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# **THE MAGAZINE**

**Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church**

**Jesus said “Come with me, and at  
once they left their nets and  
followed him.”**

**Mark Ch. 1. vv 17 and 18**



*Our Mission*

*Living With Christ,*

*Living For Christ,*

*Living to Make Christ Known.*

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**Articles for the May magazine  
by 13th April please.**

## *Gill writes...*

So, there really are just a few weeks to go now before Leslie and I begin our sabbatical and spend time preparing for pastures new! Not surprisingly, there is a growing sense of there being too many things to do and too little time to do them in! But we trust that, as always, God will enable us to do all that is required of us and give us the ability to leave the rest in the capable hands of many others within the life of the churches and Circuit who will be picking up our responsibilities. There is an article elsewhere in this magazine that will help you to understand just who some of those people might be.



As we prepare to set down our responsibilities here and take up new responsibilities elsewhere there is, as you might expect, both a sense of excitement and also a little trepidation about all the changes ahead. This move will take Laura to her fifth school and fourth home, Leslie to his eighth home and me to my ninth home, so in many ways we've become used to this "moving on" experience over the years. Yet, every time it happens it continues to bring with it a sense of sadness at what we must leave behind but also a sense of joy at what might yet be!

We are encouraged by all our experiences of "moving on" in the past and the way in which God has always provided for us and taken us into new, challenging but enriching places and experiences. Our time here in this Circuit has been no exception! We have been richly blessed by the fellowship and friendship we have enjoyed here and have also grown as we've taken on the new challenges that have come our way. So, why should anything be different this time? God journeys with us and we can fully expect his provision, care and empowering to continue in the future as it has in the past.

We are called to be "pilgrim people." As we read God's word we cannot be in much doubt about that. There is so much about journeying and moving on to be found there. Some of us, like Abraham, are called to "move on" in the literal sense as we are encouraged to move physically to new places. Others of us are simply called to "move on" in the sense that we take on new roles, responsibilities and challenges or link up with new people. All of these experiences give us the chance to grow and change and deepen our faith as we rely on God to support and strengthen us in every situation.

So, as we prepare to "move on" in the literal sense, we say thank you to you all for the care, support and friendship that we have experienced here as we have shared in God's mission together. May you continue to be a "pilgrim people", always willing to go to those places, people and experiences to which you sense God is leading you and as you do, please know that from our new pastures, we will continue to think of and pray for you.

## ***THIS MONTH FAREWELL TO GILL AND HER FAMILY***

Please note we are now in April and we will be holding our farewell event for Gill, Leslie and Laura on the evening of Friday 25th April 2014

There will also be a Circuit Farewell Service in the evening of Sunday 27th April at Bramhall Details elsewhere in magazine

### *Cover Verse*

**“Come with me, and at once they left their nets and followed him.”**

**Mark Ch. 1. Vs.17 and 18 New English Bible.**

I was a teenage girl when I heard the call of Jesus following a Sunday School weekend away. The call is still the same, “Come”. Life has changed over the years and now I thank Him for his love and care, and all that call has meant.

Opportunities to serve Him in so many different ways, to share His word to congregations large and small and to show His love to people in need by sharing it with the elderly who are housebound. But all the time I have to come to Him to be renewed and strengthened.

You too, could have heard the call to come, many years ago, and have followed, or perhaps that call has faded. You can still renew it, even though everything is different now.

The disciples followed but, disappointed Him, left Him when He needed them most, and even returned to fishing after the crucifixion. But they received the glory of the resurrection and knew they had to keep following Him all the time.

So accept the call to come.

Jean Huxley.

Monthly Cover Verse for this magazine:- Over the years we have enjoyed the fact that many of us have shared Bible verses which are special to us. We would like to continue this item so please do consider helping me to gather some contributions. A verse from the bible, a hymn, article or poem with a few words of why it is special to you would be really great. It doesn't have to be a masterpiece just a few thoughts. I am happy to discuss this with you or just let me have your item. Thank you so much  
Margaret Gulson

## ***Moving On!***

We will be running this 7-week course after Easter. It is ideal for those who have done the *Start!* course, Christianity Explored or Alpha and are wondering what happens next. It is equally suitable for anyone who wishes to explore Christian discipleship. Each session involves watching a short DVD programme, followed by time to talk, listen and ask questions. Sessions last roughly 90 minutes and helps group members:

- consider the benefits and challenges of being a follower of Jesus
- be active and committed members of the church
- explore Christian worship
- grow in their relationship with God
- explore the Trinity and the Holy Spirit
- think about Christian stewardship
- be wholehearted disciples

If you are interested in doing this course, or just want to find out more about it, then please contact Jane and Derek Booth on 07791 448195, djohbooth@ntlworld.com or through the church office

## ***Annual Lent Lunch***

On Saturday 12th April at 12midday CHMC will be hosting the Lent Lunch and proceeds will be for Christian Aid.

Offers of help or a pan of soup will be very gratefully received by Margaret Clarke.

In **OAK MEADOW** on

**Saturday April 19th (Easter weekend) at 11 am**

with the **SALVATION ARMY BAND**

**Hot drinks and hot cross buns will be served**

**Please note the new date which is the Saturday between  
Good Friday and Easter Sunday**

# *Church Council Jottings -*

*26<sup>th</sup> February 2014*

- 23 members present and 8 apologies
- There was overwhelming support for the recommendation that we endorse Alison in the role of Ministerial Support & Pastoral Development Worker and confirm her employment for the future. This was agreed.
- We discussed the future shape of the leadership team and the role of steward. It was agreed that the discussion on this be taken to the General Church Meeting.
- Please continue to pray for Young Church and the need for leaders and also for the PA team.
- After a review of Messy Church, the teams have been reorganised and it has been moved to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month.
- The Easter service in Oak Meadow will be held on Holy Saturday.
- Hope for Justice is the chosen project the World & Neighbourhood Action team will be supporting this year and we are encouraged to remain outward looking and support this project.
- The Horizons project is well underway with Phase 1 starting in the summer. Grant applications are being made and plans have been drawn up by the architects.
- The meeting agreed to appoint David Bailey as Resources Team Leader.
- This is the last Church Council meeting that Gill will chair and the meeting expressed their thanks to her for all she has done.

# *Come and Worship*

## **Sunday 6th April**

**10.00am**      *Mrs Pat James*

**6.30pm**      *Rev Louise Gough*

**Tue 8th April 7.00pm Reflective Worship**

**Wed 9th April 10.30am Wednesday worship**

## **Sunday 13th April Palm Sunday**

**10.00am**      *Rev Gill Newton*

**6.30pm**      *Rev Gill Newton*

**Tues 15th April 7.00pm Reflective Worship**

**Wed 16th April 10.30am Wednesday Worship**

## **During Easter Week:-**

Monday - Wednesday

Church open from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. each day for quiet reflection and prayer.

Prayer Stations/Labyrinth available to aid reflection.

Tuesday

7.00 p.m. Reflective Worship (until 7.30 p.m. then open for prayer as above.)

Wednesday

10.30 a.m. Wednesday Worship with Holy Communion

4.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Church open for children and young families with appropriate prayer stations/labyrinth/

Maundy Thursday

7.30 p.m. Reflective Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday

10.00 a.m. Meditative Worship

## **Easter Day Sunday 20th April**

**6.00 a.m. Sunrise Communion Service at Heald Green**

**8.30 a.m. Communion Service Rev Gill Newton**

**10.00 a.m. Family Celebration with Holy Communion and Baptism - Rev Gill Newton**

**6.30 p.m. Reflective Communion Service Rev Gill Newton and Prayers for Healing and Wholeness**

Tues 22nd April 7.00pm Reflective Worship

Wed 23rd April 10.30am Wednesday Worship

## **Sunday 27th April**

*10.00am Rev Gill Newton*

*6.30pm Circuit Service at Bramhall Methodist Church*

Tues 29th April 7.00pm Reflective Worship

Wed 30th April 10.30am Wednesday Worship

## **Sunday 4th May**

*10.00am Andrew Pennells 6.30pm Bob Bartindale*

## **SABBATICAL ARRANGEMENTS**

As most of you will be aware by now, Leslie and I will be completing our time here in this Circuit at the end of April and taking the three month sabbatical due to us prior to moving on to our new appointments in August. We are grateful to the Circuit for enabling this to happen and to many of our colleagues and church and Circuit office holders who will be taking on additional responsibilities during the sabbatical period.

I thought it may be helpful to you all to know what arrangements have been made, particularly in relation to the local church here at Cheadle Hulme, so that you can direct any enquiries about particular aspects of the life of the church to the right people during this period.

Rev Bob Richards from Handforth will have pastoral care of the church during May to August and should be your point of contact if you need the help or advice of a minister at any time. He will be leading all but one of the Sunday communion services being held at church during this time as well as the Wednesday Worship monthly communion. He will chair the June Church Council meeting and lead the communion at the Praise Tea in July. Bob will also, of course, be the point of contact for funerals, weddings and baptisms and the local Funeral Directors have all been advised of Bob's responsibilities during this period.

Alison Gunn will continue to be your first point of contact for pastoral concerns and will liaise with Bob as appropriate with regard to visits and calls. However, please do respect Alison's day off on Thursdays and remember that she works part time and so should not be expected to be available to you at all times.

The Management Groups of all members of staff will be chaired by a member of the group and these have been or are in the process of being decided upon. Letters for the church magazine will be arranged by the Church Stewards and the worship rota will be compiled by Alison Gunn. All e-mails and telephone calls will be redirected to the CHMC office or the Circuit office depending on the nature of the business.

All responsibilities of the Superintendent will be shared between Revs Katy Thomas and Jeremy Tresise, but if you have need to contact the Superintendent during this period, may I suggest that you contact Rev Katy Thomas who has chaired my sabbatical planning group and is therefore aware of which member of staff is covering each aspect of my role.

I hope that helps to clarify things for you, but please don't hesitate to ask me if you are still uncertain about any particular matter. I am grateful to all those of you who will have more responsibilities during this period and trust that you will continue to support and pray for one another as you await the arrival of Rev Philip Peacock.

*Gill*

# *News of the Family*

## **Thank You**

Gordon Beswick would like to thank everyone for their support, cards, kind tributes and prayers at the sudden death of his dear wife Pauline

## **Pauline Beswick**

27.12.1933 - 17.3.2014

I have had the privilege of knowing Pauline since the 60's when Pauline was actively, but quietly supporting Gordon through all his endeavours with MYM and Cheadle Hulme Youth Clubs. Pauline was always a great part of Cheadle Hulme being seen in many different places – as a Dental Receptionist to Mr Dutton on Albert Road, Receptionist to Dr. Dootson, then at Smithy Green Health Centre; a driver for Cheadle Hulme Communicare; active in the Liberal party; the ladies group at TOC H, BELRA, Young Wives and Tuesday Club at CHMC and many more – ‘a great Cheadle Hulmer!’.

Throughout all of her own activities Pauline was renowned for her support of Gordon's youth work. Indeed Christmases were always special for those who went to MYM. On Christmas Eve she would put on a supper for the young people who had been out Carol Singing around the streets of Cheadle Hulme with Gordon playing his accordion. There would have been up to 60 young people who filled their cosy home, Pauline would have previously prepared up to 120 mince pies. Many young people in those days would be smoking and indeed it was said that one year the poor budgie died from smoke inhalation. The party would carry on into the early hours before the Beswicks could retire to bed. A great highlight not only of Pauline's year, but also the young people's.

Pauline was encouraging of all the people she came into contact with young and old. We know that Carol came to rely on both Pauline and Gordon and became like a daughter to them as did Di in later years. Pauline's generosity of heart meant that she cared for all those she came into contact with and supported many people in many ways – too numerous to mention.

Pauline was born in Rusholme and moved to Ack Lane in 1939, educated at the Jonathan Robinson School and then at the C of E Infant School on Hill Top Ave, having her secondary education at Wood's Lane and then Stockport College. Gordon and Pauline were married on Pauline's birthday (27<sup>th</sup> Dec) 1954 and enjoyed a long and happy marriage together, despite the anxieties over Pauline's health. She overcame that with her determination and strength. Pauline supported Gordon in his fashion business and also enjoyed a time of using her skills as a beauty technician with many ladies of Cheadle Hulme. A tribute to these two skills was her ability of always being smartly dressed, and looking young for her years.

One of her greatest friends (from reception years at the Jonathan Robinson School) is Katherine Mottershead and we were all able to be a part of their joint 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays in January and theirs is an example of a wonderful lifelong friendship.

Pauline will be missed by many in many, many different ways and we pray that we can emulate her kindness, and the gentle Christian generosity that she had displayed as we move on in our journey. Be at peace.

Margaret Smith

Margaret has kindly asked if, as Pauline's pastoral visitor, I would like to add to her wonderful tribute. It was indeed a privilege to visit both Pauline, and still is to visit Gordon, in this role. In doing so I found it was reflected back to me. Just after Christmas Pauline noticed I had trouble with a stiff neck and after explaining what caused it she immediately said she would knit one of her famous 'neck rests'. Sure enough the following Sunday it was presented to me and I use it daily when viewing TV; thereby I'm constantly reminded of a true and caring friend. Pauline to my mind was a lady of substance who took on challenges and was a great support to so many people throughout her life. I did so enjoy the words printed at the back of her Thanksgiving service and worth repeating here. 'Oh the comfort the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person; having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words but pour them all out, just as they are, chaff and grain together, knowing that a faithful hand will take and sift them, keep what is worth keeping and then with the breath of kindness, blow the rest away.' 'Side by side, or miles apart. Friends are always close at heart'. Rest in Peace dear friend

Jill Gourley.

## Thank you

Norma Cavanagh would like to thank all her many friends for their kind wishes, cards and flowers to help her celebrate her recent 80th birthday.

## In our prayers

We remember in our prayers those who have been in hospital during the last month and those who are very poorly. We continue to pray for those who are listed in our prayer book – Sue Burnet, Ian and Gill Smith and family, Colin Remington, Ethel Beresford, Colin Taylor, Beth Price, Sheila and Peter Cresswell, Dorothy Betts, Joyce Bell, Maria Prescott and Connie Cashinella.

## Transport

If any church member is aware of someone who cannot come to Sunday Morning Service for lack of transport, please let me know.

George Lea



**Flower Visitors for April** are

Myra Woodcock and Cheryl Palmer

## Bottle Tops

Please remember to collect your **plastic** bottle tops(**no metal or foil**) and bring them to the church office where they will be sent off to go towards the cost of a special electric wheelchair for a child with special needs

## STAMPS FOR EVANGELISM.

First of all a big thank you to all those church members and friends who have saved their stamps so faithfully over the last ten years. Your gifts of stamps have made a big difference to so many small Christian charities by raising thousands of pounds for much needed funds.

Sadly Peter Bysh who has run the charity for well over thirty years has decided to close. Age, ill health and failing eye sight have forced him to retire and there is no one to take his place. I have been involved for at least twenty years, sending regular parcels of stamps to him but after my last parcel in December he wrote to me with his news.

All stamps that I receive up until the end of March together with those I already have will be donated to The Together Trust on Schools Hill who also collect used stamps

Peter sends warm Christian greetings to you all and I add my sincere thanks for your support *Andrew Mason*

**Please Note:-** We are delighted to be able to tell you we have found a new source for the used stamps **so please keep bringing them in.**

Now that Andrew can no longer take stamps for evangelism please consider donating them to the Leprosy Mission. I have a friend from St Cuthberts Church in Cheadle who sends them off

This is an excerpt from an article in TLM's magazine "2013 was a record-breaking year for the Leprosy Mission's Stamps and Collectables team. Thanks to the support of our collectors, we raised £122,610 to help people affected by leprosy. It's hard to believe that used stamps can help transform lives but even by rescuing the most common stamps we can help provide healthcare and opportunities for people in desperate need.

Please leave a margin of more than 5mm round each edge - Paula will trim them to save you the effort! *Jenni Hardman*

# Ask the Experts

## Preparing for Later Life



A Community open coffee  
morning

with professional experts available for  
conversation

and advice related to issues around  
the subject of ageing and end of life care.

**Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**10.00 – 12.00 pm**

**Cheadle Hulme Methodist  
Church**

**Please Join Us, All Welcome**



Representatives available from

Age UK, Alzheimers Society, Parkinsons Society, Beechwood Cancer  
Care, Alcocks Funeral Directors, Local Solicitors, McCarthy and  
Stone, Sunrise, MHA, Signpost and more.

Short talk to be given by John Alcock Funeral Director and Diana  
Smith sas daniels Solicitors.

Please contact Alison Gunn, Pastoral Worker, for further information.

## *Come and Sing*

A chance to join the professional soloists of Pint-sized Opera in  
day of exhilarating and exciting day of singing, leading to a  
performance of Purcells opera "Dido & Aeneas" sung in  
English. This will be at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church on  
Saturday 17th May Workshop 10am to 5pm Concert at 6pm  
Workshop fee £18 (students £10) Concert free  
Contact [sing@pint-sizedopera.org.uk](mailto:sing@pint-sizedopera.org.uk) or 07917 403738

# *For Your Diary*

## **CAMEO**

Meets every Tuesday 10am – 2.00pm. and you will be very welcome to join with us.

## **Friendly Food**

Food is served every Wednesday at 12.15pm. Lunch, costing £3 Adults and £1 per Child, is open to anyone who would like to come along and enjoy good food and have some company. Please note -There will be no Friendly Food on 9th or 16th of April but will recommence on 23rd April.

## **Men's Breakfast**

Our next breakfast will be on Saturday 12th April at 8.30am All men are welcome to attend. Further details from John Harrington

## **Contact**

On Tuesday 23th April at 12.30pm will be our lunch together

## **Network**

Meets on Thursdays at 2.30pm and you are welcome to join in. On 3rd April 'All in a Day' with Ann & Don and on 10th April Gill Newton will be the speaker

## **Church Ramble**

Our next ramble will be on 5th April and will be led by Cath and Trevor Todd. It will be an easy 4 mile walk in the Goyt Valley. Bring a packed lunch and meet in the church car park at 10.30

## **Focus**

Please note there will not be a meeting of Focus this month as we will be attending Gill's Farewell. The May meeting will be the planning meeting and for the June meeting we will be organising and taking part in our effort for the Horizons Project - Safari Supper see elsewhere in magazine

## **Lent Lectures**

at Bramhall Methodist Church on Wednesdays at 2,30pm;  
2nd April - The Beloved Country with Geoffrey Barnard  
9th April - The life of the spirit in 5 American poets  
with Simon March

## **Lent Lunches**

5th April 12.30pm at Grove Lane Baptist Church

12th April 12.00md at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

19th April 11.00am at Oak Meadow with Salvation Army-  
see elsewhere in magazine.

## **Christian Aid Week 11 - 17 May 2014**

Just a few hours of your time will bring lasting change for communities living in conflict, fear and poverty. Please see the notice board and let us know if you feel you can help in any way with this vital work that we do for Christian Aid. Please contact Margaret Clarke on 485- 8909.

## **Christian Aid Sponsored Walk**

This year the Christian Aid Sponsored Walk will be on Saturday 10th May.

Please note this year we have a change of route, there will be the choice of two routes, either three or six miles along the Macclesfield Canal and Middlewood Way.

Further details in next month's magazine.

Gill Smith

# *Horizon Project Gift Day Saturday 5th April 10am - 3pm*

This is a really special day with the opportunity for everyone to help this really worthwhile project. The Fundraising Treasurer, Eric Ogden, will be in Room 1 to receive your gifts.

Ivor John and Barbara Clark will be available to answer any queries regarding fundraising and/or the project in general

Please prayerfully consider how you can support this important outreach project

# *SAFARI SUPPER*

IN AID OF THE HORIZON PROJECT

**To be held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm and organised by Focus and Dilys & Maurice Turnpenney's Homegroup.**

How does a Safari Supper work?

People volunteer to provide either a main meal or a dessert course for six or eight people (including yourself) in their own home. Other people just indicate that they want to take part and enjoy a meal. Everyone is told beforehand where to go for the first course but they do not know who their fellow diners will be and on the evening itself they find out where to go for their dessert. They will be with a different group of people when they have moved on. We all meet up at the end of the evening at Church for coffee etc. If you provide a main meal you will move to someone else's house for your dessert. If you are providing a dessert you will need to have it ready as you will have been somewhere else for your first course!

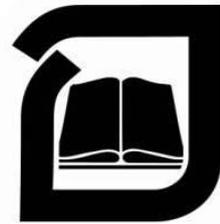
It is best if the main meal is a traditional English type meal (roast or casserole) with vegetables and with a vegetarian alternative if requested.

There will be a charge of £15.00 per person which will be collected at the end of the evening. When Focus previously ran a Safari Supper it was not mainly a fund raising event so people who provided meals were reimbursed if they wished. As this is a fund raising event we hope that those who offer meals will treat it as their contribution to the Horizon Fund. The timings for the evening will probably be – 7pm main meal; 8.30pm dessert; 9.30pm coffee etc. at Church.

If you are interested in hosting a meal or just attending the supper look out for the insert in the weekly notices in the coming weeks or speak to **Val Pickwell, Dilys Turnpenney** or **Hazel Crummett**. The number of people who would be able to come for a meal would depend on how many people offer to host.



# *CHURCH LIFE HOME GROUPS*



Monday	Helen and John Harrington 2 Leyland Avenue Gatley	1.30pm
Monday	Shirley and Ivor John 23 Acre Lane	8pm
Monday	Jaqui and Phil Sarbutt 68 Radnormere Drive	8pm
Tuesday	Margaret Smith 54 Woodfield Road	7.45pm
Tuesday	Paul Reddy Church	8pm
Tuesday	Val Pickwell 122 Heathbank Road	8pm
Wednesday	Dilys and Maurice Turnpenny 7 Twining Brook Road	7.45pm
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	Helen and John Harrington 2 Leyland Avenue Gatley	
Friday	Pam Howie 1b Manor Close	

**Home groups meet on the first and third week of the month**  
**Weekday Prayers** There are many opportunities to share together in prayer, in home groups, fellowship groups and other meetings.

**Mid-week Worship and Learning Fellowship Groups –**  
Please see 'For Your Diary

## *Book Reviews -*

**“Was the tomb empty?” by Graeme Smith ‘A lawyer weighs the evidence for the resurrection’**

I had better start by admitting that I am biased; having known Graeme, and Rick working with him, we both have a very high opinion of his intelligence and his faith, each of which shows through in his book. Interestingly, though, his faith isn't the main driving force behind the arguments he offers here. As a judge, Graeme looks fairly and rationally at evidence for Jesus' resurrection, both historical and biblical, and there is no hysterical or exaggerated ranting which we might associate with fervent evangelists, and which non-believers would find easy to dismiss as fundamental 'blinkers' with regard to facts. (I'm avoiding using words like 'American' or 'British', but if either of those come to mind – well, it's up to you where you'd insert them in previous sentences.) He gives clear explanations of what evidence is, what makes it admissible or not, the dangers of prejudice, the difference between witnesses' opinions and expert opinion, and more.

There are detailed, interesting, appendices, such as 'other theories' about the resurrection. (The Da Vinci Code, anyone?) The book is laid out in a way which makes it easy to read, despite what people might fear about a 'legal' approach; each chapter finishes with brief summaries, which remind readers of the points earlier made in full. He looks at the gospel evidence cautiously but with respect.

Overall, this calm, utterly reasonable, attitude is, I think, why the book is so readable and convincing, closing simply by asking the reader to answer the question for themselves.

I recommend it; read it yourself, and buy a copy to give away as an Easter present

*Kathryn Price*

## "The Last Week" by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan

As its title suggests, this book looks at the last week of Jesus's life, starting with His entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, and ending with His resurrection the following Sunday. There is a chapter for each of the eight days, which makes it ideal to read during Holy Week – a chapter a day isn't a difficult commitment, especially as the book is very readable; since all Bible passages discussed are printed in the book it is easy to slip into a bag or pocket so that you can read it on a journey. Borg and Crossan use the Gospel of Mark as their basis, and they bring in historical and cultural details that aren't often included in teaching during Holy Week, which helps to explain some of the less obvious aspects of the Biblical account. Any theology they include is explained very well but very simply.

This book will challenge you in lots of ways. Firstly, it doesn't portray the Easter Story from the rather romanticised, sanitised, pretty green hill concept that is at the forefront of many people's idea of Easter, especially the retail trade. There isn't a cute yellow chick or a fluffy lamb in sight. Secondly Borg and Crossan are not conservative Christians, they are part of the progressive Christian school of thought and belief. Thus the story isn't interpreted literally, and they don't write from an assumption that God dictated this Gospel verbatim to a man named Mark. They also recognise that there are many ways to interpret the Easter story, (and the rest of the Bible), and they see that as something positive – God gave us all the ability to question, and to be unsure about things. Some people will find that disconcerting; I found it affirming, because I am a person who questions a great deal.

As Gill said in her sermon just before the Annual Church Meeting, we need to step out of our comfort zone, and parts of this book will be outside your comfort zone as some is outside mine. But the challenge from that departure can serve to strengthen and deepen our faith when we read with our minds wide open to what God wants us to learn.

Not only will I read this book again, I am looking forward to reading another of their books,

*Liz Parkinson*

## Cafe Jericho



On a recent walk Allan Brackenbury discovered this interesting project and brings it to us for consideration , prayer and maybe more:-

"Gamesley is a large housing estate near Glossop which suffers similar problems to other such estates, though it has a strong sense of community among its residents. Cafe Jericho is a welcoming, friendly place where people meet, relax and discuss their needs and problems with each other and with the staff and volunteers. It is a place where you can see God's love being demonstrated through friendship, good advice and practical help. We believe that we are working as the Bible teaches us to have concern for those in need, putting them in contact with those who can help. We have strong links with employment, education, housing agencies and the police. We also arrange a variety of activities."

The cafe is run by Nick and Donna Rogers with a team of 15 helpers but has no secure funding stream, so we need financial support, volunteering, baking, visiting and prayer.

6 Westminster Mews, Gamesley, Glossop SK13 0LU

## From General Church Meeting on 16th March

There will be some 'Jottings' from this meeting in the next magazine but you may like to be reminded of some figures:-

At this time there are 221 members.

During Gill's time in this church there have been 57 new members

Average attendance at Sunday Services:-

	2011	2012	2013
8.30am	17	18	14
10am adults	102	101	99
10 am children	17	18	17
Messy Church	56	69	44
6.30pm	25	24	24

## April Prayer Diary 2014

Tuesday 1st April	We pray for the Circuit Staff who are meeting today; bless their planning and discussion Lord as they cope with change.	Circuit Staff Meeting
Wednesday 2nd April	We remember all who care for others Lord, at home, at work, at church; give them strength when things feel overwhelming.	
Thursday 3rd April	Thank you for the children and young folk who attend our church activities and bless all those who work with them.	
Friday 4th April	Lord, we remember all whose homes and businesses were affected by the floods in January. Pray that they are managing to recover with help & support.	
Saturday 5th April	As we hold a gift day to raise money for the Horizon project we pray that people will see the vision, and work to enable it to become reality.	Gift Day
Sunday 6th April	<b><i>10.30am Pat James 6.30pm Rev Louise Gough Lord we pray for all who lead our services today, bless them and give them your direction.</i></b>	
Monday 7th April	We continue to pray for the work and the finances of 'Hope for Justice' in it's vital work in supporting those who have been trafficked or exploited.	
Tuesday 8th April	We hold before God all those in this world who are hungry, and we ask for guidance as to how we can help..	
Wednesday 9th April	Next Sunday we bring our contributions for the Chelwood Food Bank, bless all who use it Lord and all who help.	Circuit Leadership Team Meeting
Thursday 10th April	We pray for our Circuit and Church Leadership as they prepare to lead us through a time of change.	Leadership Team Meeting
Friday 11th April	Our church hosts the Lent Lunch tomorrow. We pray that our fellowship will reflect our love for you Lord ,and for each other.	
Saturday 12th April	Lord, as Men's breakfast meets today we pray for the men who will be attending; that the discussion and fellowship will be helpful	Men's Breakfast Lent Lunch at CHMC
Sunday 13th April	<b><i>Palm Sunday 10.00am Gill Newton 6.30pm Gill Newton Father we bring before You those being welcomed into membership on this special day. Bless them Lord, and be work in their lives.</i></b>	Reception of New Members

Monday 14th April	Father we pray for ourselves and each other at the beginning of Holy Week; may we all find time and space to spend with you, to remember all you have done for us, and to ask you to be at work in our lives.	<b>HOLY WEEK</b>
Tuesday 15th April	Calm me Lord as you stilled the storm, Still me Lord, keep me from harm. Let all the tumult within me cease. Enfold me, Lord , in your peace.	
Wednesday 16th April	The clergy from all the churches in Cheadle Hulme meet today; we pray for them, bless and guide their discussions Lord.	<i>CTCH Clergy Meeting</i>
Thursday 17th April	Lord Jesus, we give thanks for the way you washed your disciples feet; help us to accept your gifts to us, so that we too may help others in need.	<b>Maundy Thursday Service</b>
Friday 18th April	Just as I am, without one plea But that thy blood was shed for me, And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O lamb of God, I come! C.Elliott	<b>Good Friday Service</b>
Saturday 19th April	Father we pray for our community here in Cheadle Hulme as we gather together to witness to your great sacrifice for us upon the cross.	CTCH Service Oak Meadow
Sunday 20th April	<b>8.30am Gill Newton including Holy Communion</b> <b>10.00am Gill Newton, All Age including Holy Communion and the baptism of Lauren Chambers</b> <b>6.30pm Reflective Worship including Holy Communion and Prayers for healing and Wholeness</b> <b>Lord we pray for Lauren and her family as she is baptised on this very special day.</b>	
Monday 21st April	We pray for the situation in Syria; in the refugee camps; and in other war-torn places Grant wisdom Lord to those trying to bring peace.	
Tuesday 22nd April	As home groups meet this week we ask God's blessing upon them, and pray especially for the group meeting with Margaret Smith tonight	
Wednesday 23rd April	Lord, we bring before you all those we know who are ill in mind, body or spirit; grant them the care they need, and give them your peace.	
Thursday 24th April	Give thanks for all those who care for our church building in so many ways; help us to show how much their work is appreciated.	
Friday 25th April	Tonight, as we share in an evening of farewells to Gill, Leslie and Laura let us give grateful thanks for all they have meant to us over these last ten years.	
Saturday 26th April	Father, we pray for the charity Water Aid as it works to bring fresh water to all parts of our world; enable us to do all we can to help.	

Sunday 27th April	<b>10.00am Gill Newton</b> <b>6.30pm Circuit Farewell Service at Bramhall</b> Loving Lord, as the circuit gathers to say farewell to Gill, Leslie and Laura; we pray for them in this time of change and new challenges. Be with them Lord & bless them.	
Monday 28th April	We give thanks Lord ,for all the groups meeting in our church building. Bless them and their work in our community.	
Tuesday 29th April	Father we praise you for the beauty of the flowers and trees in our parks and gardens at this time of the year, bringing us such joy.	
Wednesday 30th April	Lord, as we head into a time of change in our church and circuit community, we pray for all who will be helping to lead us forward, especially Rev. Bob Richards, and our Leadership Team , guide them Lord through the next few months.	

**Prayer for the Month**

***Thanks be to you loving God, for the joy at the heart of our faith;  
A joy not built on sand, but on the rock of Christ.  
Thanks be to you loving God, for the utter joy of Easter,  
Death and darkness overcome by light and life:  
The pain of the cross  
swallowed up in the dawn hope of resurrection.  
Thanks be to you loving God,  
for the power and the passion of the gospel;  
To transform, complete, and make new.  
May I be transformed and made new this Easter.***

***Amen***

# 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

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

Banner Making

14:00 Sue Jacklin

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 Jacquie Metcalfe

Cub Scouts (Woods Lane Guide HQ)

18:30 Neil Davison

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

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