

# Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church



## Notices for Sunday 2nd December 2018

### A prayer in preparation for worship

Loving God, we long for a world transformed, where justice and peace reign, where people live joyfully with variety and difference, where every person is honoured and all are welcomed. Renew in us the vision of your kingdom, free us from selfish interests and all that hinders your liberating love, and empower us to pray and work for the new heaven and the new earth. In Jesus' name. Amen.

#### 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**

#### Services

##### Sunday 9th December

**10.30am Morning Worship** with Holy Communion, led by Rev'd Louise Gough.  
**Young Church Reflect**, led by Mr. Derek Booth.

**6.30pm Community Carol Service**, by Rev'd Philip Peacock

### Prayer

Please pray for those leading the service today.

Please pray for Mrs. Pat James, preaching at Bramhall this evening.

### 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.

## **Getting to know other Churches in the Circuit**

Rev'd Philip Peacock is leading worship at St. Andrew's at 10.45am on December 9th and at St. Mary's, Handforth, on December 16th at 10.45am. If anyone would like to go with him to either of those services, to find out about another Church in the Circuit that they haven't visited before, please get in touch with Philip.

## **Focus and Action For Children .**

Every month at our Focus meeting members attending make a donation for Action For Children, I'm pleased to announce that this year we have raised £ 133- 78 p .Thanks to all who contributed.

*Ann, Action For Children secretary.*

## **Advent Prayer Morning "Journey to the Stable".**

Saturday December 8th, 10 - 11am

Come and visit the 7 reflective prayer stations.

Feel free to leave in time for the Carol Service in Oak Meadow at 11am.

## **Morning coffee rota**

Two people have dropped out of the rota for morning coffee.

Please may I have volunteers ?

*Jenni*

## **Christian Aid Sponsored Swim**

Many thanks to all our thirteen swimmers and those who sponsored them. We have raised £827.50 and when that is added to the money raised from All Saints, URC, St. Ann's and the Society of Friends, it makes a grand total of £1745. When Gift Aid is added, it will be more, of course.

Thank you to everyone for such generosity.

*Hazel*

## **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 Centrepoint, Bramhall at 1pm for the Ultimate Book Club. The one hour meeting is preceded by soup & hot drinks from 12 noon. Everybody welcome.

## **Notices**

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

## Advent and Christmas Services



### **Toy and Gift Service today**

At the service today (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.

### **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.***

## Advent and Christmas

### 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 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.

### 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!

### Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme

Carols in the park at Oak Meadow on Saturday 8th December at 11am, with the Salvation Army Band and hot drinks and mince pies.

## **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.

## **Calling enthusiastic Carol Singers!**

The Mickerbrook Pub on Councillor Lane have invited church members from Trinity and CHMC to sing Carols on Wednesday 12th December from 5pm until 7pm.

What a great opportunity to sing our faith and share the meaning of Christmas!

We will also be able to collect charity donations (Action for Children).

If you would like to join in, please just come along (for part of the time if you can't make all of it; we will stop for a break!). It would be wonderful to have a big crowd.

*Rev'd Louise Gough*

## **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

## **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.

### ***Notices — contact details***

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# 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 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 4, 11, 18 December; then 8 January, 10.30am—2.15pm.

**Banners** meets again on Tuesdays at 1.30pm

**Reflective Worship** meets each Tuesday at 7pm to 18 Dec; then resumes 8 Jan

**Rock Solid** meets again on Tuesday 11th Dec and 8th Jan at 7.15pm

## Wednesday

**Toddlers** meets on Weds 5, 12 and 19 Dec 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 6, 13 and 20 December

**Network** meets again on Thursdays 6 and 13 at 2.30pm; then 17 Jan

**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'

### Contact Information.

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