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THE MAGAZINE



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

The Means of Grace

Dear companion on the road^{*},

Keeping our Christian lives fresh and alive is not easy. Though there may be occasions when we especially encounter the presence of God (for example, in an act of worship or when the beauty of the scenery around us simply takes our breath away), most of the time our spiritual experience is less remarkable. So there is the need for us continually to seek God and open ourselves to him.



In 1746 John Wesley published a sermon called 'The Means of Grace'. It had as its text Malachi chapter 3, verse 7: 'Ye are gone away from my ordinances, and have not kept them.' By 'ordinances' Wesley meant sacramental acts, such as Baptism and Holy Communion, and other religious practices given by God to be channels to carry his grace (that is, undeserved love and favour) to humanity. His sermon's target audience was a significant group of Methodists who saw these observances as being superseded by their own 'conversions' and 'Baptisms of the Spirit' or, in other words, their highly-charged spiritual experiences. Wesley sought to impress upon them the validity and ongoing necessity of using the 'means of grace' by which he primarily meant prayer, searching the Scriptures and participating in the Lord's Supper. He knew that we cannot be on a spiritual high all of the time.

Spiritual practices, such as the above, describe those activities that Christians can pursue to draw closer to God and one another. They are ways in which we can receive and respond to grace. Through engaging with them we can grow in our Christian discipleship and repeatedly be re-energised for living out our faith in daily life.

This magazine comes to you at the beginning of Lent, the period leading up to Easter. During it, our focus will especially be upon the suffering and death of Jesus and we are invited as Christians (in the words of *The Methodist Worship Book*) 'to keep these days carefully, to take to heart the call to repentance, to receive the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel, and so to grow in faith and devotion to our Lord.' May I encourage you to use this time of preparation for Easter well, by spending time in prayer, reading the Bible and

receiving Holy Communion, such that you may experience more of God's freely offered grace?

May our God of grace fill you with faith, hope and love.

Philip.

* this expression comes from Richard Gillard's hymn 'Brother, sister, let me serve you' (*Singing the Faith* 611)

March Evening Services: 'Face to Face with Jesus'

Our March evening services are going to focus upon different characters whom Jesus met: the woman caught in adultery (John 8:1-11), the rich young man (Matthew 19:16-30), the woman who anointed Jesus' feet (Luke 7:36-50), and Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10). The nature of the services will be different but all will seek to explore Jesus' encounter with a particular person and what we might learn from it: about the individual concerned, about Jesus, and about ourselves.



Women's World Day of Prayer

Here in Cheadle Hulme we celebrate this special day with an ecumenical service with representatives of all churches taking part.

On Friday 3rd March it will be our church's turn to take the lead!

The service is very informative and thought provoking revealing the very different lives of the Filipino women

Help is needed to welcome the folk of Cheadle Hulme and to extend our hospitality with tea/coffee and biscuits. If you would like to and can offer help please do get in touch.

I hope as many of you as possible can make it – men, women and young folk are all very welcome.

Thank you Christine Watson

Lent Lectures 2017 Here I stand....

Our series title this year recognises the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther's stand seen by many as the beginning of the Protestant Reformation. Our Lecturers will focus on figures who have acted out of conscience and a sense of compulsion or what theologians have called 'The Divine Imperative' in a variety of circumstances, to act and speak out as they did.

The Lectures will as usual be on Wednesday afternoons at 2.30.pm in our church Fellowship room.

The Programme

March 8th. Rev Philip Berry

'The life and times of Dietrich Bonhoeffer.'

March 15th. Dr Jill Barber

'Her story-the hidden lives of Methodist Women'

March 22nd.Rev Dr Keith Davies.

'How revolutionary were the 95 theses?'

March 29th.Sister Margaret Walsh SND.

'Luther and Loyola...Reformers or Rebels?'

April 5th. Rev Geoffrey Barnard.

'Albert Schweitzer.' Theologian, Musician and Healer'

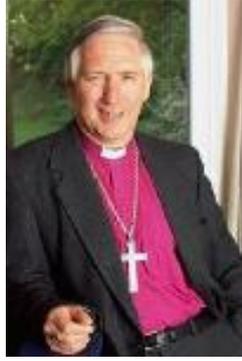
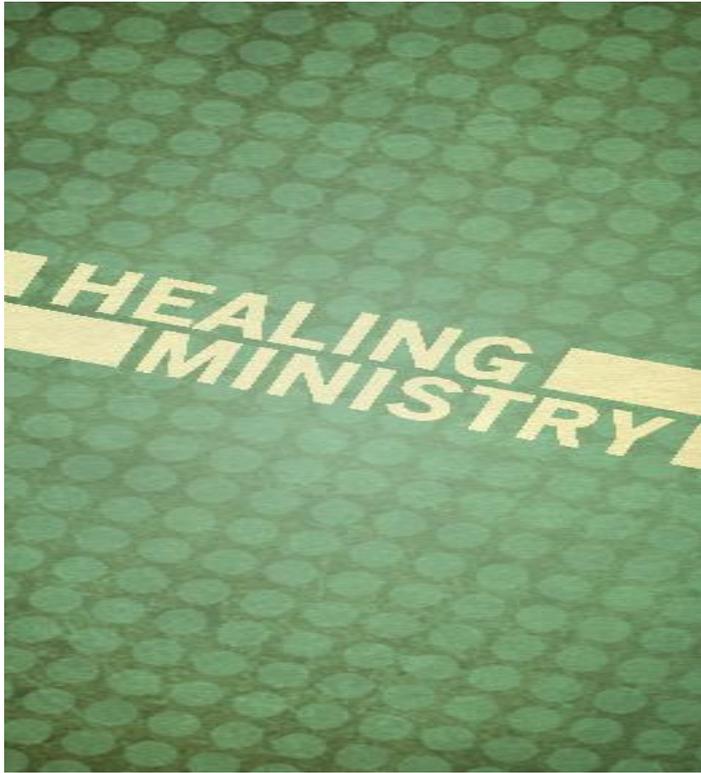
Visit to Retrak Uganda – June 2017

Retrak are organising their first church supporter visit to their work in Uganda. Full details can be found on the World Neighbourhood and Action noticeboard.

If you are interested in this, please let Revd Philip Peacock or another member of the Church Leadership Team know.

Prayer for this month:-

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits which you have given us
for all the pains and insults which you have borne for us.
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend and Brother
May we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen



Bishop Graham has practised Christian Healing Ministry for many years. During his time as Vicar of Holy Trinity,

Coventry, the church developed a large healing team which continues to operate.

While most of his experience is healing in the area of personal hurts and attitudes (inner healing) the Bishop also has experience of physical healing and

deliverance ministry. He has practised healing ministry in both formal (eg sacramental) and less formal contexts.

The Learning Healing Ministry weekend is an opportunity for people to grow in their understanding of this Ministry.

10-12 March 2017

St Chad's Church is in the centre of Handforth on the Wilmslow Road. It is within walking distance of Handforth Station

Free car parking in the public car parks next to the church behind the library and down the road behind Spar (for 2 hours)

Please note that we will send confirmation and full directions and parking details on booking

About the weekend

The church is rediscovering the importance of prayer for healing and experience shows that it is effective. The instructions that Jesus gave to his disciples to preach the Kingdom of God and heal the sick gives grounds for regarding healing as one of the basic tasks of the church.

There are important questions to be answered about who should perform this ministry, what training they need and what

their relationship should be to the medical and counselling professions.

Participants need to be ready to receive healing ministry for themselves during the weekend; this may relate to areas of emotional hurts as well as physical problems. It is also important the participants are available for the whole course.

Aims of the Weekend

- To gain some understanding of Christian Healing Ministry in the light of the Bible and present day experience
- To practice the ministry of praying for people using the laying on of hands
- To learn from the experience of others
- To encourage churches to form teams offering healing ministry

Who can come?

This weekend is open to members of all churches. It is for those who wish to explore the practice of healing ministry, provided their participation is supported by their parish priest or minister whose signature is required. This is to ensure that the development of personal ministry takes place under the authority of the local church.

Participants must commit themselves to the whole programme which includes Sunday. The Chester, Derby and Manchester Bishops have given the weekend their full support.

How much does it cost ?

£25 per person Cheques should be made to:- St Chad's PCC

Please advise of any specific dietary requirements or special needs (eg wheelchair access)

Programme

Friday 7.30pm Introduction. Healing is Jesus - the basics
Physical Healing
Ministry in groups
9.30pm Finish

Saturday 9.30am Who am I The truth that sets us free
Coffee Break
11.10 Healing of emotional hurts and attitudes
Ministry in groups
1.15pm Lunch
2.30pm Learning to hear God
3.00pm Questions
3.30pm Practical skills in Ministry
4.00pm Tea Break
4.20pm Ministry in groups
5.45pm Finish

Sunday meet at designated church for morning service
1.15pm Lunch
2.30pm Where do we go from here?
Ministry in groups
4.00pm Finish

Booking Form

Name.....

Address.....
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Post code

Email

Home telephone

Mobile

Special requirements

Church I attend

I enclose a cheque for £25 payable to St. Chad's PCC

**Please return these details by Friday 3rd March to
Liz Donaghue The church Office, St. Chad's church
Wilmslow road Handforth SK9 3ES
ffice@stchadshandforth.org.uk**

Priest or Minister's signature

I support this application

Print Name

Come and Worship

Wednesday 1st March

7pm Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday 5th March

10.00am Rev Dave Martin: *Alive For His Purpose* – All-age

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock/Rev Dave Martin - Holy Communion with prayers for healing – *Face to Face with Jesus* (John 8:1-11)

Sunday 12th March

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock with Alison Gunn
Reflect led by Derek Booth/Young Church

6.30pm Malcolm Gunn– *Face to Face with Jesus* (Matthew 19:16-30)

Wednesday 15th March

11.00am Morning Communion

Sunday 19th March

9.30 am for 10am Taste

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock with Liz Parkinson: *Belonging To His Family*

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock with Kieran Metcalfe – *Face to Face with Jesus* (Luke 7:36-50)

Sunday 26th March

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock followed by General Church Meeting
Reflect will be led by John Harrington

6.00pm Informal Service – *Face to Face with Jesus* (Luke 19:1-10)

Transformed Life

From January to April 2017, the home groups are all following the course called 'Transformed Life'.

If you are not part of a home group already you may like to join one during this time.

Alongside this there is a preaching series and the opportunity to follow daily notes which can be purchased. The course looks at answering three of life's key questions: Who am I?; Where do I belong?; and What am I living for?; and is based on Ephesians, chapters 1-3

AN UPDATE ON THE MOTHER AND BABY UNIT AT STYAL PRISON

In October a group of Action for Children supporters visited the Mother and Baby Unit at Styal to see firsthand how Action for Children are involved in the care and welfare of the babies and toddlers who are in the unit with their mums. They can stay with mum up to the age of 18 months. The unit houses bedrooms – not cells – for the mums and tots, a big kitchen, and a lounge – not very luxurious – but adequate.

The toddlers are the responsibility of their mums but they do attend a nursery, which is where Action for Children take over.

Over the last few years we at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church and other churches in the circuit have raised money to equip the nursery and the outdoor play area. Action for Children provide the qualified nursery staff to ensure the children's development needs are met and they also co-ordinate support plans with parent support key workers.

The small team at Styal Mother and Baby Unit are dedicated to building strong relationships with parents and ensuring that the babies have all the opportunities they would get in the outside world to develop, and can start to lay the foundations for a happy and healthy future. They have committed no crime and deserve the same chances as any child.

If you remember we contributed to phase 1 of the outdoor play area providing play equipment and safe artificial grass which reduces falls and slips.

The play area has been a huge success with the babies accessing many stimulating and enjoyable activities. Action for Children say “We cannot thank our supporters enough for the wonderful gifts enabling us to transform the outdoor area for the benefit of the babies and toddlers. The staff and the mums and babies are thrilled with their new facilities. Your help will enable Action for Children to build even better bonds between the mothers and their children.”

Looking ahead:- Action for Children are hoping to fund the next phase of the outdoor play area to purchase:- 3 bouncing mushrooms!!, 1 easel, 1 Glockenspiel panel, 1 Batonka panel and picnic tables. So watch this space. Thank you for your support over the years. If you would like any further information please have a word with me.

Ann Booth (Action for Children Secretary)

News of the Family

Thanks

Doris Codner

Gillian, Judith, Graeme and all Doris' family would like to thank the church family for all your prayers, cards and messages following mum's death.

Your love and support is very much appreciated by us all.
Thank you.

Thank You

so much for my Freddy's funeral on 19th January. I have felt so cared for and protected by our church family. It is so reassuring to have all this loving care "God" driven and to know that Fred is now at peace in the arms of the Lord.

I also want to tell you that a total of £551.66 has been generously donated to St Ann's Hospice and Wellspring (for the homeless.) And a big thank you to Richard Watson, Sheila and Sue Jacklin (for the lovely flowers), the refreshment servers and helpers and for Maggie's soothing words regards funeral arrangements for that day.

Thank you



Elaine Busby

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 March is



Jill Gourley

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.

Doris Codner

Doris loved life, loved people, loved children and loved her family. Born a Geordie, she met George at Benwell Grove Methodist Church Youth Club in Newcastle in 1937, where they both became Sunday school teachers and leaders of Brownies and Boys Brigade, becoming church members in 1943.

Doris and George married on 11th September 1948 and settled firstly in Newcastle, then moving to Tynemouth and Barrowford in Lancashire before settling in Cheadle Hulme with their family, Gillian, Judith and Graeme in October 1962 and joining Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church.

Doris became a Sunday school teacher again in the primary department and joined Young Wives where many lifelong friendships were formed. She was involved in the setting up of the church playgroup and was playgroup supervisor until December 1982. She also ran the church Tufty Club teaching road safety to pre-school children, became involved in parent groups at local schools and guiding and scouting groups the children belonged to. She liked helping and being useful in a practical way, doing and making things. Over the years Doris joined WI, Women's Fellowship now known as Network, the Contact group and more recently Cameo.

Doris was delighted when each of her six grandchildren and three great grandchildren were born and was devoted to all of them. Doris enjoyed musicals, shows and choirs, often going to concerts, plays and shows at the Brookdale, Stockport Plaza or in Manchester. She enjoyed knitting and sewing and later took up embroidery. She always enjoyed baking and made cakes for all the family celebrations.

As teenagers the family recall coming in from school and would be told. 'Don't take your coat off! Will you take this cake, pie, casserole to, usually someone from church or a neighbour who was unwell. Discrete and unassuming was the way Doris was. Very thoughtful and caring and ready to listen to anyone, always asking after them and their family. Cheerful

and always positive. Calm and patient too. She disliked any fuss, preferring to be quietly in the background.

Doris was very settled and happy in Cheadle Hulme, however her Geordie roots were very important and she loved to return to the north east for visits to the family and this would always include a trip 'down to the coast', to Tynemouth.

Last year Doris moved to Hillbrook Grange in Bramhall, she was very happy there and where she was loved by staff and residents alike especially with her humour. It was there in her room she quietly and peacefully passed away three days after Christmas, 16 months after George had died.

As well as the family, the Church always played a big part in her life. She was a good friend to many church members and they will never forget her empathy, fun and love. Doris will be sadly missed by all who knew her. God bless you Doris and 'Gan Canny'

Barbara Clarke

Fred Busby 1939-2016

We all got to know Fred when he and Elaine started to come to our Church in 2007. They had not been married long and had decided to attend a church that was new to both of them. It was our good fortune that they chose Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church and they soon settled in and became members. I became their Pastoral Visitor. They enjoyed the Reflect group and Fred became a leader for that group as well as leading Wednesday morning prayers. He and Elaine also became Pastoral Visitors.

Fred was a cheerful person who always looked on the bright side of life. He enjoyed a joke and a good laugh but didn't suffer fools gladly and could be quite outspoken. Although he didn't have any grandchildren of his own he loved being Grandad to Elaine's grandchildren and really looked forward to their visits.

In November I went to sit with Fred one Sunday morning while Elaine went to church and it was a wonderful opportunity to get to know him better. I discovered that we had a lot in common, growing up in neighbouring Longsight and Levenshulme, attending adjoining parish churches and then both working for the Calico Printers' Association. He told me that after he was born it was discovered that he had neurofibromatosis which meant he had tumours both inside and outside his body and he was not expected to live more than five years. This was a

condition that he had all his life and that ultimately caused his severe breathing problems. His life became more restricted as he needed a mobility scooter and an oxygen cylinder. Was he dismayed by this? Never! He had pain and frustrations but disregarded them and always looked beyond them. Fred found strength in his faith and was a firm believer in prayer. All his passwords had some biblical reference. In the end he had a daily battle but as Philip said at Fred's Thanksgiving Service – "He fought the fight and kept the faith."

Hazel Crummett

Phyllis Marion Gerrard

was a stalwart member of Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church for over 55 years.

Phyllis was born in October 1930, the second child of George and Emily Handford and welcome sister for Kenneth. Sadly her father died when Phyllis was 9. Emily, along with her sister, Marion settled to a changed life in Alresford Road Salford.

Phyllis and I were both educated at Pendleton High School for Girls where she was a year ahead of me. We were also involved in the Christian Endeavour Movement at local Methodist churches which encouraged young people to learn skills such as leadership, holding meetings, encouraging others and group prayer. This experience helped Phyllis know that she wanted to be a teacher and so after leaving school she went, with her mother's encouragement, to Southlands Methodist Teacher Training College in Wimbledon..

By this time she had met a young man called Jack Gerrard who had come, with his parents to live in Alresford Road. Love blossomed and after Phyllis had completed her teacher training in 1955 the couple married. They initially settled briefly in Farnborough where Jack was working.

Shortly after Jack obtained a new job as a lecturer at Manchester University and the couple moved to Cheadle Hulme where they made a home at 2 Ravenoak Park Road and threw themselves both as a pair and individually into our old church life. When Bill and I moved to Cheadle Hulme in 1956 there were two old friends to welcome us and we resumed a friendship which proved to be happy, fruitful and lifelong.

Andrew was born in 1959 and Peter came along in 1962, with our daughters being born within months of each and so the two families grew up hand in hand.

In 1964 Jack accepted a 12 month secondment to State College, Pennsylvania, USA which was a great adventure for them all. This was the age of letter writing and Air Mails (no mobile phones etc) and Phyllis wrote screeds of interesting news about the life in America which was somewhat ahead of the UK with regard to household gadgets and lifestyle . It was in the US that they were introduced to skiing, which became a lifelong hobby for all three Gerrard males. It was not without incident, especially for the more dare devil and somewhat accident prone Peter!

On their return to the UK the family were dismayed to find that their Ravenoak Park Road home had been trashed by the tenants. The agents had not been keeping an eye on them. This resulted in a move to 54 Hill Top Avenue. There was always a warm welcome and open door there. In fact it was even nicknamed the Hilltop Hotel!

Phyllis then used her lively personality, energy and teaching skills in the Sunday School Beginners , then the Primary department and to help start up the Tufty Club. Later when the over 40's were shown the door at Young Wives she, along with Barbara Clark got our Contact group off the ground.

Phyllis taught at Councillor Lane Primary School where she was in charge of music so it was no surprise that she sang in the Church Choir and for many years was a regular attendee at the Halle concerts. Time passed but she was always a doer and latterly thoroughly enjoyed helping with Messy Church. Phyllis took great pride in her family and loved spending time with her boys, and as they grew up, their wives, Nikki and Kelly and then her grandchildren, Matthew, Emily, Lauren and Marcus.

Phyllis had a strong personality and a very deep faith so when illness overcame her she accepted with tranquility the inevitable decline in her abilities. Last summer when I saw her for the last time she made sure to say how very nice it was in her nursing home . She was a good generous friend who used her talents well in bringing encouragement and happiness to others.

We miss her.

Barbara Tyson

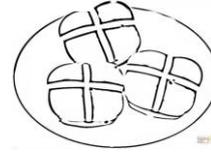


We need your help-
please!

Easter Sunday - April 16th

Eastingle?

(No – you didn't read that incorrectly – we really do mean **Eastingle!**)



What is it? A fun activity derived from the Christingle concept but based on a hot cross bun instead of an orange.

In addition to our usual traditions for Easter Sunday, we would like children and adults to make these symbols of the Christian faith as part of our celebration - but we need volunteers to help.

If you have assisted with the joy and mayhem that is the Christingle service you will be uniquely qualified – but **all offers of help gratefully received**. If you are willing and able to help set up, run or clear up, please speak to Pam Howie

Sunday April 30th

This will be the first 'fifth Sunday' of our new worship pattern. We will be having a single morning service at 10:00 am in the Taste/Messy church style. At Taste we are accustomed to smaller numbers so would really like additional help to make this an occasion for the whole church to treasure.

If you are willing and able to assist with setting up, making craft activities or ing up, please speak to Pam Howie.



A Message from Awet Bringing the story up to date;-

It is almost a year since Awet first arrived at the Britannia Hotel and started to come to the Welcome Group and join us for worship. After a time, he moved to Bolton but we kept in touch as he came regularly to Stepping Hill for treatment on the wrist that was broken whilst crossing the Sahara Desert.

We have kept in touch with him and his friend Natnael and they have visited our home several times. We were invited to Bolton where we met more of their friends and shared an Eritrean meal with them. It was a humbling experience and a great honour to join with them in the drinking of coffee the way it is made in their homes in Eritrea.

When he first applied to stay in this country Awet was refused but on the 5th January, following an appeal, he was granted the right to remain. This changes his status from asylum seeker to refugee and gives him the right to stay here for five years and make a life for himself. During all this time, he has totally trusted that God will take care of him and that with God by his side all things are possible. His faith never wavers, it is simple but implicit.

From time to time we catch up by text and I want to share with you the one he sent to us after his appeal.

The native language of Eritrea is Tigrinya but his English has improved considerably and much easier to understand. I am copying this as it was sent to us, a message of thanks to us all.

"Hello my lovely family Mr Andrew and Dr Ruth how are you how is everything I fine and good thanks for God. I have good news yes. Thanks for God they accepted me. Im waiting letter a ID for five year. And thank you very much for good best wishes. Already I don't know my next decision maybe I moving to another city. With God. May God bless you. And say blessed for everyone in church. See you soon God bless you "

Dear All,

I'm still on the lookout for a volunteer!!!

I've been in charge of the morning coffee rota for getting on for 15 years now and I am hoping to hand it over to someone else next May 2017.

In all honesty it is quite an easy job to do because every person on the rota is SO NICE AND OBLIGING!!! The job involves...

1. Producing 3 rotas through the year- Christmas to Easter, Easter to August, then August to Christmas and then allocating people to do those dates. As you know everyone chops and changes so it doesn't matter which people you choose to do which dates. One or two people need to be consulted re the dates they can do. Printing and placing in pigeon holes.
2. Putting milk in the fridge for Sunday morning if none already there (claim money back.) Tea, coffee, sugar and biscuits appear in the cupboard so no shopping involved.
3. This is the difficult bit....being on the lookout for new people to join.

I will be standing down as organiser from next Easter.

Finally I would like to thank everyone who is on, or has been on this rota, as they have made the organising of it so easy and have provided a wonderful service each Sunday morning.

Jane Kemp.

For Your Diary

Cameo

Meets on Tuesdays 10.30am - 2.15pm

Contact

15th March Noted for fresh air and fun - Mr J Doughty

Focus

Dear Focus member, just a reminder that there is no Focus meeting in February. Please support Network on Thursday March 9th 2.30pm if you can. Rev George Lane the Chaplain at Manchester Airport will be the speaker. As you know we had hoped he would come to Focus but Network beat us to it. We thought it was too much for him to come twice to the same church within a short space of time.

31st March "Easter Theme" contributions from members

Food bank

Continues to have a collection on the second Sunday of each month

Network

2nd March Rev Philip Peacock

9th March at 2.30 Trafficking - Rev George Lane

On Thursday 9 March the Rev. George Lane senior chaplain at Manchester Airport (and husband of Bishop Libie of Stockport) will be speaking about the work of all airport staff to identify people who could be possible victims of trafficking. We would all like to think that it does not happen at Manchester, but having heard him speak of the work, I know it does happen. We are fortunate to have the opportunity for him to visit us. All are welcome, men and women to the meeting in the coffee lounge.

16th March Have you had the doctor? Christine Belton

23rd March Circuit Tea at Styal Methodist Church

Bible Study

Continuing with our studies in the Letter to the Hebrews. We usually meet on the 4th Thursday of the month, so the next session is on March 23rd.

We meet at Church, from 1.30 - 3.00, and everyone is welcome - more information in the Sunday News Sheet.

Save the date- Saturday 13th May

The annual Christian Aid Sponsored Walk will be on Saturday 13th May.

Please save the date, more information in the next magazine.
Gill Smith

“REFUGEE PRAYERS “

Points for Prayer -

- **The USA.** The President’s “Travel Ban”
“The US Appeals Court has denied the Justice Department’s request for an immediate reinstatement of Donald Trump’s controversial travel ban.” (5/1/2017)
Pray for the people caught up in all of this, and for the confrontational “atmosphere” it is creating.
- **The UK.** We still seem to be moving very slowly in terms of the Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Programme. By January, 4414 people had been resettled under this scheme. (The target is 20,000 by 2020)
- **France.** There are disturbing reports about the treatment of the children formerly living in the “Jungle” refugee camp at Calais. Some of the centres across France are struggling to provide adequate food and clothing, and there is insufficient psychological support. (Independent on-line Jan 29)
- **Greece.** More than 60,000 people are still living in the various refugee camps around the country. Conditions are particularly poor on some of the Greek Islands.
- **Libya & E.U.** A plan has been agreed for the E.U. to increase funding to the Libyan Coastguard, in an attempt to reduce the number of migrants/refugees attempting the crossing to Europe. There are concerns about this scheme, but more than 4500 people drowned there last year, so action is needed.

Forthcoming Concert in May – Kalinka Balalaika Players with the Laurence Singers

Venue – Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

Date – Saturday 13th May 2017

Time – 7:30 p.m.

Ticket price - £8.00 - £10.00 (details to follow)

The concert will be held in aid of the ROOF St. Petersburg Charity, and brings together the unique talents of the Kalinka players and this highly-acclaimed choir. The Laurence Singers have been in existence since 1971, and have a wealth of experience and expertise behind them. The choir, under the direction of its genial conductor Cliff Crewe, has a repertoire which extends over many genres, from classical to swing and jazz, all of which it performs with impressive style and polish. However, at least one of the pieces planned for this concert presents a novel challenge, involving the intricacies of Russian pronunciation, as the choir performs to accompaniment by the Kalinka Players and their teachers.

A truly unique event – prepare to be charmed and delighted by an evening of outstanding choral music and the stirring sounds of the Russian Soul!

Gill Gourley



Home Groups



Monday	Wendy and Les Turner		8pm
Monday	Rachel Monkhouse		8pm
Monday	Pam Howie		7.45pm
Tuesday	Val Pickwell		8pm
Wednesday	Dilys and Maurice Turnpenney		8pm
<u>3rd Thursday</u>	John Harrington		10am – 12 noon
Thursday			

MEETING TOGETHER

People to contact

Sunday

Young Church	10.00	Pauline Moore
Great Heights	20.00	Phil & Jaqui Sarbutts

Tuesday

Cameo	10.30	Val Pickwell
Banner Making	14.00	Sue Jacklin
Reflective Worship	19.00	
Rock Solid	19.30	Emma Coe

Wednesday

Wednesday Worship	10.30	
Toddler Group	10.45	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

Saturday

Heating Steward:	-
Envelope Secretary:	David Clark
Room Bookings:	Maggie Thompson
Transport Rota:	George Lea