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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 ***July and August***
and please send your articles ***by 10th June*** - thank you

Evangelism/Sharing our Faith

This month, as part of our anniversary celebrations, we are hosting 'The Fisherman's Tale.' This relates to the story of the disciple Peter, who was called by Jesus to give up his job as a fisherman and become one of Jesus' followers. We know much about Peter from what we read in the New Testament. 'The Fisherman's Tale' is a way of presenting this, in particular to children, enabling Jesus to be seen through the eyes of one of his closest friends. It is a means by which we will be sharing something of our Christian faith with literally hundreds of pupils from local schools, and some adults, and relates to the 'Evangelism' part of our church 'Vision Statement'.

When we adopted our revised 'Vision Statement' at last year's October Church Council, we said that we would put our initial emphasis upon the Evangelism section. This has now been progressed further through the Church Council's decision in February to seek to appoint a part-time Evangelism Enabler. Within the main responsibilities of this post are:

- Working in partnership with the Minister, other Lay Employees and the church community, overseeing and developing evangelism within the life of Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church as outlined in the 'Evangelism' section of the church's 'Vision Statement'
- Organising events where relationships can be built and faith can be shared.
- Helping church members to become more confident and competent in sharing their faith.
- Leading or being involved with Christian discipleship groups.
- Exploring opportunities for developing a fresh expression of church.

The last of these relates to one of the things we said that we would aim to do as a result of the 'mission-shaped thinking' that we have been engaged in over recent years. This is about *going* to where people are rather than expecting them to *come* to us and creating a new way of being church with them to exist alongside more traditional forms.

As a church, we are committing ourselves to employ an Evangelism Enabler for twenty-hours per week for three years. Obviously, your prayers would be appreciated as we seek a

suitable candidate for this post. Further, should you wish to support this financially by pledging money for this purpose there will be the opportunity for doing so.

‘Evangelism’ is a word with which some people do not feel that comfortable: sometimes because of negative experiences of it in the past; sometimes because they associate it with particular methods or teaching which they find unsavoury; sometimes because it evokes a sense of guilt in those who feel that it is something that they are not doing well. That is mainly why the Evangelism section of our Vision Statement has ‘Faith Sharing’ as a sub-heading, which is probably a less loaded term. Hopefully, though, by putting an emphasis on evangelism through someone who is dedicated to that work, we will be able to begin to redefine evangelism in a positive way. Negative past experiences might be used to illuminate the necessity for sensitive engagement with others and what to avoid. Questionable methods might be examined and better ones uncovered. Objectionable teaching might be challenged and the content of the good news of Jesus explored. Guilt might be lessened as we become more confident and competent in sharing our faith. You might like to reflect upon what the word ‘evangelism’ means to you and how would you would define it.



Shackles Off, a youth fresh expression in Cumbria, has at its heart an unconditional acceptance of anyone who comes through its doors and the desire to let them know that there is ‘a God who loves them and a Saviour that cares.’ Perhaps this could be something of a simple statement of what evangelism might be about: to share with others that God loves them (unconditionally) and cares for them (sacrificially). Is that not something that ought to cause us to say, ‘Wow!’

May you know God’s unconditional love and continual care.

Philip.



The Fisherman's Tale

Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

Tuesday 12th - Friday 22nd June

A superb interactive experience for primary-aged children

Jesus through the eyes of one of his closest friends



- Authentic Costumes
- Artefacts
- A life-like, visually stunning set
- 40 minutes of storytelling at its best
- An Immersive experience
- Age appropriate material
- By the team who brought the Easter and Christmas Story to life

“The timeless story of Jesus and the impact he had on those who heard him - told in a way that is accessible to children of all ages”

Engaging

Visually stunning

Not to be missed

The Fisherman's Tale

Sign up sheets are now available on the Noticeboard in the Narthex for any children and Adults who wish to attend one of the evening presentations of the Fisherman's Tale. These evening presentations take place on both the Wednesdays and Thursdays of the Tale, i.e. 13th & 14th June and 20th & 21st June. There will be 2 presentations each evening. The first one is for All -age and commences at 6.30pm and the second one for Adults commences at 8pm. They will normally last about 45 minutes and are all free. Numbers are limited to approximately 32 per presentation but there is a Reserve List if you cannot make one of the other dates. Also, there is still time to be involved in the Tale, so if you have not signed up please do so.

Prayers at the Morning Service.

From time to time you will have heard members of the World and Neighbourhood Action team saying Prayers for Peace in our morning service. It seems a shame to limit participation in our prayers just to the members of a team! SO we are looking for individuals who would be willing take up the privilege of leading our prayers of intercession, including prayers for peace. This won't be an onerous task as each person would only do this once a quarter, and we have an excellent book of prayers available in the Office, for you to take away and choose a suitable prayer, with the option of adding prayers that are particularly relevant to that week. So, I invite you to consider whether this is something that you could do. Or do you have a suggestion of someone else who might? Or would you like to write some prayers, for another person to deliver?

Please contact me or speak to me at church.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Pat James. Morning Worship Planning Group Co-ordinator

Come and Worship

Sunday 3rd June

10.00am Rev Charles Nevin - All Age worship

6.30pm Rev Hee Gon Moon - Prayers for Healing and Wholeness with Holy Communion

Sunday 10th June

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock with Susan Wright from Methodist Homes - Holy Communion
Young Church & Reflect

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock will lead an Iona Service

Sunday 17th June

10.00am Rev Helen Jenkins - All Age worship in Hall
(Returning for our 50th anniversary celebrations)

6.30pm Mrs Sarah Hooks

Sunday 24th June

10.00am Informal Worship

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock - Pastoral Visitors'
Commissioning Service

6.30pm Local Arrangement (Nooma Video)

Vestry Stewards

What is a vestry steward and what do we do? Well, I've heard us called "new fangled", which is quite flattering considering our average age.

Basically we're enablers. We're, usually, first in and last out. We make sure that everything and everyone, is in place to enable the smooth running of the various types of service, am and pm. This is not just the preacher, worship leader and musicians, but also the many members who fulfil smaller roles. The readers, offertory, refreshments, prayer corner, flowers, door stewards, counters.

I've probably missed someone, so apologies now! We check the building and grounds

Now, an invitation. We would like a few more people on our team. I can hear the cry, "I don't like being up at the front. Well, luckily, we have people who actually enjoy that, so I'm sure that, mostly, we can work round it.

Why not "shadow" us one Sunday, to see how you feel? No obligation. I'm happy for you to contact me by e mail or phone, or to whichever steward is on duty on Sundays.

We're a great team with a flexible rota managed by Lesley Peacock, but with everyone's involvement. The meetings are just quarterly, held at SK8, with cake, coffee, and our diaries primed for action.

What's not to like?

Barbara Clark

General Church Meeting Jottings – April 2018

- The Annual Church Meeting was held on 15th April, attended by 48 members.
- The meeting remembered in prayer the following members and gave thanks for their lives: Helen Davies, Nan Collier, Joyce Brooke, Sheila Cresswell, Norman Pattie. Three members have moved away and transferred to other churches, three new members have been welcomed. Total membership 176.
- A booklet containing reports from all the various church groups was presented; this detailed their work over the last 12 months and plans for the future.
- Emma Coe offered her thanks to everyone for always making families feel welcome at Baptisms. Emma was thanked for all her hard work as cradle roll secretary, as she will be stepping down.
- A report on the work of the Children, Schools and Families workers was given by Mrs Pauline Moore. She thanked

everyone in the church family for their support and prayers for hers and Susie's work.

- Margaret Parker and John Harrington spoke about the "Mission Shaped Ministry" course they have been taking along with some other church members. It looks at how "Fresh Expressions of Church" are being used by new and growing churches; for example, through craft and music activities, worship in cafes, workplaces etc. The course ends in July and then there will be a need to get together and discuss how these ideas may be followed up by CHMC. Philip mentioned the planned appointment of an Evangelism Enabler who could be involved in this.
- Philip asked for people's thoughts on the time of the Sunday morning service, as this will be discussed at the next Church Council meeting. It was mentioned that many older people find it difficult to get to Church for 10am, so Council will need to consider changing to a later time.
- The annual accounts were presented by the treasurer Duncan Booth, who also spoke on his experiences as treasurer in the last year. It was noted that there has been a decrease in giving compared to last year, both by standing orders and by cash/envelopes. This may be linked to the change in collection arrangements during the Sunday service.
- The meeting agreed to the appointment of Pat James and Onye Obasi as church stewards, with all other current stewards (Judith Hutton, Margaret Parker, John Harrington and Christine Watson) continuing for another year
- Barbara Clark, Ann Booth, Phil Sarbutts, David Clark, Andrew Hardman and Lesley Peacock were elected as new representatives from the meeting to the Church Council. In addition, the following were also confirmed as representatives for a further year: Barbara Clarke, Jean Goodacre, Malcolm Gunn, Myra Woodcock and Val Pickwell.

Can you sum up the Bible in 20 words?

This was the challenge which some people took up at Messy Taste worship on the 'More than Gold...' theme at the end of April. Here are their thoughts:

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| Jesus was a preacher, healer and teacher. People listened to his new way of living. He was the beloved Son of God. The way of truth. |
| The Bible in my own little understanding means the light, the truth, the way, and the life, that whosoever believeth shall never die. |
| The greatest story of unconditional love ever told – and it is true! and relevant and applicable to ALL. |
| The Bible is the truth, the whole truth, nothing but the truth about creation, what happened next and the future. |
| Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and all your strength and love your neighbour as yourself. (for me that sums up Christian Life) |
| God created. Humans sinned. God sent Jesus: teacher, healer, miracle-maker and our Saviour. Holy Spirit guides, new lives lived. |
| God created everything. Humans rebelled. God's only son - God and man - killed, sacrificed to pay for human sin. Jesus - Saviour! |

What would you write?

This was just one of the many activities on offer during the morning's worship including: Bible study, listening to God's word from Mark's gospel, using prayer stations in the sanctuary, playing games, making honey biscuits, designing and creating a bible cover or treasure chest or adding your favourite verse onto the graffiti wall.....

This worship – starting and ending in the sanctuary with choice in the middle - was entered into by all ages together. Thank you to everyone who helped organise this and to all who came along and took part. It might have been a different style of worship for some but such exploring together what worship can be is important for us as a church family and we were blessed as we focused together on the words from Psalm 19 v10 'your ways are more desirable

than the finest gold; they are sweeter than the purest honey...'

From the Taste Team

News of the Family

NORMAN PATTIE

Norman was born on 5th May 1931 in Tayport Fife, youngest of 5 children to Oswald and Alice. He was a true and loyal Scots man. He moved to Manchester at the age of 20 to learn about diesel engines before going to India as a Tea Planter. During this time in Manchester he met Irene, who waited for 4 years till his first leave to marry him. She returned with him to India where they had two children Sharon and Neil. Norman was a devoted father to his children. After serving 12 years in India he decided to return to the UK for the benefit of the children's education and they settled in the Bramhall area. Norman became a salesman travelling to many areas all over Britain. Irene sadly died in 1989.

His knowledge of football, golf and all sport was exceptional and he still supported his home Team of Tayport, and was a season ticket holder until he died. The Tayport programme was sent to Bramhall each week. Wherever he was in the world he was always anxious to know the Tayport score and rang the hot-line (prior to internet) from far flung places to find out. . He helped establish and run Bramhall Football Club for twenty years, Mike Kemp (CHMC) was one of Norman's boys.

During his period of widowhood he travelled to visit family in Victoria, New South Wales and Melbourne areas of Australia to maintain family contact.

Norman had been a neighbour and friend of Margaret and Cyril since 1965 and following Cyril's death in 1996 Norman and Margaret grew close. They were married at CHMC on the 7th November 1998. He became a Church Member and joined in groups within the church, especially Contact and attended

services. He was a very sociable person and was frequently the centre of the group of men discussing football over coffee.

He made and took time to make contact with his 5 grandchildren and attended all their graduation ceremonies. In October he had heard that he was to become a great grandfather this spring and was looking forward to the arrival. He always had time for family and friends and was loyal and trustworthy.

His feet were certainly itchy and I am sure it was appropriate; that his final illness started whilst travelling; He was exceptionally well read and observed all he had seen. He had an excellent memory for everything, especially music, which made him an excellent quiz team member. He will be sadly missed by all his family, and by his many friends in the UK and the world not to hear his Scottish voice at the end of the telephone.

Myra Woodcock

Confirmation

Our congratulations to Doug Taylor on his confirmation (on May 10th) and best wishes as he goes forward in his Christian life

Thanks

Cheryl called to bring me good wishes from you all with a card and lovely tulips for my birthday... I enjoyed your visit
It was very much appreciated.

Barbara Tyson

Thanks

Colin and Kathryn would like to say a great big thank you for upholding both of us in prayer during Colin's awful months of ill health. The prayers have been heartfelt and answered, An absolute miracle..... Praise God.

Thank you also for all the cards, flowers and plants, the phone calls and the visits.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY Colin and Kathryn Taylor

Thanks

Thank you to everyone from myself and family for all the support, prayers, flowers, plant and the many cards received following the sad loss of Mathew.

It is really appreciated.

Gwyneth Armstrong.

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 June is Ann Booth



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

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

Focus

Meeting on 29th June

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 (2nd and 4th Fridays)

Boaz Newsletter

We are an organisation working with people who are seeking sanctuary from persecution and war, we feel we have a duty to raise awareness and speak out against this, whilst also working hard to support our clients who are finding life increasingly difficult and stressful, due in no small part to new measures and attitudes

We have all been horrified by the stories coming to light of British citizens from across the Commonwealth who were invited to come to the UK and make their lives here, only for many to be forcibly deported over recent months.

So far in 2018, we have already been able to provide stable accommodation and support for **16 new Boaz clients!** The vast majority of these individuals were previously staying in our winter emergency accommodation and it has been wonderful to be able to support them as they have moved on from a point of crisis, needing emergency accommodation, into longer term Boaz housing and support.

In this new financial year, we plan to take on **4 new shared houses**, as we seek to respond to the growing demand for our work, and we're already making good progress on this.

We have an additional new property, which is our new move-on flat which we will use for refugee clients who have successfully been reunited with their partner or spouse, but are struggling to secure accommodation together. It was brilliant to be able to show the flat to one of our clients earlier this week, and we're really pleased that he loved it and has now moved in with his wife! Despite having been granted refugee status, he hadn't been able to secure stable accommodation, and so he was sleeping on the streets when he was referred to us at the start of the year. Since staying at the Boaz night shelter, he has received support through our new Boaz night shelter drop in, and he was able to be reunited with his wife thanks to additional support from the British Red Cross and Greater Manchester Immigration Aid Unit.

We're really thrilled to have this new move-on option for refugee clients (our 17th property!), as they continue to establish their lives here in the UK, and we're so thankful for everyone who has donated to our work over this past year, so that we're in a position to support more clients than ever before.

We are trying in our day to day working practice to make sure that we get it right for clients, supporters, volunteers and staff

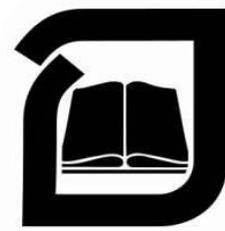


One of our people who has come through the Boaz project said, "The people served by Boaz are stressed and depressed and Boaz serves them. They are humans but circumstances have put them in this bad situation. All they need is someone to look after them and treat them as a human being."

We don't think that's asking too much- to be looked after and treated as a human being, and that's the very least we can try to do each day, in our work at Boaz. Thank you for your support, which enables us to do this.



Church Life



Homegroups

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| 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

