

Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church



Welcome to Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church this Christmas

Notices for Sunday 23rd to Sunday 30th December 2018

A Prayer in preparation for Worship

As people strip away the Christmas wrappings may they find your precious gift of love within. Come Lord Jesus, Advent is ending. Amen

Prayer

Please pray for those leading the service today.

Please pray for Mrs. Pat James preaching at St. Mary's on the morning of 23rd and Mr. John Harrington preaching at St. Mary's on the morning of 30th.

Quiet Room before worship

Each Sunday, Room 2 will normally be available from 9.45 - 10.15am and from 5.45 - 6.15pm, for everyone - for quiet reflection, personal preparation for worship, and to pray for those involved in leading our worship service.

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service there will be a member of the Prayer Team in the Prayer Space at the back of church.

Christmas and New Year Services

Sunday 23rd December

10.30am All age Morning Worship and Nativity, led by Rev'd Philip Peacock
No Reflect today

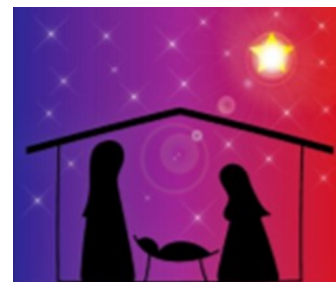
6.30pm Carols and Readings, evening service

**Christmas Eve
Monday 24th December**

4.30pm Christingle Service
11.15pm Candlelit Christmas Communion

**Christmas Day
Tuesday 25th December**

10.00am All-age Christmas Celebration



Sunday 30th December

10.30am Morning Worship, led by Rev'd Charles Nevin

No Evening Worship

**Sunday 6th January
Epiphany**

10.30am All Age Morning Worship, led by Mr. Ian Castledine



6.30pm Taize Evening Worship, led by Rev'd Louise Gough.

Christmas Eve - Christingle service

This service attracts around 160 children and their families and is a great community start to the Christmas celebrations. Please can you consider giving up an hour or two of your time on Christmas Eve to help. We will be setting up from 1.30pm. Families arrive about 4pm to make Christingles and there will be a short service from 4.30-5pm. We should be finished and cleared up by 5.30pm. We need help to set up, make Christingles and other Christmas crafts, serve drinks, light candles during the service and clear up afterwards. Please let Jane and Derek know if you can help in any way. Many thanks.

Christmas Day Celebration – 10.00am

As usual, you are invited, if you wish, to bring along a Christmas present to show everyone during this service.

Please note that the service begins at 10.00am and not 10.30am.

Decorating the Christmas Tree

We will be putting 'Jesse Tree' symbols on our Christmas tree this year and connecting these to the lighting of our Advent Candles.

The 'Jesse Tree' shows the genealogy of Jesus using art or symbols to represent the ancestors of Jesus. In other words, it is a kind of family tree. The name comes from Isaiah 11:1 where it speaks of the Messiah (or Christ) being a descendent of Jesse: 'A shoot will come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots will bear fruit.'

Cardboard circles with different pictures on them to represent Jesus and his ancestors are available from the office or the children's table at the back of church to be coloured and decorated. Once that has been done they will need some cotton or ribbon attached, so that they can be hung on the Christmas tree.

If anyone wants to be more creative and make a 3D symbol out of craft materials, then please do so!

Church Office over Christmas

The Church office will close at 3pm on Friday 21st December and re-open at 9.30am on Thursday 3rd January 2019.

Covenant Lunch

Are you coming to the Covenant Lunch on January 13th?

Please sign up today (sign-up sheets are on the Narthex notice board) and indicate if you are able to help in any way.

Christmas card board

From December 2nd the WNAT noticeboard will be available for you to send greetings to your Church family.

Save paper, time and money by sending one card!

Please put a donation in an envelope marked Christmas Card board and give it to the office. Donations will go to JMA.

Christmas offerings

The offerings from the Christmas services will be split between Methodist Homes and Action for Children.

Christmas update

The offering from the Community Carol Service will be in aid of Chelwood Foodbank.

Circuit Newsletter

The new newsletter is available in the Narthex. Please do take a copy—for news around the Circuit.

PRAYING TOGETHER AT CHMC. Advance Notice

Our next Church Prayer Morning is planned for Saturday 12th January 10.00 - 11.00/11.30

Looking forward and praying together for the life and work of this Church, as we seek to share God's "Good News" in our community.

Do plan to be here. More details nearer the time.

Notices

Please e-mail or hand in any items for the Church notices to the Church office by Wednesday each week

Ultimate Book Club

The next book we are reading is the first letter of John which takes up about 5 pages in the Bible. This letter encourages us to live in fellowship with God and Jesus and warns against false teaching. Retired minister, Rev Margaret Hall will speak about this book on January 6 at 1pm in Centrepoint. As usual the lecture will be preceded by soup and hot drinks from 12 noon. A warm welcome to all.

Chelwood Foodbank

Our next collection for Chelwood Baptist Church's Foodbank is on Sunday 13th January. If you are unable to bring groceries, cash donations are also very gratefully received. The Foodbank is currently very short of tinned meat and tinned fish. Please buy items with at least six months left before 'best by/use by' date. With many thanks. Jenni

Notices — contact details

If you include your personal contact details in any item for the church notices, then it will be assumed that you are giving consent for these to be included in paper copies of the notices, which will be in the public domain.

Calendar for December 2018

Details of all groups can be found in the Church Magazine

Please pray for all our Groups

Monday

Refugee Matters - a group meets regularly to share information and to PRAY about this on-going crisis. We meet on the first Monday of the month, so our next meeting will be on January 7th, at 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome. Venue to be announced.

Tuesday

CAMEO meets on Tues 8,15, 22, 29 January, 10.30am to 2.15pm.

Banners meets again on Tuesdays at 1.30pm

Reflective Worship meets each Tuesday at 7pm. Next on 8 Jan

Rock Solid meets again on Tuesday 8th and 22nd Jan at 7.15pm

Wednesday

Toddlers meets at 10.30am on 9, 16, 23, 30 Jan

Contact meets on Wed 17th January – Meal

Third Wednesday lunch next at 12 o'clock on Wednesday 16th January

Thursday

Baby Chat meets 10.30am on Thurs 10, 17, 24, 31 Jan

Network meets again on Thursday 17th January at 2.30pm

Scouts meets on Thursdays at 7.15pm

Friday

Tiddlywinks meets again at 10.30am on Friday 11th and 25th January

Focus meets again on Friday 18th January—'Christian Unity'

Contact Information.

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