Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church



Notices for Sunday 17th December 2017

A prayer in preparation for worship

God-with-us, Emmanuel, may we Wait expectantly, Prepare prayerfully, Act carefully, Live hopefully, Every day with you. Amen.

Services Sunday 17th December	Services Sunday 24th December Christmas Eve
10am Nativity for all ages, led by Rev'd Philip Peacock	10am Carol Service 'Journey to Bethlehem'
6.30pm A Youthful take on Christmas, evening worship	4.30pm Christingle service For the young and young at heart (please join us at 4pm to make your own Christingle and for festive music and refreshments, before the service)
	11.15pm Candlelit Christmas Communion

Prayer

Please pray for those leading our worship today. Please pray for Mr. Bob Bartindale, preaching at Lawton Moor and Northenden this morning.

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.

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Quiet Room before worship

From 9.15 - 9.45am and 5.45 - 6.15pm each Sunday, Room 2 will normally be available for quiet reflection, personal preparation for worship and for anyone to pray for those leading worship.

Decorating the Christmas Tree

This year we are following a theme of 'Christmas Journeys' for our Christmas Services. To link with this, we are going to decorate the Christmas tree with luggage labels. You are invited to put the name of Jesus or another name by which He is known on a label (and decorate it a bit more as you wish) or draw on a label a picture which relates to a journey people made at the first Christmas (eg the shepherds or the wise men).

Luggage labels will initially be available in the church office and then by the Christmas tree.

Christmas Day Worship

There will be an all age worship service on Christmas Day at 10am 'From Heaven to earth'. Please bring along a present that you have received to show everyone!

Women's Network Programme

Meetings are held at Church, every Thursday at 2.30pm.

Forthcoming meetings:

Thursday 11th January '60 Years in the Highlands' with Ros Brown

Focus

Focus meets on the third Friday of each month, in the Coffee Lounge at 7.30 pm. The next meeting will be held on 19th January: 'Howard's End is on the landing', with Mr. Duncan Booth.

Reunion Weekend, 3rd and 4th March 2018

Invitations are available around the Church. Please take as many as you'd like and pass them on to people, pop them in your Christmas cards and spread the word about the Reunion weekend!

Flower Visitor in December—a note for all

The flower visitor for December is Ann Booth and not Jane Kemp, who is listed in the magazine.

Prayer on the front cover written by Ruth Gee, Darlington District Chair, and used with permission of The Methodist Church. Copyright © Trustees for Methodist

Chelwood Foodbank

Our next collection for Chelwood Baptist Church's Foodbank is on **Sunday 14th January**. If you are unable to bring groceries, cash donations are also very gratefully received. The Foodbank is currently very short of coffee, sugar, cordial juices, tinned fruit and custard. Any of these items, together with any festive items (such as chocolate, Christmas puddings), would be gratefully received..

With many thanks.

Toddlers

Toddlers needs your help! We're looking for temporary help 2-3 Wednesdays a month to help monitor the door and prevent potential escapees! Ideally we would need you from 10.30 (or 10.45) until about 12noon to hover by the hall door as people arrive & then move inside the hall door once everyone has moved into the hall. You would not be involved in setting up or tidying away any toys or chairs. If you think you can help, please contact Susie or Pauline. Thanks in advance!

Ultimate Book Club

The New Year may be a good time to consider the Ultimate Book Club. We meet from 1-2pm on the first Sunday of every month except Easter Sunday. The next book, Philemon only takes 5 minutes to read but has lots of issues within it. George Robertson, senior steward at Bramhall Methodist Church will speak about this book on 7 January in Centrepoint. The meeting is preceded with soup and hot drinks served from 12 noon.

Bible Study

There will be no meeting in December, but we hope to resume on Thursday January 25th, 1.30 - 3.00, here at Church.

You would be very welcome to join the group, as we continue "Taking a closer look at the book of Acts"

Church Office

The Church Administrators won't be in the office from Saturday 23rd December to Wednesday 3rd January. **Room Bookings**— please let Andrew or Richard know about any changes to room bookings over Christmas and New Year, so that the heating can be altered accordingly.

Notices

Please e-mail or hand in any items for the Church notices to the **Church office** by Wednesday each week. Notices on 24th December will span a 2 week period

Calendar for December 2017

Details of all groups can be found in the Church Magazine

Monday

<u>Refugee Matters</u> - a group meets regularly to share information and to PRAY about this on going crisis. Usually on the FIRST MONDAY of the month, but we are NOT meeting in January. The next meeting will be on February 5th. Everyone is welcome

Tuesday

CAMEO meets again on Tues 9th January at 10.30am to 2.15pm. Banners meets again on Tuesdays in January at 1.30pm Reflective Worship meets again on 19th Dec at 7.00pm Rock Solid meets again on Tuesday 9th January at 7.15pm

Wednesday

Toddlers meets again on Weds 3rd January at 10.15am Contact meets again on 17th January, for a meal at the 3 Bears, Hazel Grove (please contact Elaine or George to reserve a place)

Thursday

Baby Chat meets at 10.30am on Thursday 4th January Network meets on Thursday 11th January at 2.30pm. Scouts meets on Thursdays at 7.15pm

Friday

Tiddlywinks meets again at 10.30am on 12th January 2018. Focus meets on 3rd Friday of the month, next on 19th January at 7.30pm

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