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Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church



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Living to Make Christ Known

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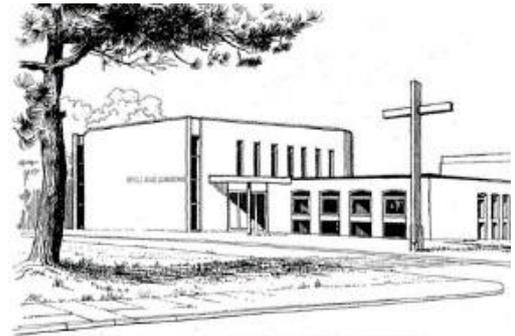
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Articles for the April Magazine by 11th March

A Significant Birthday

What are your memories (if any) of March 2nd 1968? I cannot say that I have any in particular – being a young child then, living in Freckleton in Lancashire, attending Hall Cross Primary School. On that day Harold Wilson was Prime Minister, Cinderella Rockefella by Esther and Abi Ofarim was number one in the UK music charts, Leeds United defeated Arsenal 1-0 at the old Wembley Stadium to win the 1968 Football League Cup Final and the actor Daniel Craig was born.

For some of you, but for many not, March 2nd 1968 will have memories revolving around the opening and dedication of our current church building. This was just over five years after the destruction by fire of the old chapel and the culmination of much consultation, planning, fund-raising and prayer. The new premises were carefully designed to meet the church's needs at the time and marked the movement into a new phase in the life of Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church (CHMC), spanning back to 1797 when a small Methodist Society met in a cottage, timbers from which were used to create the large external cross at the front of the new building.



Various Ministers took part in the opening ceremony and dedication service – Rev A. Cresswell (Minister in Pastoral Charge), Rev F. Scott (previous Minister in Pastoral Charge), Rev Dr K Crosby (Chairman of the District), Rev J. Wroe (Circuit Superintendent) – alongside several lay people, such as the architect, Mr C. Brown, and the organist, Mrs E. Robinson. Hymns sung included 'Love divine' and 'And can it be' and the Bible readings were: Isaiah 52:13-53:12, John 1:1-18 and Colossians 1:15-20.

This month we begin a number of events to celebrate the last fifty years of CHMC's life. These are not so much to offer thanksgiving for the bricks and mortar of the building (grateful for them though we may be) but for the worship and witness of the 'living stones' who have been a part of this church community during that period.

The various Ministers who have been invited to lead services are not previous Ministers of CHMC but those who were members here before going into the Methodist Ministry, part of the fruit borne out of CHMC's life. Those who attend the reunion weekend will be representative of present and past members and adherents who have made significant contributions to God's work here. We give thanks to God for all these people and for the way in which his love and grace has been embodied within their lives and shared with others. We ask that God's Spirit will continue to be active here, challenging us where we are complacent, enabling us to grow as disciples of Christ, and equipping us to play our part in God's mission today.

The 50th anniversary events which have been planned are spaced out over a number of months and are varied to appeal to different groups of people. That means that we have the opportunity to engage with a whole range of ages, backgrounds and experiences. The hope is that we can use these events to offer hospitality and welcome, to build relationships with those loosely associated with CHMC, to reconnect with those who have lost touch (for whatever reason), to share something of the message of our Christian faith, to awaken in others a desire to find out more about following Jesus, and to have fun and spend time together. You can give your support to our anniversary events by praying for them, attending them, actively helping wherever you can, and inviting others to come along to those things which might be appropriate for them.

I look forward to sharing with you in all that is planned.

Philip



Children, Families and Schools work Reflections

Thinking back over the past year, it occurs to me that in some ways it has sped by; and in others I feel that my involvement in CHMC has been for quite some time! Our Pop-up Nativity was a particular highlight; with so many younger people involved. The

Kids' Praise band really livened things up and thanks go to Beth Price and Rachel Gunn for enthusing so many.

I was really heartened to receive so much positive feedback on this; and other ventures.

Being involved in children's activities in the run up to Christmas is a real privilege and delight- as well as tiring! It was lovely to see the Lane End choir entertaining Cameo and their Carol Service held in our church was wonderful- extra chairs had to be drafted in! Several of us braved the cold to offer the opportunity to take selfies in our Nativity photo board in the precinct. We also gave out dozens of Good News magazines, details of all our Christmas services and leaflets of our year round activities aimed at children and families.

Toddlers' Christmas party was great fun and all the families came into the sanctuary to hear the story of the First Christmas presented by Susie and Kieran Metcalfe. Santa paid a visit and gave each child a lovely colourful picture book "We Three Kings". Many parents/carers took the trouble to express their thanks for this, and Toddlers in general, on our Facebook page. Our Christmas Fun Food was excellent; as it always is; and again regularly commented on very favourably.

Tiddlywinks has a lovely family atmosphere and we have enjoyed finding out about Jesus through story, song, games and craft. Babychat is so valued by those who attend and is constantly growing in numbers.

We look forward to the opportunities that lie ahead in the New Year. Our two major schools events are hosting two days of presentations on Passover in March; and the fortnight of A 'Fisherman's Tale' as part of the Golden celebration. Schools have shown a great interest in these already.

I would like to say how blessed I feel in my role within CHMC. I am fantastically supported by Philip, my management team, and especially my closest colleague(and now friend!), Susie. –

Pauline Moore

(Apologies that this is rather belated as I failed to notice the editor's change of email address.)

Come and Worship

Sunday 4th March Church 50th Anniversary

- 10.00am Rev Phil Belli and Mrs Alison Gunn - All Age Worship
6.30pm Rev Phil Belli and Rev Philip Peacock with Holy Communion and prayers for healing and wholeness

Sunday 11th March

- 10.00am Rev Philip Peacock and Mr Malcolm Gunn: 'Worship inspires our everyday speech' with Reflect & Young Church
6.30 pm Rev Philip Peacock - Iona Service

Sunday 18th March

- 9.30am for 10.00am Taste
10.00am Rev Philip Peacock - Cradle Roll Service with Baptism of Conway Noah Archie Sim - 'Worship focuses our wavering hearts.'
6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock

Sunday 25th March - Palm Sunday

- 10.00am Margaret Parker with Reflect
6.00 pm Informal Worship

Thursday 29th March – Maundy Thursday

- 7.00pm Rev Philip Peacock – Holy Communion

Friday 30th March - Good Friday

- 10.00 am Rev Philip Peacock – Reflective Service based on the Passion Narrative in John's Gospel

Saturday 31st March - Open Air Service

- 11.00 am In Oak Meadow with the Salvation Army Band
Hot drinks and hot cross buns will be served afterwards
Please come along and support this service as an act of witness to our community

1st April Easter Sunday

08.30am Rev Philip Peacock with Holy Communion

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock and Mrs Pat James - All Age
Worship with Holy Communion

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock and Rev Louise Gough with Holy
Communion

Sunday Collection

The collecting baskets are no longer being handed around during the service. Instead envelopes and offertory money are now collected in baskets which are on tables inside both Sanctuary entrance doors, for folk to deposit their offering. The baskets are suitably marked so that folk will know what they are there for.

At a suitable point in the service the baskets are brought forward by the Vestry Stewards for the person leading the service to say a prayer of blessing. If there are any retiring collections, these will be taken in the usual way. **John Harrington, Leadership Team.**

The Lent Appeal

Are you giving up something for Lent? If not would you like to do something valuable?

This year we will be using "Water Aid Jar of Change" - collect change in jars and at the end of Lent bring them to the office and we will send the money to Water Aid. There are jars in the Narthex and the Office for you to use. For more details see the notice board or www.wateraid.org/uk/lent

DEFIBRILATOR

The Church has been presented with a defibrillator by Ken and Barbara Johnson in memory of their son Chris, who suffered from a heart condition which resulted in his death in April 2014.



The presentation to Rev Philip Peacock, by Karen Barry from St John's Ambulance, took place at church on Tuesday 28th November. This was followed by a training session on what to do if the defibrillator is required to be used.

The defibrillator is sited in the narthex. The defibrillator is very easy to use if needed and it is emphasised that the machine will not 'shock' if it detects a heart rhythm.

The advice given in an emergency is firstly get someone to ring for an ambulance, if this has not already been done. Assess if the patient is responsive and breathing and, if not, start CPR whilst someone gets and sets up the defibrillator.

The key points made were the defibrillator can only be used on anyone over the age of one year. The instructions for use are clearly given once the machine is switched on, how to place the pads in the correct position on the chest and connect to the machine. If you see the patient has a pacemaker fitted do not put the pads directly on top of the pacemaker.

The machine will analyse to detect if there is a heartbeat and assess whether a 'shock' is required.

It is important if a 'shock' is to be given everyone must stand back with no-one touching the patient.

The church will run some training courses on CPR and use of the defibrillator.

Caring Team

VISION STATEMENT

In your February magazine you will have found a green document entitled 'Vision Statement'. It has been updated by the Leadership Team following several meetings open to church members during 2017. Please use the Vision Statement as a check list to see how we as a church are doing, where we need to develop and what we can no longer resource, and to identify your own contribution to the life and mission of the church. There will be further copies of the leaflet available on the hymn book stands.

All areas in the life of CHMC– Worship, Learning, Caring, Evangelism, Service and Resources – are important, but it has been agreed that because evangelism is seen as our weakest area, we will focus especially on that in the first place.

Thank you, and apologies that this note was omitted from the February magazine.

Saturday 3rd March 11am - 3pm

The Quaker National Day of Distant Healing at Cheadle Hulme Meeting House.

The purpose is, together, to hold in the Light those for whom we are concerned whether individuals, groups or situations. You are warmly invited to come, and to stay for as long or short a time as you wish. Drinks will be provided. Bring your own lunch if required.

News of the Family

Baptism

Annabel Rose Berrisford was baptised and welcomed into the church family on February 4th. Please pray for her and for all the children on our Cradle Roll.

Thank You

Marian Davies would like to thank the church family for the wonderful support given for their coffee morning. The amount collected was £4000

We continue to pray for Marian and Garfield

Thank You

I'd like to thank the Church family for all the support and prayers received during a difficult time over Christmas. For plants and flowers, cards of encouragement and miraculous meals which came just when they were needed - amazing. **Thank you.**

Jill Gourley

Thank You so much for your prayers, cards, flowers etc when I had my finger removed, and in the lead up to the op when I was struggling with the pain. It is healing well, with no pain, and I am feeling very well.
Liz and Neil Parkinson



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

Flower Visitor for March is Jill Gourley



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

Churches Together Lent Lunches.

You are invited to our traditional Soup-and-bread-and-cheese Lent Lunches, which begin at 12 noon.

No charge, donations accepted for the work of Christian Aid.

Saturday 10th March at Cheadle Hulme Methodist

Saturday 17th March at Grove Lane Baptist

Saturday 24th March at United Reformed Church

For Your Diary

Cameo

Tuesdays 10.30am until 2.00pm

Elderly people come together to chat, have refreshments and a hot lunch and enjoy entertainment

Contact

The next meeting of Contact will be on 21st March Barbara Frazer 'Jewish way of life'

Focus

Will be on 23rd March with contributions from members on 'Easter Theme'

Foodbank

Continues on the second Sunday of the month, please bring tins in date

Network

8th March 'The Snows of Kilimanjaro' with Arthur Cross

15th March Rev Steve Hough speaking about Stockport Refugee Group

22nd March Rev Philip Peacock

Refugees

A group meets on Monday mornings (10.30 - venue in the Notice Sheet), to share information and to PRAY, about various aspects of this on-going crisis.

Toddlers Wednesdays at 10.30am for toddlers with carers

Baby Chat Thursdays at 10.30am

Tiddlywinks Fridays at 10.30am (2nd and 4th Fridays)

A Closer Look at the Book of Acts

The last chapters concern Paul's arrest and his various trials, his imprisonment, and the eventful journey to Rome, and the book ends, rather abruptly, with Paul still preaching boldly in Rome, where he would later be executed for his faith. It's an exciting narrative, covering not much more than 30 years - the book was probably written by AD 80 - maybe even earlier.

'Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth' indeed - but the 'Acts of the Holy Spirit' are not over yet - the Good News is to be shared, and the church is to grow, until Jesus comes back again !

“UNSTOPPABLE !!” Why not join the Church Bible Study Group, as we explore this fascinating book together ?

Thursday March 22nd 1.30 – 3.00 at Church.

Any changes will be given in the Sunday Notice Sheet.

Passover Meal

We hear a lot about Passover and the meal associated with it. But what is the Passover Meal? Well come and find out. On **Tuesday March 27th**, commencing at **7pm** a representative from the organisation called '**Jews for Jesus**' will be at church to take us through the Passover Meal and explain all about it. So you will have the opportunity to taste some of the various items included in the meal and understand their significance.

Apart from the Passover experience sharing together with a 'normal' meal presentation and as such therefore, a charge will be made for this meal of £5.00 per person to be paid on the night. The whole evening will be concluded by 9.30pm. Children from the age of 10 upwards will be welcome and the charge for them will be £2.50 each. This event will be open to the Circuit so we will need to take bookings for the meal. Booking numbers are limited so book your seats as soon as possible. To book contact the CHMC Church Officeon: **0161 485 1605** and give your name and contact details.



Save the date! Saturday 12th May 2018

Walkers and helpers - Please note that the 51st Christian Aid Sponsored Walk is on Saturday 12th May.

Further information to follow in the April magazine.

ROOF St Petersburg – update

During 2017 we had two concerts, one at CHMC and the concert at the RNCM in December. Together we expect to have made £2000 for ROOF funds, although the final figure for December isn't known yet. I personally would like to thank everyone who has supported ROOF since the 1990's. I say this because I resigned from being a trustee in January. However I'm pleased to say that as a result of an appeal made at the Christmas concert, two more people have come forward to become trustees. Ludmilla, our concert hostess, and her husband David Jones. Also Brian Hulme's daughter in law is taking over the front-of-house stalls etc. It is pleasing to know that ROOF St Petersburg will regroup under new leadership.

Memories of past visits on behalf of the charity are still very clear in my mind, especially on one occasion when the temperature dropped to minus 20 deg C.

Then there was the moment when we walked through a room full of cots at the Lomonosov orphanage where severely disabled children were living. One little girl who was blind heard us coming and I held out my hand which was clutched ever so tightly. She was not going to let go. Eventually her hand was released from mine and we walked in silence from the room. I often wonder what became of that little girl who would be in her late 20's now.

In the early 90's when ROOF St Petersburg was formed, there was an urgent need for medical supplies for children's homes in that city. RAF Brize Norton offered to fly these supplies with the founder trustees Cath Pick and Brian Hulme for distribution. From then on, donated goods were taken by groups visiting the city – for example Manchester Grammar school, who assisted us many times. These included the knitted helmets, crocheted blankets, new clothing, and good as new children's clothing which were no longer required, all donated by you. I shall miss the involvement but it is time to pass on the baton. With grateful thanks to everyone at CHMC and through the W&NA team for past support. It has been well worthwhile.

Jill Gourley

Fishermen's Tale

For those who remember the Christmas and Easter Trails we have put on at church in years gone by, you will know what a fantastic experience they are. Everyone who has attended these events has been 'blown away' by the experience and has asked when we can have another one. Well the wait is over!

Commencing on Tuesday afternoon **12th June** and running through to Friday morning **22nd June**, excluding the weekends we will be running the 'Fishermen's Tale' (not Trail!). Just as with previous events the local schools will be sending their pupils in during the days of the Tale but for two evenings each week there will be evening tales to following for any adults and children who have not been able to take part via the local schools.

So, more details nearer the time BUT these events don't just happen. They need a lot of help in setting up, clearing away and also catering. So according to the organisers of the event, an organisation called '**Bible Encounter**', this is the help we need:-

Saturday 9th June

1. 11:00am - Deliver Props [**8 people to help off-load**]
2. 12:30pm - Deliver catacombs [**4 people to help off load**]
3. 2pm - [**6 people to help off load – heavy lifting**] Deliver Boat

Sunday 10th June – Pre Set-up Day

1. Move pews after morning service 8/10 to move pews
2. 2pm – 6pm
Initial set-up – **6/8 active people to build set** - happy up ladders/wielding a screwdriver.
Bring own stepladders and tools (electric screwdriver etc)

Monday 11th June – Main Set-up Day

1. Morning Session: 9:15am-12:30
 - a. 9am for 9:15am **8/10 active people to build set** – happy up ladders/wielding a screwdriver. Bring own stepladders and tools (electric screwdriver etc)
 - b. 10am **6 people to iron** – with own iron and a thick blanket
2. Afternoon Session: 1:30pm – 5:30pm
 - a. 1:30pm – 4pm **6 active people to complete set** - happy up ladders/wielding a screwdriver
 - b. 2pm – 5:30pm **6 active people to hang cloth** - happy up ladders
3. Evening Session: 7pm–9pm
 - a. **4/6 active people to help with final cloth hanging/set dressing & tidying up**

Tuesday 12th June – Friday 22nd June – Fishermen's Tale

1. Day to Day needs
 - a. Welcome/Refreshments team (**2 people**)

2. Evening Presentations

a. Stewards and refreshments for Wednesdays & Thursdays

i. 6:45pm

ii. 8:00pm

Friday 22nd June – Dismantle

1. 3:30-5:30pm **6 active people** to - remove and pack artefacts &
- remove and fold cloth
2. 4:15pm-6:30pm **8/10 active people** to dismantle framework/set
3. 6:30pm - 8pm **6 active people to** load van etc

Saturday 23rd June

1. 11am **6/8 active people** to load boat and replace pews

So, as you can see, we are going to need a lot of help if we want to be able to run the Fishermen's Tale.

Please then will you volunteer to assist with this venture.

Please let me know your availability as soon as you can. Thank you.

John Harrington

Action for Children Fundraising Events

During December Waitrose Cheadle Hulme had, as one of their community charities, the Mother and Baby Unit at Styal Prison and I'm pleased to report that £288 was raised. Action for Children has run this unit for many years but unfortunately, after the recent tendering process, the contract was awarded to another organisation.

On 27th January the Amaretti Chamber Orchestra performed a concert at St Andrews and the proceeds of this event are being given to Action for Children. At the time of writing the total hasn't been finalised but it will amount to several hundred pounds. The money raised will go to Action for Children's work in the north west,

including a project that is run in Wythenshawe called multi systemic therapy (MST).

It is an intensive family and community- based treatment program that focuses on addressing all environmental systems that impact chronic and violent juvenile offenders -- their homes and families, schools and teachers, neighbourhoods and friends. MST works with the toughest offenders aged 12 to 17 who have a very long history of arrests due to childhood issues or negative peer involvement.

- MST clinicians go to where the child is and are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- They work intensively with parents and caregivers to put them in control.
- The therapist works with the caregivers to keep the adolescent focused on school and gaining job skills.
- The therapist and caregivers introduce the youth to sports and recreational activities as an alternative to hanging out.

MST has been proven to work and produce positive results with the toughest kids.

After 30 years of research and 18 studies, MST repeatedly has been shown to:

- Keep kids in their home, reducing out-of-home placements up to 50 percent
- Keep kids in school
- Keep kids out of trouble, reducing re-arrest rates up to 70 percent.
- Improve family relations and functioning.
- Decrease adolescent psychiatric symptoms.
- Decrease adolescent drug and alcohol use.

The vision of Action for Children is that of a world where all children and young people have a sense of belonging, and are loved and valued. Action for Children - always there for children, as long as it takes. The concert raised the magnificent total of £800. ***Ann Booth Action for Children Secretary***

Steve and Rosalind's Letter

We are seeing some major changes in the Accounting Department at JAARS. Our Chief Financial Officer, Tim, has retired at the end of January and the Accounts Payable Coordinator, Jim retires on

31st May. Please pray that the Lord will fill these positions. Brenda has taken over the role of Friday cashier from Bev. About 94,000 deaf people who live in Romania use Romanian sign- language to communicate. Some deaf people have been members of Christian churches for many years but because they have no access to Scripture they have received limited discipleship. this is why a team has been working to translate and produce the stories on videos.

The team tried a chapter from Genesis at a local church for the deaf. The people were very excited to see God's Word come to life in their sign language.

Laura has been doing well. In addition to her nursing work she continues to help with the high school group at church.

Unfortunately her allergies, eczema, and other slight health issues continue to trouble her.

Please pray for

- the Romanian Sign Language translation work
- Replacements for the finance roles.
- Secure IT systems and other data
- Safe travel for Steve and Ros and also for Laura

Reminder of major events for Golden Anniversary at CHMC

28th April 'More than Gold' prayer, the bible and justice

29th April The Big Sing

18th May Flower arranging by Val Seed

12th-22nd June 'A Fisherman's Tale'

17th June Preacher Rev Helen Jenkins

14th July Family Fun Afternoon

15th July Preacher Dr Judith Rossall

8th September Early evening Beetle Drive

9th September Preacher Rev Mark Hammond

27th-30th September 'It's a Miracle' Flower Festival

30th September Harvest Festival Rev Debbie Lucas

All of these preachers are former members of CHMC and have then gone into the ministry



Church Life



Homegroups

Monday	Wendy and Les Turner	8pm
Monday	Rachel Monkhouse	8pm
Monday	Pam Howie	7.45pm
Tuesday	<i>Evening reflective worship at Church Pat James</i>	7.00pm]
Tuesday	Val Pickwell	8pm
Wednesday	Dilys and Maurice Turnpenney	8pm
3rd Thursday Thursday	John Harrington	10am – 12 noon

MEETING TOGETHER

People to contact

Sunday

Young Church 10.00 Pauline Moore

Tuesday

Cameo 10.30 Val Pickwell

Banner Making 14.00 Sue Jacklin

Reflective Worship 19.00 Pat James

Rock Solid 19.30 Emma Coe

Wednesday

Toddler Group 10.30 Susie Metcalfe

Contact 14.30 George Lea

The Singers 18.45 Christine Watson

Thursday

Baby Chat 10.30 Susie Metcalfe

Network 14.30 Ruth Mason

Scouts 19.15 David Heatley

Friday

Tiddlywinks 10.30 Susie Metcalfe

Beavers 18.30 Jacqui Metcalfe

(6- 8years)Parish Rooms

Cubs 18.30 Andrew Thompson

Thorn Grove Guide HQ

Focus 19.30 Val Pickwell

Heating Steward: R. Watson/A Hardman

Envelope Secretary: David Clark

Room Bookings: Church Office

Transport Rota: George Lea

Bookstall: -