock

Sunday 22nd July

10.00am Informal Worship

10.00am Rev David Clowes

6.30pm Local Arrangement: Nooma video

Sunday 29th July

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock

6.30pm Churches Together United Service at All Saints Church

Sunday 5th August

10.00am Bob Bartindale and Margaret Parker All Age worship

6.30pm Rev Louise Gough: Holy Communion with Prayers for
Healing and Wholeness

Sunday 12th August

10.00am Rev Charles Nevin with Holy Communion
Young Church & Reflect

6.30pm Rev Louise Gough will lead a Taizé Service

Sunday 19th August

10.00am Mrs Angela Clowes

6.30pm Mrs Mary Langton

Sunday 26th August

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock including Baptism of Lewis Ewen Coe

6.30pm Local Arrangement: Nooma video

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

I have painted a new Christmas card design for this year and I am offering it to members in order to raise funds for the Church. If you are interested I shall hope to have the original with me at morning services.

I will not have the cost until I know the number of cards to be printed.

Peter Crummett

News of the Family

Bereavement

We are saddened to hear of the death of Joyce Bell's daughter and assure Joyce of our sympathy and prayers.

Thanks

Peter & Hazel Crummett would like to say thank you for the cards, messages and a visit from the 'flower fairy' Ann Booth on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 1st June.

Thanks

Somewhat belatedly I should like to thank everyone who helped and worked so hard at Val Seed's recent Flower Demonstration 'Walking on Water'.

Thank you also to everyone who supported the event, which raised just over £600 towards the September Flower Festival.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. I know you will be pleased to hear that the following week, Val won a Silver-Gilt medal at the Chelsea Flower Show, just one point away from a Gold!

Transport

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

Flower Visitor for July is Ann Booth and August Cheryl Palmer



In our prayers

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

Action for Children Sunday this year is on July 8th when we remember the work of our Methodist children's charity.

There will be envelopes in the pews for donations towards the work. Like other charities, Action for Children need our financial support to carry out the work ensuring that children have the best start in life, a safe and stable home and the chance to thrive.

Please help if you are able. Have a look at the notice board in the narthex explaining more of what Action for Children does.

Ann Booth

Clarification about Pledges for Evangelism Enabler

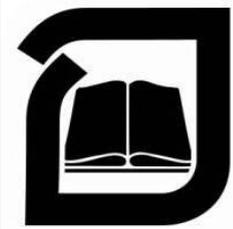
When the decision was made to employ an Evangelism Enabler the assumption was that the funding for this would come from the money saved from not employing a Pastoral Worker. Later, it came to light at the General Church Meeting that we were projecting a considerable financial deficit for the year, largely as a result of reduced giving. Responding to this, a budget was set for the Evangelism Enabler by the Resources Team which is lower than that for our Pastoral Worker and a letter inviting pledges to support the Evangelism Enabler's work was sent out. (Similar pledges have been sought for other lay employees in the past. Sometimes people like to give for specific work rather than to general funds.) These were ways to help address the overall deficit. The funding for the Evangelism Enabler is not directly dependent upon the pledges. However, income received through pledges reduces the amount required from general funds to finance this role.

Privacy Policy

A copy of the Methodist Church privacy notice is displayed on the freestanding blue noticeboard and will be available on the church website.



Church Life



Homegroups

Monday	Wendy and Les Turner		7pm
Monday	Rachel Monkhouse		8pm
Monday	Pam Howie		8pm
Tuesday	Pat James Evening Reflective Worship at Church		7pm
Tuesday	Val Pickwell		8pm
Wednesday	Dilys and Maurice Turnpenney		8pm
3rd Thursday 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

