

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.

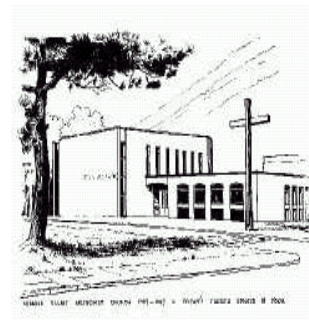
Please note the **Communion Wine we use is non-alcoholic**. Please let one of the Stewards know prior to the start of the Service if you require Gluten, wheat and dairy-free wafers for communion

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

Church Office 0161 485 1605

Monday-Friday 9:30am – 3pm

Website: www.chmc.org.uk

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Circuit website:

bramhallwythenshawmethodists.org.uk

Charity Registration No. 1130718

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 8th December

Sunday 8th December

10am Morning worship will provide opportunity for a reflective walk around the Christmas Trail.

6.30pm Evening worship will take the form of carol singing around the area. Meet at church at 6.50 for carol singing at Dutton Court, around the Ramillies Estate and at John Millington. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you are able to join us.

A prayer as you prepare for worship

Lord Jesus, Light of the world, John told the people to prepare, for you were very near. As Christmas grows closer day by day, help us to be ready to welcome you now. Amen.

We pray for all those involved with running the Christmas Trail and for the carol singing in the community We also pray for Bob Bartindale leading worship at Bramhall and Pat James at St Andrews in Wythenshawe

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. Worship will be led by Liz Parkinson

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 419 9317 or taywing4@hotmail.com

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 15th December

10.30 Morning worship will be led by Sarah Hooks with Liz Parkinson and the organist will be Richard Spurr. Reflect will be led by Margaret Clarke and there will be Young Church and Creche

6.30pm Evening worship will be led by Rev Gill Newton with Richard Price and Kieran Metcalfe with the Worship Band leading the music



Christmas Card Board

The World and Neighbourhood Action Notice board in the narthex will be used to display your Christmas cards to the church family. Due to the construction of the Christmas Trail we are collecting the cards in the office or they can be put up from 15th Dec. 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.

Patricia Howsam

We have been informed that Patricia Howsam of Holmfield Drive passed away on the 27th November, following a stroke.

This week

Leadership Team Meeting

Monday 9th December at 7.30 p.m. at 2 Thorn Road, Bramhall

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.

Circuit Meeting

Tuesday 10th December at 7.45 p.m. at Heald Green Methodist Church

Network

Thursday 12th December at 2.30pm will be a Members Afternoon with a Christmas theme.

Contact

Our Christmas Party will be on Friday 13th December at 6.30pm

Help required.

Can you possibly be a door steward or greeter at the Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve and /or on Christmas Day? Ideally I need 1 or 2 door stewards to cover both doors and a greeter for the car park entrance. I also need door stewards for the months of February and July. If you feel you could fulfill any of these roles, or need more information, please contact me by phone, e-mail (or face-to-face!) and I will gladly answer your queries. If you know of anyone who may be able to help, again please let me know. Many thanks. Kathryn Taylor

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.

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")

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.

Láisa 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 Láisa. Other individuals closely associated with the three are also present in the community, and Láisa believes they are responsible for the threats she received. Láisa 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:-

Láisa 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.'

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.

Bible Study

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

Befriending the Elderly in our Community.

I am hoping to establish a befriending scheme through church for the elderly and lonely/ housebound in our community.

If you are willing to volunteer to visit somebody ,in Cheadle Hulme , who would be referred to us by Age UK, then please come and speak to me about this scheme.

The minimum number of visits asked for is one a month to one person.

It would be wonderful to be able to offer this from the church and even just one volunteer can make a huge difference to the life of one person .

If you can offer the time and are able to volunteer then please speak to Alison for more information.

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:-

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.

If you want any further details contact John Harrington

Lifeshare at Christma

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

Deodorant

I’d be very grateful for any contributions, large or small, please leave in the church office. Jenni Hardman

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

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.

Pastoral Visitors

Please check the pigeon holes for a letter outlining gifts.

Today

For our morning worship

we will be going round the trail. The start times will be at ten minute intervals from 10am – 11am.

Horizons Fundraising

Shui Lin Yu is having a cake stall at the Cheadle Hulme Christmas Market in the Precinct TODAY. She would love you to buy a cake from her!

Collection for Foodbank

Collection for **Chelwood Baptist Church’s Foodbank** TODAY, please put donations into the trolley in the Narthex. 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. Donations can also be left on Monday in the church office.

Advent Taize Service

TODAY at 6.30pm at Heald Green Methodist Church, Brown Lane.

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 TONIGHT. 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.

Evangelist? Me?

I couldn't possibly talk to people!

The good news is, that you don't have to! Just deliver a pile of leaflets, to invite people to the Christmas services happening at the churches all over Cheadle Hulme. It takes about half an hour to cover one road, so pick yours up from the table in the Narthex.

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!

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