

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
Banner Making	14:00	Sue Jacklin
Rock Solid (fortnightly during term time)	19.30	John Harrington
Contact	15.00	George Lea
Tues Evening Reflective Worship	19.00	Kathryn Price
Wednesday		
Wednesday Worship	10.30	Liz Parkinson
Toddlers	10:45	Susie Metcalfe
Friendly Food	12:15	Hazel Crummett
The Singers	18:45	Christine Watson
Thursday		
Baby Chat	10.30	Emma Coe
Network	14:30	Margaret Pattie
Scouts	19:15	David Heatley
Friday		
Tiddlywinks	10.30	Emma Coe
Beavers (6-8 years) (Parish Rooms)	18.30	Jacque Metcalfe
Cub Scouts (Woods Lane Guide HQ)	18:30	Neil Kidd
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

Activity bags are available for children to use during services. (see a steward for assistance)

An **INDUCTION LOOP** is provided for the benefit of hearing aid users.

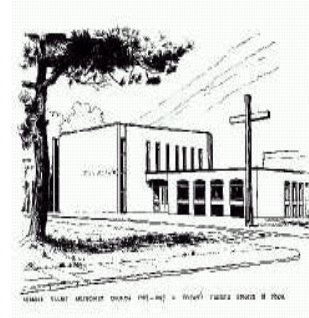
Please note the **Communion Wine we use is non-alcoholic**. Please let one of the Stewards know prior to the start of the Service if you require Gluten, wheat and dairy-free wafers for communion

Christian children's books are available to loan from Emma Coe.

Large print bibles and hymn books are available, please ask a steward.

The Notices are published on the web (at www.chmc.org.uk).

Any personal contact information (phone numbers, email addresses, etc) will be omitted from the website unless it is explicitly stated that they should be left in. **To book a room phone the office or go onto <http://mid.as/chmc/request> where you can click onto the date you want to book using the calendar to the left of the page.**



Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

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Minister: Rev Gill Newton Day Off - Friday
Pastoral Worker: Alison Gunn Day off - Thursday
Children and Family Worker: Emma Coe

Welcome to Worship Notices for Sunday 1st December

Advent Sunday

10.30am Morning Worship led by Rev Gill Newton and Alison Gunn will be our annual Toy Service and will include Holy Communion.
4.00 p.m. Messy Church
6.30pm Evening worship led by Rev Gill Newton will be our Community Carol Service

A prayer as you prepare for worship

God our Father, you spoke to the prophets of old of a Saviour who would bring peace. You helped them to spread the joyful message of his coming kingdom. Help us, as we prepare to celebrate his birth, to share with those around us the good news of your power and love. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the light who is coming into the world. Amen

Reading Isaiah 2 vv 1-5 Page 671 in the Old Testament part of the Bible

We pray for Gill Newton and Alison Gunn leading worship today and Richard Spurr leading the music. We also pray for Bob Bartindale leading worship at Bramhall

Join us for Worship and Prayer this week

Tuesday Evening Reflective Worship

Tuesdays at 7pm – 7.30pm, a quiet, reflective time and space to come worshipfully and peacefully before God.

In December there is a service on December 3rd, then there are no services on Dec 10th, 17th, 24th or 31st. The service will start again on Jan 7th 2014.

Wednesday Worship

On **Wednesdays at 10.30am** a group meets for a short time of worship, prayer and fellowship in room 1. All are welcome, please come and join us. This week's worship will be led by Alison Gunn

Prayer

If you'd like the opportunity to share your joys or concerns in prayer with someone, a member of the Prayer Team will be in the Prayer Space at the back of the church after the morning service. Alternatively, speak to the Minister/ Preacher, the Pastoral Worker or a Church Steward.

Prayer Web requests may be sent to Colin & Kathryn Taylor

Open Church

Usually the Church is open 9.30am – 3pm Mon – Fri for your own prayer and reflection. If you wish someone to meet with you for prayer please contact the church office 0161 485 1605. Please feel able to use the prayer resources available in the basket

Sunday 8th December

10.30 Christmas Trail see below for details

6.30pm Evening worship will be in the form of Carol Singing in the community

Today

Toy Service – TODAY 10am

The 10am service is the toy/gift service. Please bring new or good-as-new toys and gifts which will be given to families who have very little. We give gifts to the following groups which may give you some ideas as to the type of gift to offer.

Trafford Young Carers Project of Action for Children particularly need toiletries for its young carers.

Stockport Without Abuse would like to offer the opportunity for the children to give their mum a Christmas gift, so ladies gifts would be appropriate, as well as children's toys

Family Info Link in Stockport would like toys/gifts for all age children and teenagers.

Thank you in anticipation for your gifts.

Community Carol Service– TODAY 6.30pm

This week

CAMEO

CAMEO will meet as usual this Tuesday 10am – 2pm. Anyone who would like to join us for coffee or lunch and a chat will be welcome.

Friendly Food

No Friendly food on 4th and 11th December. The next time will be the Christmas dinner on 18th December

Crisis in the Kitchen

Recently three people who help run the Wednesday Friendly Food Lunch have had to come off the rota. We did have eight people (+ Kathryn, our cook) which meant being on duty just four Wednesdays per term 10.30 – 1.30. Please we *need* more helpers for this to be able to run each week. If you think you could be part of this team please speak to Kathryn Price or Hazel Crummett.

Network

Will meet on Thursday 5th December at 2.30pm when Kate Lomas will use the theme Christmas.

Local Preachers' and Worship Leaders' Meeting

On Thursday 5th December at 7.45 p.m. at Baguley Hall.

Horizons Fundraising

Shui Lin Yu is planning on having a cake stall at the Cheadle Hulme Christmas Market in the Precinct on Sunday 8th Dec. If you could help by providing cakes or biscuits for her to sell she would be very grateful. Please bring them into church on the morning of Sat 7th Dec between 10am and 12noon or phone Shui for her to collect them from you (Details from the Church Office)

Collection for Foodbank

Our next collection for **Chelwood Baptist Church's Foodbank** will be NEXT SUNDAY, 8th December.

If you are unable to bring groceries cash donations are also very gratefully received. All donations will be gratefully received but if we can especially provide tinned meat and fish that would be great.

Christmas Is Coming!

The Most Important Christmas Card You'll Send This Year

Do not cast me off in the time of old age;

Forsake me not when my strength is spent. **Psalm 71:9**

Methodist Homes (MHA) are asking church members to write just one extra Christmas card and share the joy of Christmas with an MHA resident.

MHA have supplied us with special Christmas greetings cards so we can each write our own message of goodwill and friendship, and they will pass ours on to MHA residents. An MHA resident explains why it means so much to receive our cards: 'May I express my gratitude for your lovely idea of asking folk to send Christmas cards. We appreciate the warmth and concern of the whole idea.'

Pick up a card from the display in the Narthex on Sunday morning 1st December to share the joy of Christmas. *An initiative of the W & NA Team*

Christmas Tree

The theme for this year's Christmas tree in church is characters from the nativity e.g. Mary, Joseph, baby Jesus, kings, shepherds, angels, sheep etc. There is still time to bring an item, please add it on the tree.

Christmas Trail Signup sheets for the evening and Sunday Trails

The booking forms for the forthcoming Christmas Trail are now available on the cupboard doors in the Narthex. The Trails will be held on the following evenings:- **Thursday 5th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December.** On each evening there will be two Trails to select from, either **6.45pm** or **8pm**. Each Trail lasts 55 minutes and it is suggested that any families with children who have not seen the Trail come to a 6.45pm one and any teenagers and adults come to the 8pm one. But that is only a suggestion. Drinks will be available after each Trail.

So get signed up and bring your friends along. They and you will not be disappointed.

On Sunday 8th December for our morning worship we will be going round the trail. The start times will be at ten minute intervals from 10am – 11am, to avoid long waiting times please sign up for one of the trails!

If you want any further details contact John Harrington

Carol Singing

I am pleased to say that Styal and Wilmslow will be organising the usual Christmas Carol singing - this year to be held at Sainsburys Cheadle Royal.

Saturday 7th December 2013 from 10 am to 12 noon. Everyone will be welcome.

We have arranged a couple of rehearsals Wednesday 20th and 27th November at Styal Chapel at 7.30pm., but whether or not you can make them you are welcome on the day. Remember we try and wear something red if possible.

Regards, Janet George, Steward at Styal

Carol Singing

Because of the Christmas Trail which will be set up in church for two weeks and over the weekend of 7/8 December, there will be no evening worship here on **Sunday 8th December.** However, we are taking the opportunity to do some carol singing around the local area.

You are invited to meet here at church at 6.50 p.m. after which we will walk to Dutton Court (McCarthy and Stone development next to the railway station) and sing there for approximately 20 minutes. We will then return to sing around the Ramillies Estate for about an hour before finishing at the John Millington who are expecting us to arrive there and sing at about 8.30 p.m.

Whilst being aware of numbers isn't vital, the John Millington have said they would find it useful to know how many of us may be arriving so that they can create space for us! So, if you would like to join us and are able to commit to being there at this stage, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex to let us know that you will be coming along.

Notice Board - Events

We are now displaying a number of Christmas event posters on the general church notice board; please have a look at what is going on!

Stockport NHS Foundation Trust Carol Service Tuesday Dec 17th.

Carol Singing Around the Hospital Christmas Eve 7.00pm

Details on the notice board

Christmas Card Board

The World and Neighbourhood Action Notice board in the narthex is now available for displaying your Christmas cards to the church family. The money you save by just sending the one card can be handed in to the church office in an envelope (marked Hope for Justice). The money will be sent to Hope for Justice in support of their ongoing work.

Advent Taize Service

6.30pm on Sunday 8th December at Heald Green Methodist Church, Brown Lane.

Lifeshare at Christmas

As usual this Christmas I am involved with Lifeshare, providing food and shelter in the holiday week when many of the usual places are closed.

We are in the fortunate position this year of already having enough volunteers to run every shift over the period 23rd December to 29th December.

BUT we still need donations – you can find a “wish list” on the website www.lifeshare.org.uk/projects/christmas .

The main things are : Sleeping bags (specially with carrying bags)

Socks and underwear (mainly men's) Jeans size 30/32

Shoes Toothpaste and deodorant I'd be very grateful for any contributions, large or small, please leave in the church office. Jenni Hardman

Amnesty's Greeting Card Campaign

If you are able to send an extra card this Christmas and wish to join in the annual greetings card campaign of Amnesty, could you please send a card to Laisa Santos Sampaio.

Laísa Santos Sampaio, a member of a group that promotes sustainable development in Nova Ipixuna municipality in Pará State, has been the target of persistent death threats since 2011.

In May 2011 her sister and brother-in-law, both prominent environmental campaigners, were shot dead by contract killers. Two men were convicted in April 2013, but a third man who allegedly ordered the killings was acquitted and lives in the same community as Laísa. Other individuals closely associated with the three are also present in the community, and Laísa believes they are responsible for the threats she received.

Laísa is one of the most high-profile critics of illegal logging and charcoal burning in her region, but receives little or no protection from the authorities. She currently remains outside her community for safety reasons.

Please send a greeting card to:-

Laísa Santos Sampaio

c/o José Batista Gonçalves Afonso

Rua Barão do Triunfo, 3151

Bairro Marco

Belém, PA

CEP 66093-050

Brazil

A suitable message would be 'I support your actions to defend the environment and your struggle to seek justice for your sister and brother-in-law.'

Gloves etc!

The people running the Chelwood Baptists 'Loaves and Fishes' scheme in Stockport (i.e. a hot meal served to homeless and needy people at 6.30pm each Sunday) have asked us, please, to collect gloves, hats, socks, scarves which could be offered to those who come for food. Please leave them in the office for Margaret Clarke. Thank you

Prayers for others

A helpful reminder that both the prayer book and the prayer tree are available for everybody to use to request prayer for specific situations and people. (Please ensure any people included have given their consent to be named)

Prayers on the prayer tree will be offered by the prayer team for a period of 2 months following request.

Prayers in the prayer book will be offered in Sunday worship, either all together as the whole book is offered to God during prayers of intercession or the names may be read out individually. These prayers will also be on the weekly prayer web.

Please take time to read the requests so you can also include the people and situations in your own personal prayers.

Lay Pastor

to work alongside the Minister of St Andrew's and Brownley Green Methodist Churches.

We are looking for an enthusiastic, organised and motivated person to join our team. The role will involve helping to bridge the gap between the considerable community work and the churches, and providing pathways to explore faith and discipleship.

For more details please see the general church notice board.

Listen again!

If you missed last week's services (or want to listen again) they are both available on the church web site (go to "Missed a Service" "Listen Again")

NCH boxes

Please hand in your box for counting as soon as possible. The easy option would be to leave it in the church office and I will pick it up from there. Many thanks for your support Andrew Mason 482 4465

Bible Study

Please note that we will continue our series on the Gospel of John on January 27th,

Pastoral Visitors

Please check the pigeon holes for a letter outlining gifts.

