

Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

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Our Mission

Living With Christ

Living For Christ

Living to Make Christ Known

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Articles for the **October/November** issue of the magazine
need to be submitted to the magazine editor Gill Smith
via email

by **Friday 18th September**

If you include your personal contact details in your article, it
will be assumed that you are giving consent for these to be
included in the paper copy of the magazine which will be in
the public domain.

My father always used to talk about the number of times in the 40s that the BBC announced that the city of Brest-Litovsk had fallen, been retaken, was under siege, was valiantly resisting etc *ad infinitum*.

I think I know the feeling - President Trump has declared victory over Iran 35 times by yesterday's count, and yet...

It is natural for us to want everything cut-and-dried, loose ends neatly tied off, and the past settled so that we can move on.

Unfortunately, of course, it isn't that simple. No book concerning real life can possibly conclude with THE END. Rather, there is a snippet from the next volume to entice us onward. "Previously in the history of the world..."

Nonetheless, the desire is there, and so we divide our history, our lives, into discrete blocks, so that we can rationalise them. My early life, a first try at university, my first marriage, my children, my work, going to Cambridge.... as though each was cleanly distinct, rather than a blending as time progressed. Why then would we treat our faith journeys differently?

From the moment we become conscious of a spiritual being greater than ourselves, the process of discovery begins.

That process will contain many elements - writings, songs, films, prayers, personal revelations - but, most of all, people. People change us, and so they should, and we change them in turn. We share our stories, share our complex lives together, move on to a new group and discover a whole new pattern of life.

With each of these changes our understanding of God grows and deepens and, even when we draw our final breath, the story isn't over. We simply gain a new frame of reference, with the promise of eternity.

With every blessing

Alistair

(Rev Alistair S Jones)

Join us for Worship



Services will be held in the Sanctuary and will be simultaneously livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

Services in August

Sunday 2nd August

10:30am Morning worship led by Deacon Debs Brazier

Sunday 9th August

10:30am Morning worship with Holy Communion led
Rev Alistair Jones



Sunday 16th August

10:30am Morning worship with baptism
led by Rev Charles Nevin

Sunday 23rd August

10:30am Morning Worship local arrangement
6:30pm Evening worship – led by Rev Ian Smart

Sunday 30th August

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr Malcolm Gunn
6.30pm Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme service at
Grove Lane Baptist Church

Services in September

Sunday 6th September

10:30am Morning worship with Holy Communion
led by Rev Alistair Jones



Sunday 13th September Harvest Festival

10:30am Morning worship led by Mrs Pat James

Sunday 20th September

10:30am Morning worship led Mr John Ream

Sunday 27th September

10:30am Morning worship led by Mrs Angela Clowes
6:30pm Evening worship led by Mrs Ellie Haslam

In our prayers



In your prayers please remember those who are in hospital, those having tests and treatments, suffering illness or bereavement and those going through challenging times.

Flower Visitors

August Flower Visitor – Jane Kemp
September Flower Visitor – Jenni Hardman



Regular Events at Church

MONDAY

Memory Lane 2:00 – 4:00pm

Meets the second and fourth Monday of the month for those with dementia and their carers Contact: Jackie Sims

Knit, Craft and Natter 7-9pm

Meets first Monday of the month Contact: Jackie Sims

Take Time Together 8:00pm

Meets the **second** and **fourth** Monday of the month via Zoom-
contact church office for the link

TUESDAY

CAMEO 10:30am – 1:30pm

Not meeting in August, next Cameo 8th September
Contact: Val Pickwell

Chelwood Foodbank Collection 11:00 am – 12 noon

In the Church car park
Contact: Susie Metcalfe

Reflective Worship 7:00 - 7:30pm in Room 2

Contact: Pat James

MATCH (Men AT Cheadle Hulme) 7:30 – 9:00pm

A meeting for men every 4th Tuesday evening on Zoom.
Not Meeting in August
Contact: Ian Porter

WEDNESDAY

Toddler Breakfast 9:45- 10.15am once a month

Next breakfast 16th September

Toddlers 10:30 – 11:45am in term time

Next Toddlers 2nd September
Contact: Susie Metcalfe

THURSDAY

Baby Chat 10:30 - 11:45am usually term time only

Meeting 30th July, 6th & 13th August then from 3rd September

Contact: Susie Metcalfe

Network 2pm

Cuppa and a Chat each week until 10th September

New programme from 17th September

17th September – Rev Alistair Jones

24th September- Beetle Drive with Barbara Clarke

Contact: Margaret Pattie

FRIDAY

Wobblers 10:30 – 11:45am usually term time only

Meeting 31st July, 7th & 14th August then from 4th September

Contact: Susie Metcalfe.

Boys Brigade Launching 11th September

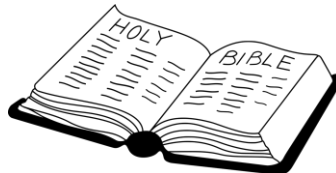
Anchors 5-8yrs 6:30 -7:45pm Juniors 8-11 years 6:30 -8pm

Contact: Jackie Sims, Rachael East or Phil Sarbutts

Homegroups

Homegroups meet on the first and third weeks of the month.

Groups are not meeting in August



Monday 10:30am to 12 noon in Room 2 at Church

Next meeting 21st September Contact: Margaret Parker

Monday 8pm From 7th September Contact: Gez Butterworth

Friday 2pm From 11th September Contact: Val Pickwell

JOIN THE ADVENTURE

**THE BOYS'
BRIGADE**
& GIRLS' ASSOCIATION
> the adventure begins here



FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN SCHOOL YEARS 1 - 6

NEW GROUP LAUNCHING ON FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER



ANCHORS

5 to 8 years

Fridays 6:30 to 7:45pm

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8 to 11 years

Fridays 6:30 to 8pm



SATURDAY 8TH AUGUST AT 10AM - 12PM

AT CHEADLE HULME METHODIST CHURCH

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR LAUNCH OPEN MORNING!



COME ALONG FOR A **MORNING OF ACTIVITIES** &
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR EXCITING NEW GROUP
LAUNCHING THIS SEPTEMBER.

Harvest Sunday 13th September

This year we will be once again supporting Chelwood Foodbank and Wellspring



Food donations will be taken to Chelwood Foodbank. The foodbank is expecting a busy summer with an increasing number of referrals along with supporting many families with the Holiday Support scheme.

The following items are always needed

Tinned items - meats, tuna, tomatoes, fruit, vegetables,
soup, rice pudding/custard,

Jars - cooking sauces jam, coffee

Packets - cereal, long life milk, tea, biscuits

Household - toilet rolls, washing up liquid, cleaning sprays

“Every can, every box, every packet, adds up”

We are also supporting Wellspring in Stockport with their appeal for coats and clothing to help people who are homeless.



Wellspring are asking for men's waterproof/winter coats or anoraks, joggers, t shirts, hoodies/fleeces, socks, hats, gloves and trainers. Wellspring are also accepting women's clothing and would appreciate any rucksacks or sleeping bags.

So, if you are having a clear out of your wardrobe before autumn, please consider donating anything you no longer need or wear. We will collect items from Sunday 13th September to Sunday 4th October which is Homelessness Sunday. There will be a collection tub in the narthex between these dates for any donations. Please ensure all items are clean and in reasonable condition. Thank you.

Church News



Congratulations to Cheryl and Tony Palmer who celebrated their Ruby Wedding on 31st May.

Thank you!

A big "thank you" to the church family for the beautiful flowers on the occasion of our Ruby Wedding Anniversary.
Cheryl & Tony x

Thanks

I am now back home after nearly nine weeks in hospital. I would like to thank all those people who have sent me cards and good wishes during this time. They have been most appreciated. Thanks
Peter Crummett

Bereavement

Allan Bradbury passed away on 23rd May. The funeral, and thanksgiving service at Cheadle Hulme on Thursday 11th June, was led by Rev Charles Nevin. We send our love, thoughts and prayers to Linda, sons Richard and David and all Allan's family at this time.

Thanks from Allan's Family

It's difficult to adequately express my thanks for all the support that I and Richard and David have received from CHMC following the death of Allan in May. And I'm not just thinking about the cards with kind words and the many people who have expressed their sympathy and condolences on our loss, but the support through prayer both at CHMC and BHMC, and the practical help and organisation offered without being asked and without which

I would have been floundering. The Rev Charles Nevin as always has been a guiding presence from the form of the service at the crematorium to the thanksgiving service at CHMC. And Charles' quiet efficiency personally saved me a lot of worry.

If you take your minds back to the day of Allan's services, you may remember that it was a foul day with the wet ploppy stuff teeming down from the skies and cold with it. As the congregation at the crem decided to sit inside in the dry and the warmth, I still feel a bit guilty at leaving Charles alone outside to accompany the hearse in.

I was heartened to see not only many CHMC members at the thanksgiving service but also representatives from the railway societies, walking clubs and the Liberal Democrats that Allan had supported over many years. Sons Richard and David delivered a eulogy which depicted a very accurate picture of Allan – his meticulousness, his rapport with numbers (especially attached to £ signs) and his absolute reliability. The hymns were all chosen by Allan and caused some initial consternation as two are not in the Methodist Hymnal. However, having tracked them down to Mission Praise, several people were able to supply both words and music; later I wondered if Allan had first become acquainted with these particular hymns at Sunday School. Fortunately, all the hymns chosen had easy tunes.

It was pleasing that so many people stayed on after the service for the refreshments, clearly a more attractive option than going out into the rain still falling heavily from the skies. Here I must make mention of Gill Smith and her team who set the coffee lounge up so attractively and tirelessly supplied tea and coffee after the service. Again, this was offered without the need to ask and reminds me of the hymn 'Brother, sister, let me serve you' with its lines about helping each other and bearing the load. So, I can only once again say thank you to all those who contributed and came on the day demonstrating just what church should be about.

Linda Brackenbury

TRIBUTE TO Allan Brackenbury

It was as cradle roll visitor for Richard and David that I first met Allan and Linda Brackenbury, and I subsequently have had the privilege of being their Pastoral Visitor. Allan was born on 27th July 1941 and lived in Cheadle Hulme until the family moved to Adlington when he was a teenager. He qualified as an accountant and worked in various firms around Manchester.

In his youth Allan travelled miles on his bike, exploring the countryside which he loved. Another of his passions was classical music as evidenced by the many records in their lounge. In 1957 he started leading rambling groups and it was on one of those rambles where he met Linda. They married in 1979 and moved back to Cheadle Hulme. In 1983 after the birth of the boys, Allan became self-employed and subsequently worked from home, enabling Linda to pursue her career at the University.

Allan actively supported the Liberal Democrats, but his main interest was railways. There was always a variety of railway magazines on the table by his chair, as well as many railway books in bookshelves and Allan was either auditor or treasurer for several railway societies. He could talk for hours about different railways up and down the country and kept up to date with developments. As my stepson shares this passion, I used to sometimes transfer magazines from Malcolm to Allan, and vice-versa. Who knew that there were so many different railway magazines?!

As Allan's Parkinson's became more advanced, Linda did not feel able to leave him at home when she went on a much-needed long-distance walk, and although Allan thought he could manage at home, he agreed for Linda's peace of mind to go into care while she was away.

The only time I saw Allan even a little bit cross was when the staff at the care home would not allow him to take a little walk off the premises. Otherwise, even as the physical challenges increased and life became more and more limited I never heard Allan grumble or complain. In these latter years I have spent more time with Allan on his own and have been privileged to learn more about his life, his work, and his hobbies.

As his mobility deteriorated and other needs developed, it finally became necessary for Allan to move into a care home where he spent his final weeks, Linda visiting regularly. His mind was active until the end, and on one of my visits he gave me a clear account of the hymns he wanted at his funeral. Allan's faith was strong and he always grateful that I prayed with him. Allan was a good man, a man of faith, a devoted husband, father and grandfather. I will miss him. May he rest in peace in the company of his heavenly Father.
Margaret Parker

‘Church electric piano needs a new home.’

The church no longer wants or needs the electric piano.



It has served two church families well for many years and now needs a new home. If we have no response from our church family or circuit we will need to offer it through the community. There is no charge.

Please contact me if you are interested.

Val Pickwell

Are you being called?

Within the life of the church there are various roles that need fulfilling in order for the church to function. We currently have a few opportunities to serve within this church. In order to serve in the following ways, you will need to be a church member (if you would like to serve, but are not currently a member, please speak to Jackie or Alistair about membership).



Pastoral Team

Do you feel called to be a pastoral visitor? This role is for someone who loves getting alongside people and ensuring that they are ok. If you would like to know more, please speak to Jackie.

Resources Team

The resources team ensure that the building is kept in good order – can you help with this? We are currently also looking for a chair for the resources team (no pun intended!). If you would like to find out more, please speak to Dave James.

Leadership Team

I had been approached on several occasions, by a number of people over the years, inviting me to serve on the Leadership team, but always declined. Why? I did not feel I could do this role, I felt I was not capable or could make any valuable contribution. Then in April 2025 I felt I should give it a go and eventually said yes.

I was apprehensive at my first meeting, like I am sure many before me, but was warmly welcomed by the rest of the team and soon slipped into the role. It was not as daunting or onerous as I had thought.

The team generally meet once a month, for roughly 1 to 1½ hours to discuss the work and life of the church. We are currently a very small group of three 'stewards' along with members of staff, Alistair and Jackie. We are guided in making our decisions by the wisdom in everything to do with Methodism, by Dave James and Charles Nevin. Over the past 15 months discussions have been varied, for example supporting the setting up new initiatives like the BB group. Sometimes we send a suggestion to another group, like the Resources team, for consideration or take a proposal ourselves to Church Council.

It has been interesting to be involved in considering new ideas and see some come to fruition. However, we really do need more people on the team. Ideally, we would love it if at least two more people could join us.

Please consider, could you offer to join the team, or if you already have served before could you do so again?

Would you maybe consider serving for even a year? You would be very welcome.

Gill Smith

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. (1 Peter 4.10)

2027 Calendars

I have managed to produce a 2027 calendar with Kieran's images, as always, all proceeds will go to PSC Support (a rare liver condition Kieran had - more info about it on the back of the calendar).



The calendars are £10 each and can be requested via me or a note left in my tray in the office, or in the pigeon holes.

Or you can email me to place an order.



Payment can either be by cash, or I can send you bank details.

Thank you for your support.

Susie, Ben and Toby xxx

Jottings from Church Council Meeting held 24th June 2026

Resources: A proposal to place flower boxes alongside the footpath at the front of the church by the Cheadle Hulme Greening Up Group was approved.

Finance Report – Maurice Turnpenney reported on financial matters for the period 1st January 2026 to 30th April and shared the Proposed Budget for 2026/2027 and this was approved by the meeting. It was agreed discussions would take place with the Boys Brigade re allocating a budget for their work.

Leadership Team: Three proposals brought from the Leadership team were approved, to increase annual staff holiday allowance from 20 to 25 days, a new Occasional Visitors Policy be adopted (see summary on the next page), and that Jackie Sims be given authority to carry out extended communion visits.

Safeguarding: The annual review of the church safeguarding policy took place and approved with minor amendments.

Reports were received from **Community and Pastoral Care Worker, Worship, Caring and WNAT** teams and **Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme**.

The Occasional Room Hire Agreement and document for Third Party Room Hire Licence, (both unchanged from 2025 apart from date) were approved.

It was agreed that fans for dealing with the ongoing intense heat could be obtained and that Resources should explore/examine ways in which the current heating system might be adapted/modified to deal with hot conditions as well as cold conditions.