

Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church



Notices for Sunday 25th November 2018

A prayer in preparation for worship

Lord Jesus, you call each one of us to follow you, to be your disciples and to make disciples.

You enable us to live out that discipleship as we seek to transform the lives of those whom we meet and the communities to which we belong.

You inspire us to be agents of change and to seize the moment to proclaim your love and to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

You challenge us to live every day for you.

May we be open to new ways and strengthened through your power. Amen.

Services

Sunday 25th November

10.30am Morning Worship, led by Rev'd Alan Mimmack.

Informal Worship in the coffee lounge

6.30pm Evening Worship, with Holy Communion and prayers for healing and wholeness, led by Rev'd Philip Peacock

Services

Sunday 2nd December

10.30am All age Morning Worship, led by Rev'd Philip Peacock and Mrs. Margaret Parker, with a Baptism
Toys/Gifts will be received at this service (please see inside notices for more details)

6.30pm No Evening Worship

Prayer

Please pray for those leading the service today.

Please pray for Rev'd Philip Peacock, preaching at St. Mary's, Handforth, this morning

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.

Notices

Morning Service from 2nd September

From 2nd September, there has been a change in timing for Morning Worship. The service now **starts at 10.30am**.

Evening Worship at CHMC

We have struggled to resource evening worship for a while so, at the recent Worship Planning meeting, the decision was made to reduce the frequency of evening services to twice a month. The decision was not taken lightly as we know that this will disappoint our small but loyal congregation. On a more positive note, this change may make it easier to support new initiatives with the Fresh Expressions Missioner.

As a general rule, one of the two services in the month will be Holy Communion with Prayers of Healing and Wholeness on the fourth Sunday of the month, and the second might be a Taize or Iona style service. December will not follow the pattern: the Community Carol Service is on Dec 9th and see later notices for details about the evening service on Dec 23rd. The midnight service on Monday 24th Dec will include Communion.

Pam (Worship Co-Ordinator)

Reflect

There will be no Reflect today.

Toy and Gift Service

At the service on December 2nd, we will be collecting toys for children aged between babyhood and 8 years old at the home for 'Stockport Without Abuse' Also, toiletries and gifts of hats/scarves/gloves, small items of jewellery etc for teenagers at an 'Action for Children' project in the North West.

Please try and support these worthy causes.

Many thanks

All-age nativity – 23rd December, 10.30am

For our nativity this year, you are invited to come dressed fully or in part as a nativity character. So if you've always wanted to be a Mary, a Joseph, a shepherd, a wise man, an angel, or a particular animal, here's your chance! We'll also have some costumes for children available for those who don't manage to hear about this beforehand. If you'd prefer not to dress up, then don't let that stop you coming along to share in this service. Everyone's welcome.

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Christmas card delivery.

Like me do you think 'I could never be an evangelist'. Well now we can, just by delivering some Christmas cards! If you are able to post a card through a letter box then do look at the table in the Narthex and choose the road on which you would like to be postie. (It takes about half an hour to deliver 50 leaflets). This year our ecumenical leaflet has become a card, which will be so much easier to deliver. We share this job with the other churches in Cheadle Hulme: to invite everyone to all our Christmas services.

PRAYING TOGETHER AT CHMC. Advance Notice

Our next Church Prayer Morning is planned for Saturday 8th December 10.00 - 11.00/11.30

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.

Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme

Carols in the park at Oak Meadow on Saturday 8th December at 11am.

Christmas offerings

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

Lifeshare at Christmas

Although I won't be able to help at Lifeshare this year, I'll be grateful for any donations towards their work and will deliver up to the 15th December.

Sleeping bags, rucksacks, men's boxers (new please!) and deodorant (not aerosol). are particularly welcome.

Thank you for your generosity.

Jenni

Notices

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

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!

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.

The Kalinka Balalaika Orchestra Charity Appeal – formerly ROOF St Petersburg

Kalinka are continuing to raise funds to help vulnerable children in Manchester's twin city, this year through St Gregory's Foundation (reg. Charity 1002469). In St Petersburg the charity supports the Sunflower Centre for orphanage-leavers and families whose parents grew up in children's homes. Please see noticeboard for details.

Tickets are available through Jill

ROOF ST PETERSBURG UPDATE CORRECTION

In the November magazine it was stated that in future we would be using the Alexander charity. This should have been the St Gregory's Foundation and I apologise for this mistake.

Jill

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.

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 update

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

Important: Return of Green forms

Could all Church members please make sure they have collected, completed and returned green consent forms to the Church office. If you don't yet have a form, please pick yours up from the office during office opening hours, or ring us at the office and we'll arrange to get you form to you. Many thanks.

Ultimate Book Club

Esther for November.

The book we are encouraging people to read in November is the exciting book of Esther. It is an entertaining story which celebrates the reversal of plans to have the Jewish people killed en masse during the 5th century BC. On 2 December, Dr Alan England will be the speaker opening up this book for us. This will take place in Centrepoin, Bramhall at 1pm for the Ultimate Book Club. The one hour meeting is preceded by soup & hot drinks from 12 noon. Everybody welcome.

Chelwood Foodbank

Our next collection for Chelwood Baptist Church's Foodbank is on Sunday 9th December. 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



All those using church premises should ensure they are familiar with their nearest fire escape route, fire exit and the location of the Fire Assembly Point outside the building. At the sound of the Klaxon those leaving the sanctuary should use the exit doors adjacent to the internal doors on either side. Elsewhere, fire procedures and escape route diagrams are clearly displayed in each room. A prominent green 'Fire Assembly Point' sign is nailed to the large tree on the front lawn. Fire drills will be held around Sunday services in the coming weeks.

Calendar for November 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 various refugee situations. We meet on the first Monday of the month, so our next meeting will be on December 3rd, at 10.30 am. Meeting at Church this month - in Room 2. Everyone is welcome.

Tuesday

CAMEO meets on Tues 27th November, 10.30am to 2.15pm.

Banners meets again on Tuesdays at 1.30pm

Reflective Worship meets each Tuesday at 7pm

Rock Solid meets again on Tuesday 27th November at 7.15pm

Wednesday

Toddlers meets on Weds 28th November at 10.30am

Contact meets on Wed 12th December at 2.30pm— Quiz and afternoon tea

Third Wednesday lunch next at 12 o'clock on Wednesday 19th December

All welcome, but please let Jenni know if you're planning to come- for catering purposes— payment is needed in advance for this special Christmas lunch: £4.50 for adults!

Thursday

Baby Chat meets 10.30am on Thurs 29th November

Network meets again on Thursdays 29th Nov at 2.30pm

Scouts meets on Thursdays at 7.15pm

Friday

Tiddlywinks meets again at 10.30am on 14th December

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

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