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## Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

# The Magazine



*Our Mission*

*Living With Christ*

*Living For Christ*

*Living to Make Christ Known*

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Articles for the May Magazine by 7<sup>th</sup> April please

Dear friends

When I was a child I was afraid of the dark. Before wider awareness of climate change, and without a thought to mum and dad's bills, I insisted that the landing light was left on all night, with my bedroom door open. The result was worse than the dark, though, as the light glancing off my wardrobe door handles high above made them look like a pair of eyes. By day it was just a wardrobe – by night, it was a lurking monster!

Lent and Holy Week is the time for us to confront the dark.

First of all, we follow Jesus into the desert of Lent. In the wilderness, we're told he fasted for forty days and nights, and was tested in every way. Alone, away from the familiarity of every day life, he was forced to confront himself. During Lent we are similarly encouraged to strip away anything we might have come to depend on in place of God, and those things which mask our reality. Ash Wednesday invites us to remember that we are dust (thankfully God loves dust!), and to make a thorough confession. Though I am light on prayers of confession most Sundays, I love the Ash Wednesday service for focusing on confession, putting me back in my place and for turning my eyes to God, on whom I must put my sole trust.

However, it is during Holy Week that we experience the depths of darkness, as Jesus faced the pain of having his sense of vocation and self tested beyond all normal limits, including betrayal, abandonment, physical and mental torture, and death. Jesus' anguished prayers in the Garden of Gethsemane remind us how he wrestled with the darkness before fully accepting it.

It's very tempting during Holy Week to gloss over the dark and painful parts of the story. This year, let's try not to jump from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday without reading and reflecting on the story of Jesus' last week. It's very difficult to fully appreciate the resurrection if we haven't stood at the foot of the cross on Good Friday.

Last time I wrote, I offered some material for reflection. Here are some questions to ponder during Lent and Holy Week, and a short prayer.

- What do you think sustained Jesus through the dark times in the wilderness, in the Garden of Gethsemane, on his journey to the cross, and in the darker times that followed?
- Where was God?
- Where do you find light, hope and strength during your dark times?
- Where do you see God at work in the darkness – in your life, in the world?

These words from Psalm 139 remind us that God's presence is a reality regardless of whether we are living in light or darkness. They also remind us that darkness does not have to be negative:

*“Darkness is not dark for you, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are the same to you.”*

A good friend and Methodist Minister, heartbroken and contemplating the rare degenerative and incurable condition of her tiny grand-daughter, and thinking about Lent and Holy Week, recently wrote these words: Lent and Holy Week “might seem hard to go through, but at the end is Easter, with its message of new life, freedom and renewal; God close to us in a way we never dared hope for. Jesus came into a situation that looked bereft of hope and turned it around so that we need never feel hopeless again.”

You might like to offer your own prayers, or use this one:

God, there's enough pain in the world  
without thinking of the suffering of Jesus too.  
Sometimes all I want is to forget about pain.  
Through the story of Jesus' struggles,  
and in the bleak hopelessness of the cross,  
help me to see your presence in the darkness.  
Then show me the full meaning of the resurrection,  
and may your hope and joy dawn on me and light the world,

that all might know the wonder and glory of your tenacious love.  
Amen.

May God bless you richly as you journey through Lent, Holy Week and Easter. May you know God's presence to light your way and uphold you.

Many blessings

*Louise*

*Rev'd Louise Gough, Assistant Minister*

### **Prayer Mornings**

During Lent we are encouraged to give ourselves to prayer among other spiritual disciplines and practical acts.

In my short time at Cheadle Hulme I've been impressed by your commitment to prayer, and the ministry of the Prayer Team. I've enjoyed attending some of your Prayer Mornings and have found them extremely helpful.

If you haven't been to a Prayer Morning yet, I am writing this partly as an encouragement to give them a go!

Since I am still learning about them myself, I asked a few of those who join regularly to give me some more information and tell me what they appreciate about Prayer Mornings. You will find their words here.

Prayer Mornings themselves were born in worship! They came about after a sermon given by David James at Cheadle Hulme, and as a result, in the same service, John Harrington was inspired to encourage the church to pray. Since then (Autumn 2017), Prayer Mornings have taken place monthly on Saturday mornings, from ten o'clock for an hour.

It is very much felt that Prayer Mornings are "a response to God's Word in obedience to God's call". Prayer Mornings take various forms, but have in common a commitment to pray for the church. Sometimes prayer stations are set up around the church, providing the opportunity to reflect on the Bible and to pray. At other times, the prayer time is more specific to CHMC. One member said she appreciates that prayer mornings "give you the opportunity to think and to concentrate about something specific in the life or the church". The April

session (on 13<sup>th</sup>) will be led by Linda and will involve a Dream Big Prayer Session for the Fresh Expressions Work.

If you are worried about being able to pray for a whole hour, one of the regulars said: “It’s surprising how quickly the time goes”, and that she’s “surprised every time the hour is up.” The Prayer Mornings I have been to have offered plenty of material to stimulate prayer. With so much to engage with, the time does fly! Prayer mornings provide “guidance for what to pray for in church and new ideas”.

The opportunity for quiet reflection is much appreciated, and someone commented that “the prayer stations with things to do and for you to respond in some way are very good – nice and simple.”

Since the Prayer Mornings began, there has been a sharpened awareness of God being at work at CHMC, and God’s guidance. Prayers following the Mission Shaped Ministry Course played a big part in the vision that led to the appointment of Linda as Fresh Expressions Missioner. Recently some prayer mornings have focused on the hopes and dreams of the church, and the ideas were developed from one session to another.

There is something wonderful about coming together for prayer. As one member put it, “There is great power in the unity of praying together. As well as praying together, it also feels good to come quietly before God and to experience His presence in the stillness in a very real way”. Another added: “It’s so good to be focusing on God with other people.”

One final comment: “Prayer Mornings give you time to think and to concentrate on something specific about the church – it’s a time to step aside from the world and try to see things from God’s perspective.”

I hope that this has given you an insight into what happens at Prayer Mornings, and an affirmation that time spent in prayer in this and other ways is fundamental to the life of the church. May God continue to bless us and others through it, as we grow closer to God.

*Rev’d Louise Gough, Assistant Minister*

# *Come and Worship*

## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

10.30am All-age Worship led by Rev. Philip Peacock and Mrs. Linda Rayner (our Fresh Expressions Mission Enabler)

## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April Palm Sunday *Praise & Passion***

10.30am Holy Communion service led by Rev. Philip Peacock  
with Reflect led by Derek Booth & Young Church

6.30pm Taizé service led by Rev. L. Gough

## **Maundy Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April *Seven Actions***

**7.00pm** Evening worship with Holy Communion led by  
Rev. Philip Peacock

## **Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April *Sayings from the Cross***

10.30am Reflective morning worship led by Rev. Philip Peacock

## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April Easter Day**

### ***He is Risen!***

8:30am Early morning Holy Communion led by  
Rev. Philip Peacock

10:30am All-age worship with Holy Communion  
led by Rev. Philip Peacock (No Taste)

6:30pm Evening worship with Holy Communion  
led by Rev. Philip Peacock and Rev. Louise Gough

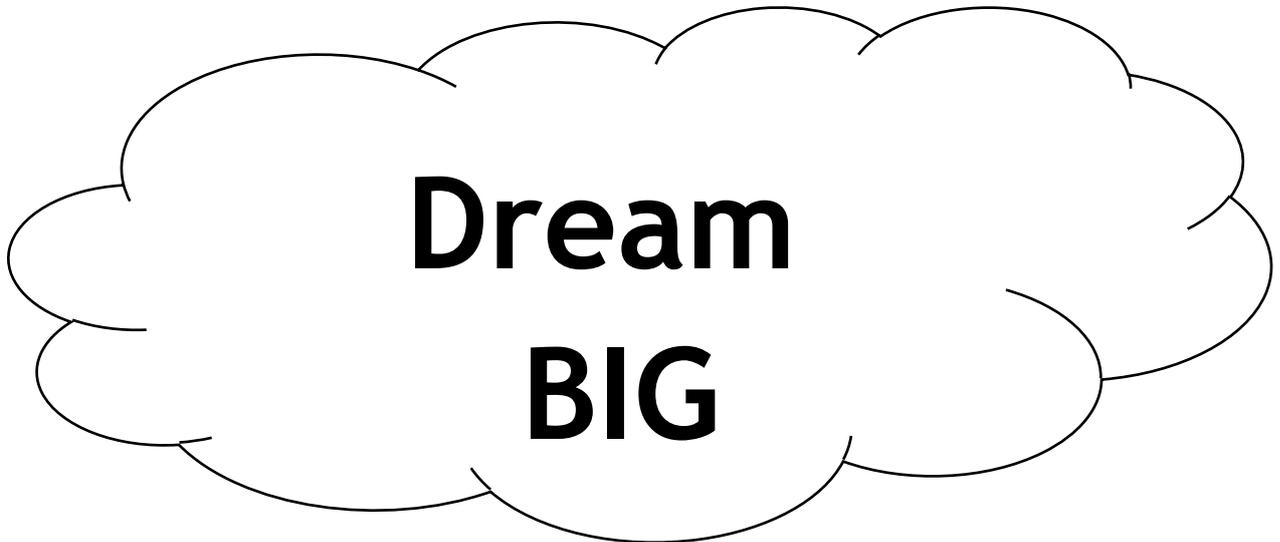
## **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April**

10:30am Morning Worship led by Malcolm Gunn  
with Reflect led by Derek Booth

10:30am Informal Worship

6:30pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion and prayers  
for healing and wholeness led by Rev. L. Gough

You are invited to a prayer meeting  
*with a difference*  
For Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

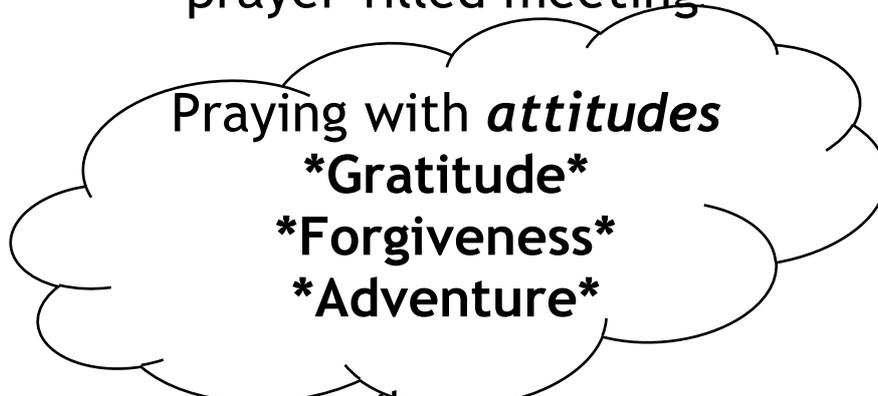


For *everyone* who is interested in the  
future mission of this church

Your prayers, thoughts and dreams matter

**What is God saying to us?**

Share your ideas, listen to others at a friendly,  
prayer-filled meeting



**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 7.45pm**  
or  
**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 9.30am**

*Just turn up at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church or  
contact Linda Rayner for more information*

## **Children & Schools Worker Update**

We welcomed our Tiddlywinks and Tiddlywinks families in March to an after school session based on the parable of the mustard seed and of the sower. We are also having a session during the Easter holidays, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April at 10:30.

We have received many positive responses to having young people in church and have found this very encouraging. Could we suggest that if you find the presence of children distracting that you find an appropriate place to sit where this will not be the case. We want everyone to feel welcome and comfortable in worship.

We regularly have over 50 families at Toddlers who warmly praise the session and our facilities. Babychat often hosts as many as 20 babies- with 3 sets of twins at present!

We will be running Easter presentations to Years 3 and 4 at Greenbank on April 1<sup>st</sup>. As well as those attending church, Lane End and Greenbank will be submitting pictures to show their idea of how they would like to see our world in future. These are to be presented to HSBC managers as part of a nationwide campaign by Christian Aid to dissuade the bank from overseas investment in fossil fuels.

Pauline Moore

### **Lent Studies at Grove Lane.**

Everyone is welcome to join our friends at Grove Lane Baptist Church for a series of Lent Studies on environmental issues. Each Thursday evening, March 7<sup>th</sup> to April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7 – 8.30. A variety of materials are being used from the A Rocha International Environmental Organisation -Conservation and Hope. Website: [www.arocha.org](http://www.arocha.org)



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4.00pm starting May 5<sup>th</sup>  
in the coffee lounge

*For more information please contact Linda Rayner*



# *Church Family*

## **Thanks**

**Norma Cavanagh** would like to say "Thank you" for the kind thoughts, conveyed to her on her 85th birthday, by a very nice card and the congratulatory plant, brought to her by Jane Kemp. Many thanks

**David Cocker**, on behalf of the MacIntosh family, would like to thank members of the church congregation for all your wonderful support during our recent bereavement. Thank you so very much for all your prayers, cards and lovely messages.

**Marian Davies** would like to say a big thank you to Gill Smith and her amazing team of helpers for taking care of the refreshments at Garfield's thanksgiving service, the family were all amazed at the organisation. A thank you also to Richard, the organist and Richard on the PA. Sue Jacklin did a wonderful Welsh arrangement of flowers. It all added up to a memorable day. Thank you to Philip and all the Church family for all their love and support over the past five months.

## **Sheila MacIntosh**

Sheila was a lovely Christian lady who was born and lived in Cheadle Hulme, which she loved. Sheila was a happy child and enjoyed school at Thorn Grove Primary and Cheadle County High School for girls. When Sheila left school her career was secretarial and in this she excelled and greatly enjoyed.

What was most important to Sheila was her family, her boys Andy and Ric, her grandchildren and of course her faith which she shared with all of us. Sheila was part of Paul Reddy's Home Group and this she greatly valued as a special time of sharing and learning and strengthening her faith. As her pastoral visitor I sometimes found her in the garden, planting, watering, tending and if not there she would be in the kitchen baking, preparing and of course the kettle would be on.

In every sense, Sheila was a caring, generous and lovely lady who would lighten up any room or group with her bubbling presence. In later years Sheila shared her life with David which gave them both much happiness and joy in all they did together.

Thankyou Sheila for many happy memories.

Christine Watson

### **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 Visitor for April is** Cheryl Palmer

### **In our prayers**

We continue to pray for those who are listed in our prayer book, especially for those who have been in hospital or recently been bereaved.

# *For Your Diary*

## **Banner Group**

Meets on Tuesdays at 1.30pm.

## **Cameo**

A meeting place for the elderly on Tuesdays 10.30am -2.00pm.

## **Contact Group**

Our next meeting will be on 10<sup>th</sup> April Geoff Scargill who will be speaking on Rose Hill.

## **Focus**

On 12<sup>th</sup> April a members evening with the Easter Theme.

## **Foodbank**

Continues on the second Sunday of the month all gifts gratefully received.

## **Network**

Meets on Thursdays at 2.30pm

4<sup>th</sup> April Family History part 2 with Kath Lee

11<sup>th</sup> April Herbs with Bill Woods

## **Reflective Worship**

Is on Tuesdays at 7pm to 7.30pm

## **Refugee Prayer Group**

A small group still meets regularly to share information, and to PRAY, as it seems as if thousands of people are on the move, as refugees, across the world.

We usually meet on the First Monday of each month, at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome. Please see the Sunday Notice Sheet for the venue.

## **Rock Solid**

Meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday (excluding school holidays) at 7:15pm.

## **Scouts**

Thursdays at 7,15pm

**Toddlers** On Wednesdays at 10.30am

**Baby Chat** Thursdays 10.30am

**Tiddlywinks** meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays at 10:30am.

**Woodley Methodist Church is organising 3 concerts** during 2019. They would welcome our support. Tickets are available either at the door (if available) or from Phil Taylor (Tel 0161 430 8518)

The 2nd concert will be an organ concert by Jonathan Scott on a Friday in September, date to be confirmed. Tickets £9 each available as above. More details and poster later

An additional concert in aid of Epilepsy Action will be in Romiley Forum on Saturday 8th June at 7.30pm, by the Werneth concert band. Tickets £8 each, as above. More details and poster later.

## **Christian Aid Week 12-19<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Christian Aid Week, the UK's longest running fundraising week is seven days of fundraising, prayer and action against global poverty. The money raised, £8 million in 2018, helps fund vital work to transform the lives of people around the world. In Cheadle Hulme we will be organising the annual Christian Aid Sponsored Walk and house to house envelope collections.

**Save the date: Saturday 11th May 2019 Annual Christian Aid Sponsored Walk** – Choice of three routes, 3, 6 or 8 miles. New 3 and 6 mile routes this year. Start and finish at St Martin's Church, Higher Poynton.

**Christian Aid Supporter Evening- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 6.30 – 8pm** at Dean Row Unitarian Chapel Hall, Chapel Road, Wilmslow SK9 2BX All welcome, refreshments provided and there will also be a Fairtrade stall. The speaker will be Emma Peake from Christian Aid who will report on recent projects in Kenya.

### **Bucket Collection- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

The regional Christian Aid office in Warrington have been allocated a date to hold a bucket collection in the Tesco Extra store- Tiviot Way, Portwood SK1 2BT on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May.

They are appealing for anyone who would be willing to hold a bucket for 1 - 2 hours to collect for Christian Aid, please let Margaret Clarke or Susan Bethwaite know if you can help.

Thank you

Susan Bethwaite & Gill Smith

## **General Church Meeting Jottings – March 2019**

- The Annual Church Meeting was held on 17<sup>th</sup> March, attended by 42 members and adherents.
- The meeting remembered in prayer the following members and gave thanks for their lives: Ernest Kelly, Ann Garrood, Sheila McIntosh, Garfield Davies, Joyce Bell. Four members have transferred to other churches, there is one new member to be

welcomed and one person has ceased to be a member. Total membership 167.

- A booklet containing reports from all the various church groups was presented; this detailed their work over the last 11 months and plans for the future.
- As Church Treasurer, David Gibbens presented a report of the Church Accounts for 2017-18.
  - Receipts: overall are similar to the previous year, if discounting a one-off £5k bequest; room lettings have increased in value but income received from giving has decreased.
  - Expenditure – payments issued as donations appear to have dropped significantly, however this is due to the timings of these payments which had not yet been made at the time the annual accounts were closed.
  - Thanks were offered to David for his hard work as Treasurer; the accounts were approved unanimously by the Church Council members attending the meeting.
- Linda Rayner spoke on her role as Fresh Expressions Missioner which began in January: *“A Fresh Expression is a new form of church that emerges within contemporary culture and engages primarily with those who ‘don’t go to church’ “*. Linda has already spent time finding out about the local area and community, and speaking to people about what is needed. She asked for anyone to come to her with their ideas.
- Two events coming up which are being advertised:
  - “Dream Big” prayer meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April
  - “Talking Jesus” short course – first and third Sunday afternoons beginning 5<sup>th</sup> May
- Church Council were asked to consider, on each agenda, if we are doing all we can to help reduce climate change.
- Thanks were offered to Margaret Parker and Judith Hutton for their time as Church Stewards as they come to the end of their three year term. Philip added his thanks –recognising all the additional work done for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations.
- The meeting agreed to the appointment of Helen Deaville as church steward, with four others (John Harrington, Christine Watson, Pat

James, Onye Obasi) continuing for another year. A sixth member would be welcome – it was agreed that the Church Council/Leadership Team should continue to look for someone to fill the vacancy.

- Margaret Clarke, Jean Goodacre, Margaret Parker and Christine Woodhead were elected as representatives from the meeting to the Church Council. In addition, the following were also confirmed as representatives for a further year: Barbara Clarke, David Clark, Lesley Peacock, Phil Sarbutts, Andrew Hardman, Myra Woodcock, Val Pickwell, Barbara Clark, Ann Booth.



### **Green Tips**

Please can we share our ideas about “What can we do?” to reduce our demands on our planet?

- Eat less meat
- Is your electricity supplier the ‘greenest’ possible? Could you change?

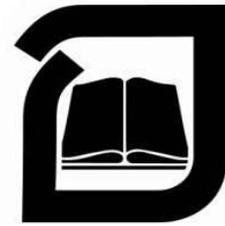
Please would you send your ideas to share into the office, for future editions of the magazine? Thank you!

### **Green Tip**

You cannot recycle yoghurt pots, clear/white food trays and tubs in your brown bin. BUT YOU CAN take them to Sainsbury’s recycling centre and put them in the designated skips.



Church Life  
Homegroups



Monday			7pm
Monday			8pm
Monday			8pm
Tuesday			8pm
Wednesday			7:45pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b> <b>Thursday</b>			10am – 12 noon
Thursday			

Home Groups meet on the first and third weeks of each month

## MEETING TOGETHER

People to contact

### Sunday

Young Church	10.30	
Great Heights	20.00	(not currently meeting)

### Tuesday

Cameo	10.30
Banner Making	14.00
Reflective Worship	19.00
Rock Solid	19.15

### Wednesday

Toddler Group	10.30
Contact	14.30
The Singers	18.45

### Thursday

Baby Chat	10.30
Network	14.30
Scouts	19.15

### Friday

Tiddlywinks	10.30
Beavers	18.30
(6- 8years) Parish Rooms	
Cubs	18.30
Thorn Grove Guide HQ	
Focus	19.30

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