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THE MAGAZINE

Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church



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*Our Mission:-
Living For Christ,
Living With Christ,
Living to Make Christ known*

To what kind of church do you wish to belong?

The novelist D.H. Lawrence wrote an essay about the early days of the Church. In it he confessed that he was impressed by the Church's passion and boldness, by its sense of purpose and adventure, and by the fact that there were those who were willing to die for their faith. He said that if he had been alive in those early days he would have wanted to be a Christian.

However, D.H. Lawrence lived at the end of the nineteenth and beginning of the twentieth century (1885-1930) and wrote that he did not want to be part of the Church of those times. The Church he knew was tired and dull and concerned with questions that did not relate much to everyday life. He saw little adventure or passion in it.

Sometimes today people suggest that what the Church needs to do is to recapture the kind of life that the early church enjoyed, such as that portrayed in Acts 4:32-35. I think I understand something of this, though it does not provide a perfect solution.

When we read the Acts of the Apostles, we discover a great adventure story with remarkable things happening as the Spirit of God empowers and guides those early Christians. However, from what we read elsewhere in the New Testament letters, we have to recognise that there was not always harmony and goodness in those early days. There were divisions, power struggles, immorality and other un-Christian behaviour appearing in various congregations, such as at Corinth. We might long for the Church to be a praying, learning, caring, giving community, but at the same time we need a sense of realism about how difficult it is for this ideal to be achieved.

The story in Acts also speaks about a Church that functioned in a particular context at a particular time in history. Initially, the apostles spoke to Jews who were well-versed in the Hebrew Scriptures and who took the existence of God as read. This meant that the apostles were easily able to engage in God-talk with them. When the mission broadened to encompass the Greek-speaking world, the challenge was to find new ways of connecting with their audiences, which related to their cultures. In twenty-first century Britain, in a culture which is sometimes called post-Christian, the Church cannot expect simply to use the same Church model that the apostles did and expect it to be effective. Different ways of relating might need to be explored attuned to our own context.

However, we must acknowledge that D. H. Lawrence's criticism of the Church of his time might equally be levelled at ours today. Church life can become tepid or cold, stuck in a rut, too complacent or comfortable. Faith might become too sceptical or rationalistic, or be considered to be of little relevance to contemporary life. Yet this is not the case all the time or everywhere. There are Christians who are ready to make sacrifices, those who live saintly lives, those who struggle for justice and peace, those who are Good Samaritans to others. Like the broader picture of the New Testament Church, today's Church has its good points and bad ones.

For me, learning from the life of the early Church (and from the Church in other times) is important to help us see how the Spirit of God has been at work in the past. However, what seems to be of greater significance is how the Spirit of God is acting today, breathing new life into churches, healing broken people and broken relationships, encouraging Christians to take risks, equipping ordinary folk to do extraordinary things. I trust that out of all this the Spirit will bring into being a Church that is fit for today's world, one of adventure and passion, to which modern-day D. H. Lawrences might wish to belong.

May the Spirit shape our own church community in appropriate ways, that we may be able to witness effectively, in all the ways we can, to the love and grace that are to be found in Christ Jesus.

Philip



Preaching Series

June 14th: Made for mission - Matthew 28:16-20

July 5th: Final preparations - Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:45-53

More information can be found at <http://www.40days.info>

District Services at CHMC:

12th July at 6.30pm Farewell Service for Rev Keith Davies

2nd Sept. at 6.30pm Welcome Service for Rev Dr Andrew Lunn

Come and Worship

Sunday 7th June

09.30 - 10.45am Taste
10.00am Rev David Clowes
6.30pm Rev Alan Mimmack

Tues 9th June 7.00pm – Reflective Worship
Wed 10th June 10.30am - Wednesday Worship

Sunday 14th June

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock with Holy Communion
6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock

Tues 16th June 7.00pm – Reflective Worship
Wed 17th June 10.30am - Wednesday Worship

Sunday 21st June

9.30 -10.45 am Taste
10.00am Rev Philip Peacock with commissioning of
Pastoral Visitors
6.30pm Rev Jeremy Tresise with Reflective Worship

Tues 23rd June 7.00pm - Reflective Worship
Wed 24th June 10.30am - Wednesday Worship
with Holy Communion

Sunday 28th June

10.00am Mr Nick Harding
6.30pm Rev Geoffrey Barnard with Holy Communion and
prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Tues 30th June 7.00pm – Reflective Worship
Wed 1st July 10.30am - Wednesday Worship

Mid-week Worship and Learning

Home Groups meet 1st and 3rd weeks -

Fellowship Groups – Please see 'For Your Diary'

Articles for the July Magazine
By 14th June PLEASE.

*Articles can be sent via e-mail for
publication in this magazine,*

in 'Word' format for text - Arial font 16

.jpeg for images, posters etc please, to
margulson346@gmail.com or chmc@talktalkbusiness.net

Christian Aid

I want to begin by thanking all who have contributed to our recent Christian Aid Week activities.

- 2402 red envelopes were delivered to 2402 homes in our area by 7 deliverers and 30 deliverer/collectors
- 1156 red envelopes were received back
- 1 cook, fed 12 counters with 3 pans of home-made soup, bread, cakes and coffee.
- Busy scales and computer calculations told us we had gathered £3.700 (+ a little?) for Christian Aid
- Enabling CA to offer 1 cow (with life changing possibilities) to 25 families like that of Loko in Ethiopia

So, again, thank you to everyone who helped in any way - it was fun! Each contribution enabled this happy outcome
"Moo" x 25 to you all.

Christian Aid was begun soon after the war to enable people in abject poverty to escape from that situation to “the table of life”, as the inspiring Chief Executive Officer, Loretta Minghella, says CA works directly with those in such poverty, via locally-based partners. Hence, when the recent earthquake struck Nepal, C.A. was quickly able to distribute water-purifying sachets and tarpaulins for shelter to those needing these things, by giving them to our partners for immediate distribution. C.A. is still responding to the needs in Nepal, and is now committed to stay “for as long as it takes” to re-establish the families remaining, with sustainable means of surviving: for instance, agriculture and crafts or businesses.

Much has been learnt about assisting people to escape from poverty, and ours could be the generation that sees such injustice eradicated. *or not.* For unless, as a global community, we also reduce our world-emissions of polluting gases our planet will be changed beyond recognition, and become uninhabitable. We have been warned! There is no Plan B and no Planet B.

(We are currently using up the resources of two and a half planets, yet we have only one planet from which to use. How sustainable is that?)

This is why Loretta Minghella has already had discussions with David Cameron and with Ed Milliband (she was working on this well before the election), and telling them that she is speaking on behalf of 11 million C.A. supporters: she told them that we

are very concerned that UK should continue to lead the world in seizing the political opportunity opened up (by our world-Leading Climate Act) to demand *Effective Global action now!* To ensure that our new Parliament is aware of our concern about this, C.A. and the ACT Alliance (a coalition of over 140 churches in over 140 countries, to create positive change in the lives of the poor and marginalised) have planned a mass lobby of our new MP's at Westminster on Wed. June 17th, 1- 4pm. There will be services from noon to 1pm in local churches and a "Speak-Up Finale" at 4:30 pm. Please indicate to Margaret Clarke if you are considering attending)

In UK we have only minor inconveniences from the effects of climate change so far but when we remember that it was from our Industrial Revolution that the changes started to escalate, we cannot pretend it has nothing to do with us. Those who first feel the effects of climate changes are the same ones C.A. focuses on....those on the margins of survival. Recently a Grandmother, struggling against the effects of a recent disaster, asked Loretta, "What are you doing about Climate Change?" We could show that we care by supporting the lobby on June 17th, and by continuing to support C.A. about Tax Justice, and the current focus on Eradicating Gender Inequality. In the developing world, women do two-thirds of the work, receive 10% of the pay and own 1% of the property. The innate abilities and acquired wisdom of such women to survive on a pittance need to be released into community activities for the common good.

The Millennium Development Goals have made inroads into some of their targeted areas, and by Sept. 2015 the U.N. will have formulated the targets for the next 15 years. Loretta asks us to be praying for their discernment as they finalise these. (They are to be applicable globally, so UK will also be challenged to re-think some of our accepted "norms". Faith Leaders will very much be involved in these reassessments).

And our prayers are also asked that the U.N. Climate Summit in December 2015 will galvanise effective action on a world-wide scale, to make humanity's life-style on Planet Earth sustainable.

The three strands of Christian Aid's action are

GIVE PRAY ACT.

Please remember Paul's appeal "not to grow weary in well-doing"! Galatians 6 v. 9

Margaret Clarke.

CHELWOOD FOODBANK UPDATE 6

Foodbank Update

We have recently been visited by Booth's supermarkets who have just opened a new store in Hale Barns. They approached us as they wanted to support a local, independent food bank. They will support the foodbank by positioning a permanent collection bin in their store and will provide volunteer placements for some of our clients if required.

Our Edgeley foodbank – the 'Olive Branch' has been open since the beginning of February. As well as running a foodbank every Wednesday morning, it also opens twice a week on Monday and Thursday afternoons as a 'drop-in' for people who need a chat, some advice or help with basic IT skills.

We have recently done food collections at the Co-Op in Edgeley and the Co-Op in Cheadle Hulme so we have been able to top-up our general food stocks. However, we are always running out of the usual specifics such as UHT milk, sugar, juices, biscuits, pasta sauces, tinned meats and tinned fish.

Loaves & Fishes

Our homeless project has now been extended so that we offer a hot meal every Saturday and Sunday evening at Stepping Stones in Stockport. We have seen a steady increase in numbers and now average between 35 – 45 clients every night. We believe that God has plans to develop the ministry by acquiring some sort of premises that could be used to accommodate homeless people and offer them a warm, safe Christian environment. To this end, we have been challenged by Isaiah ch. 58 and have decided that we need to pray and fast regularly and trust that God will open the right doors for us. A group of our volunteers have decided to pray and fast every Tuesday for the vision for Loaves & Fishes and we would welcome others to join us if they feel so led.

Many thanks for your generous support - we could not function without your help.

SteveHough, Operations Manager Chelwood Foodbank

Party in the Park

This year's Party in the Park at Oak Meadow on Station Road, will take place on Saturday July 11th. In previous years there have been lots of stalls, a bouncy castle, food and bands playing etc. throughout the day. The Church has run a stall for the last few years (under a gazebo!) with some free children's activities. This is a great opportunity to talk to people about the activities, groups and services that take place in the church for all ages, and to share some information leaflets. It would be great if we could have people to run the stall throughout the day, there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex nearer the time. Also if you have a group you would like specially advertised please let Maggie or myself know. Many thanks in advance. Emma

News of the Family

Thanks

Joyce Timmins would like to thank the Church Family for the lovely cards sent to her during her recent stay in hospital and the flowers brought to her on her return home Thank You.

We have had many thanks for the Easter Flowers which have been much appreciated.

Roy Eckersall thanks everyone who have enquired and prayed for his daughter, Jenny's welfare in Burundi during the failed coup that took place on Wednesday. She got out the previous Sunday by plane to South Africa. Hopefully all her Christian Development work will not be wasted

Maurice and Dilys Turnpenney
Invite you to join them in celebrating their
Golden Wedding Anniversary
Please join us for a Cream Tea
at the home of our daughter and son-in-law
57 Highfield Road,
Cheadle Hulme, SK8 6EN
Saturday 8th August 2015
2pm-5pm

*No presents please, but if you wish there will
be an opportunity to make a donation to
St Ann's Hospice*



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.**

The **Flower Visitor** for June is
Jacqui Harnett



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 – Liz Parkinson, Neil and Liz's mum, Maureen and Alan Bodger, Susan Howie.

WILLS EVENT

We are planning a coffee morning (date to be during June or July) when Abney Garsden will come along with information regarding making a Will.

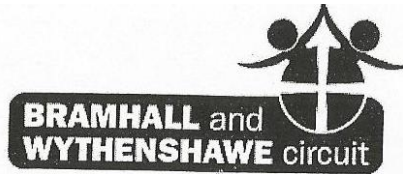
We hope to encourage people to leave a legacy to CHMC if possible to thank God for all that they have been blessed with here and to affirm the future of the Church in Cheadle Hulme.

Please watch the notices for further information.

The Leadership Team

Coffee Rota

We are still asking whether you could help on the coffee rota. Help people enjoy a drink and a chat after the morning service Probably about once every 8 weeks with flexible dates If you could help please contact Mike and Jane Kemp 485 2177



Encircled in Care

A six-session course looking at the opportunities and challenges of pastoral care, ideal for Pastoral Visitors or anyone interested in developing their awareness and skills in caring.

Tuesday evenings 7.30pm at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church
or

Thursday afternoons 2pm at St Andrews Church
Wythenshawe.

Cheadle Hulme	St Andrews	Topic
9 th June	11 th June	Introduction: why do we care
16 th June	18 th June	Developing pastoral skills
23 rd June	25 th June	Prayer, care and discipleship
30 th June	2 nd July	Health, healing and wellbeing
7 th July	9 th July	Loss and bereavement
14 th July	16 th July	Developing good practice

Each Unit stands alone so you do not need to attend all six sessions

The quality of our caring is a sign of God's love and a witness to others that Christians have something special to offer a broken world that needs healing and reconciliation

Please book a place via Maggie in the church office

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Toilet Twinning and Great Heights

Great Heights would like to thank you all for your fantastic support so far in raising lots of money for 'Toilet Twinning'. For those who don't know this is a project which provides people in the poorest communities on the planet with a decent toilet, clean water and all the information they need to stay healthy. It's the key to helping whole communities break free of the poverty trap. For more information you can visit <http://www.toilettwinning.org/>

Thanks to many of you for collecting spare change in your homes (many of you using the small home made toilets as collection pots). We have managed to raise £180 so far (enabling us to provide three toilets already).

Our hope is to be able to provide overseas as many toilets as we have in our church (we reckon that is 11 - feel free to hunt round the building and find them all and correct us if we are wrong!) so at £60 each we hope to get £660

We ask you to continue supporting us by using the home-made toilets as collection pots for any spare change you have, and also Great Heights are planning to do a sponsored walk at the end of June/beginning of July (Date to be confirmed and more information to follow).

If anyone would like a small toilet to have at home to put any coins in, please see a member of Great Heights. If yours is full we have a large toilet we try and have out on a Sunday where donations can be added.

Thank you on behalf of us all for your support - we are really pleased with the amount raised so far and we ask you to continue supporting us in trying to provide toilets for places that really need them.

Peter Gunn, Oliver Booth, Gideon Coe
Malcolm Gunn, Phil and Jacqui Sarbutts

For Your Diary

Monday Morning Cafe

Continues each week but with a break on 25th May
Everyone welcome to come and have a chat and a special selection of light refreshments.

CAMEO

on Tuesdays 10.15am to 2pm when elderly people come to have a chat, enjoy entertainment and have a hot meal. No group on June 2nd.

Toddlers

Toddlers meet on Wednesdays at 10.45am-12noon There will be no Toddler group on 27th May or 3rd June but will continue for the rest of the term from 10th June

Friendly Food

Wednesdays at 12.15pm the hot meal - £3 adults and £1. Anyone welcome - just come. We will also be having a break on 27th May and 3rd June and back on 10th June

Network

On 11th June at 2.30pm there will be a Strawberry Tea with a Bring and Buy sale of items beginning with the letter 'S'

Contact

A trip is planned for 25th June 10am-5pm to Little Moreton Hall and Englesea Brook Chapel - a Museum of Primitive Methodism. Would you please let George Lea know if you are wanting to go on this trip. As there is a need to use cars he will need to know if you want 'a lift' or would be able to volunteer as a car driver.

Focus

We are hoping to have a meal out on the last week of June - and will let you know details as soon as possible

Men's Breakfast

Will be on Saturday 13th June at 8.30 - 10.00am.
Come along for 8.30am and after clearing up be away for about 10.30am. For further details contact John Harrington

Foodbank

Continues with our collection of tins of fish or meat on the second Sunday of each month.

Horizon Project

Ivor and Shirley's Home Group invite you to an

OPEN GARDEN

23 Acre Lane, Cheadle Hulme

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th June

Enjoy a wonder around the garden; partake in tea and cake, a Bumble Bee trail and Fun and Garden Games for all.



Plant Stall, Cake and Preservative Stall
Ticket price £4 per adult and donations for children.



The Leprosy Mission

We continue to collect stamps towards the work of the Leprosy Mission in an effort to transform lives of those in need in Asia and Africa. The mission expresses their gratitude for our collection of stamps.

It is better for stamps to be left on their backing and not be soaked off. A maximum of 5mm of single thickness paper around each edge of the stamp is just right.

News of Steve and Rosalind

Steve's team has welcomed a new member, Billy. He has a wealth of experience as a programmer and the team has been learning a new way of creating web applications. We have also said goodbye to Meagan and hello to Jim Cartwright. He has been with Wycliffe for many years and he works 32 hours a week with us and 8 in the aviation department.

Doug and Beth Wright have been helping get the New Testament translated into the Logo language of north-eastern DR Congo. After 18 years of work the manuscript is almost ready for the printers. Please pray that the Logo New Testament will be printed and delivered to the 400,000 Logo speakers.



Church Life



Homegroups

Monday	Shirley and Ivor John 23 Acre Lane	8pm
Monday	Andy Longworth 26 Sherbourne Close	8pm
Tuesday	Pat James 32 Woodfield Road	7.45pm
Tuesday	Val Pickwell 8 Manor Lodge Park Road	8pm
Wednesday	Dilys and Maurice Turnpenny 7 Twining Brook Road	8pm
Thursday 3rd Thursday	Helen and John Harrington 2 Leyland Avenue Gatley	10am – 12 noon

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

Don't forget that there is still time to sponsor Bob Bartindale for his 'Walk for Syria' through Tear Fund. Details are in the May magazine and it would help if you use Git Aid too. Thank you.

MEETING TOGETHER

People to Contact

Sunday

Young Church	10:00	Rick Price
Great Heights	20:15	Phil & Jacqui Sarbutts

Tuesday

Cameo	10:30	Margaret Clarke
Banner Making	14:00	Sue Jacklin
Contact	15:00	George Lea
Tuesday Evening		
Reflective Worship	19:00	Kathryn Price
Rock Solid	19:30	John Harrington

Wednesday

Wednesday Worship	10:30	Fred Busby
Toddler Group	10:45	Emma Coe
Friendly Food	12:15	Hazel Crummett
The Singers	18:45	Christine Watson

Thursday

Baby Chat	10:30	Emma Coe
Women's Network	14:30	Margaret Pattie
Scouts	19:15	Kevin Brown

Friday

Tiddlywinks	10:30	Emma Coe
Beavers (6-8 years)	18:30	Jacqui Metcalfe
(Parish Rooms)		
Cubs (Woods La Guide HQ)	18:30	Neil Davison
Focus	19:30	Val Pickwell

Saturday

Men's Breakfast	8:30	John Harrington
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HEATING STEWARD:

ENVELOPE SECRETARY:

ROOM BOOKINGS:

PLAYGROUP 9:15

TRANSPORT ROTA:

BOOKSTALL:

Prayer Requests

George Lea
Maggie Thompson
Christine Watson
George Lea
Helen Harrington
Colin & Kathryn Taylor

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