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Our Mission

Living With Christ

Living For Christ

Living to Make Christ Known

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If you include your personal contact details in your article then it will be assumed that you are giving consent for these to be included in the paper copy of the magazine, which will be in the public domain.

You are invited

Is Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church a 'welcoming' church? You may think so, as that may have been your experience. Also, there are those who look out for new people coming to worship (or other activities), who seek to make sure that newcomers are spoken to, invited for coffee, given information etc. before they leave. However, we should recognise that we all have a part to play in welcoming others. We should not just rely on somebody else doing it.

Another question we might ask is: is CHMC an 'inviting' church? This is taking things a step further. Do we invite others to come to worship or other activities? If so, if they accept the invitation, do we seek to come with them, sit with them, help them feel at home?

There is an initiative called 'The National Weekend of Invitation' when churches are encouraged to invite others to be their guests. This is Friday 26th to Sunday 28th June this year, but it can be held at another time, and we have decided to join in with this idea the weekend before (Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June). There will be a 'Fun Afternoon' on the Saturday and a traditional preaching service and 'Connect' (a fresh approach to worship) on the Sunday. Invitation cards will be available prior to these activities for you to use to invite somebody to whatever might appeal to them.

Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph."

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked.

"Come and see," said Philip.

John 1:45-46 (NIV)

If you have been praying for people to come to know Jesus as part of the worldwide 'Thy Kingdom Come' programme or the 'Talking Jesus' course, this could be an opportunity for you to invite them to come to CHMC. Or it might be a chance to invite a neighbour or friend who might be curious about what goes on at church. Or there may be someone whom you have thought about inviting but you have never got round to it. Or there may

be someone who has drifted away from CHMC whom you could invite back. All this needs to be done sensitively. Having an invitation card and something specific to which you can invite someone may be a help.

Either side of our weekend of invitation, we are aiming to use other times around the main Christian festivals as specific occasions to invite others. So we will also be producing some invitation cards for services on Good Friday (there will be a 'Connect' activity in the afternoon as well as the traditional morning service), Harvest and Christmas.

Research suggests that there are people who do not go to church who would be ready to accept an invitation if it were offered. Unfortunately, our mind-set is often fixed upon believing that people would not be interested, so we do not invite them. Additionally, we may be fearful or anxious about doing so.

The most important thing about a weekend, or other times of invitation, is to get as many invitations offered as possible. Obviously, not all of them will be responded to positively, maybe only a small fraction will be. However, we do not know what the outcome of any invitation is going to be unless we offer it; and the more invitations, the more possible 'yesses' will result.

So, perhaps you might think prayerfully about whom you might invite to CHMC this year, and pray for opportunities to arise for invitations to be offered, and for the courage to take them.

As we embark on our Lent journey towards Easter, may God help us to grow in love and to live generously.

Philip.

Rev'd Philip Peacock
Minister



Come and Worship

Sunday March 1st

10:30 Morning Worship led by Rev Philip Peacock: ***Forgiven.***

Reflect led by Mr Derek Booth

10:30 Connect

Sunday March 8th

10:30 Morning Worship with Holy Communion led by

Rev Louise Gough

Young Church

6:30 Taizé style service led by Rev Louise Gough

Sunday March 15th

10:30 Morning Worship led by Rev Louise Gough: ***Planted.***

Reflect led by Mr Derek Booth

10:30 Connect

Sunday March 22nd

10:30 All Together led by Rev Philip Peacock and

Mr David James

6:30 Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing and Wholeness
led by Rev Philip Peacock

Sunday March 29th

10:30 All Together led by Mr John Harrington with Ms Emma
Owen of the Message Trust

6:30 Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme United Service at
All Saints Church

Following our Dreams

Did you come to the Dream Big meetings last spring? Would you like to hear how some of these dreams have been followed up? And maybe dream some more?

You are warmly invited to come along on Monday March 30th at 7.45pm in Room 2 to hear from Linda Rayner, our Fresh Expressions Missioner, as she tells us about the work that she has been leading and how it is developing.

We look forward to seeing you there

Lent Lunches.

Food and fellowship every Saturday in Lent

from 12 noon to 2 pm:

29 February at St Ann's Catholic Church

7 March at Friends Meeting House

14 March at Grove Lane Baptist Church

21 March at All Saints Parish Church

28 March at Cheadle Hulme URC

4 April at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

NO NEED TO BOOK - ALL WELCOME

We are hosting on April 4th. Offers of homemade soup welcome! Can you help on the day? We will be setting up the room at 11, serving soup with bread and cheese from 12 – 2, then clearing away.

Please contact Pat James

**40acts
of Generosity for Lent
a challenge for everyone.**



What if Lent could be about more than just giving things up, and instead be a time of generosity?

Over the past 10 years, *40acts* has become a movement of over 100,000 people on a mission to impact their communities with generosity.

40acts means being caring and perhaps giving some time, but it's not about money, it's about being kind and living distinctively as a friend of Jesus.

If you sign-up on the *40acts* website www.40acts.org.uk, you will receive an email per day (not Sundays) with an idea for an act of generosity – simple things like give-way to someone in a traffic queue, spend half-an-hour with your house-bound neighbour, offer to collect their shopping, or help make pancakes for a busy mum. Do you think we can do it? For 40 days?

It's practical mission – loving the community and being kind – demonstrating that we are Christians.

There are ideas for groups and churches too, and you'll find information about CHMC's Litter Pick elsewhere in this Magazine.

The great 2020 Litter Pick



CHMC helping in the Community.

On Sunday 1st March after church, we plan to pick up litter in Cheadle Hulme.

Everyone is welcome. Bring your friends from outside church for an afternoon of fun whilst we're doing something useful. Please wear old clothes and bring a pair of old gloves. If you have a high-vis jacket, please wear it too! Litter pickers and bags will be provided.

Please sign-up on the noticeboard so that we can order enough litter-pickers.

We hope to be joined by members of Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme.

Working together in mission.

*Timing: 12.30pm until 2.00pm
Meet near the kitchen at CHMC.*

Bring a light lunch and we can eat before we go out.

Contact Linda Rayner for more information

**The CHMC
Happy to Chat Table
@ SK Eight Café**



What are we doing?

CHMC has introduced a *Happy to Chat Table* at SK Eight Café. Someone from the church will sit for 90 minutes on a Tuesday with a cuppa and be prepared to chat with anyone who chooses to bring their drink and sit with us.

Conversation subject can be anything chosen by the person who joins us.

Why?

Our research into the community shows a high proportion of single-occupancy housing in the area, and it is likely that (like the rest of the country) there will be people who would quite like someone to chat with.

So we thought we'd give it a try.

SK Eight is an excellent match because it is a 'Social Enterprise' café, meaning that it is run in an ethical manner to benefit the community.

How does it feel?

Linda says "At first I felt conspicuous, but after a few minutes, I was quite comfortable and made the most of a quiet opportunity for people-watching. No-one joined me the first week, but a few people read the table sign and looked interested"

Can you help?

If you think you might be able to offer some time, please contact Linda Rayner. It will cost you the price of your drink – about £2.70.

If you can't come along, please would you pray when you know the Happy to Chat Table is in action?

Tuesdays from 2.00pm-3.30pm.

Church Family

Congratulations to Duncan Booth on being awarded a " Highly Commended " in the Methodist Recorder national photographic competition.

The theme was " All were for your glory made." Duncan's photograph was of a view across the sunlit water of Lake Zell in Austria with the snow-capped mountains beyond.

A truly " glorious " photo.

Well done Duncan.

Thanks

I would like to thank everyone for their cards, flowers, telephone calls and many offers of support and help following my recent operation. Also, thanks to my Pastoral Visitor, Barbara Clarke and Cheryl (flower visitor) for their support. I greatly value belonging to a caring and loving church family.

Val Pickwell

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 March is Jenni Hardman

In our prayers

We remember in our prayers those who have been in hospital recently, and those who are very poorly.

We continue to pray for those who are listed in our prayer book.

For Your Diary

Banner Group

Meets on Tuesdays at 1.30pm

Cameo

A meeting place for the elderly on Tuesdays 10.30am -2.15pm

Contact Group

Our next meeting will be on 18th March at 2.30pm, when we will welcome Rob Mason, Lancashire guitarist

Foodbank

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

Network

Meets every Thursday at 2.30pm

5th March visit to “Vintage Emporium” with lunch

12th March Poetry afternoon

19th March Dog’s Trust

26th March Sue Jacklin

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.

Toddlers Wednesdays at 10.30am

Baby Chat Thursdays 10.30am

Wobblers 1st, 2nd and 3rd Fridays of the month at 10.00am

Tiddlywinks 4th Friday of the month at 10.30am

Prayer challenges and opportunities

Would you like to feel more confident praying with people one to one? Do you feel uncertain about what you should pray for, and how to pray? Are you inclined to leave it to the 'experts'? There's an opportunity to find out more about why we pray for church members, people we pastorally visit, or those we just come across.

We are privileged to have a team coming from The Beacon House of Prayer on ***Tuesday 17th March*** from 7.30 – 9.00pm in the coffee lounge.

Please let Margaret Parker or any member of the prayer team know by 10th March if you plan to come.

New Christian Bookshop in Bolton.

You may have heard that the CLC Christian bookshop in Stockport closed in January. The good news is that, on February 15th, a new Christian bookshop opened in central Bolton. You will find them at Unit 1, 2-5 Crown Street Bolton, BL1 2RU They can be contacted by phone on 01204 532384 Or visit their website at www.isaiah53christianbookshop.org

We invite you to

Connect

a fresh approach to worship

with Easter

Good Friday, April 10th

Join us to celebrate the real story of Easter in an informal style.

4:00 pm Easter Egg Hunt,

4:30 pm short Service

**You may have come to celebrate Christmas at our Christingle –
we know you and your family will enjoy our Easter Event!**

Update from 23 Christian Aid Projects we helped set up in 2018.

Christian Aid and their Partner in Iraq set up projects in Kikut and Tikrit, to enable 18-35 year olds become self-sufficient. Having been taught business skills, now over 100 have already set up successful businesses, thanks to the support and encouragement which the project supplies to maintain their confidence. They now have hope for a sustainable future.

On the outskirts of Beirut (Lebanon), in 2018, Christian Aid, working with their local Partner, set up a project for 400 children (100 of whom are refugees from Syria) from overcrowded conditions in the city. They now have access to food, education and opportunities to play, all of which greatly improve their healthier development. [We raised £5000 from Cheadle Hulme, for Christian Aid to begin these projects - which was subsequently 6x “match-funded” - so making £30,000 available to do their work. THANK YOU!]

Please will you continue to support Christian Aid this year? We pray for the workers and partakers in these projects - that the children will be kept safe and able to thrive and that businesses will continue to support the families who depend upon them. Amen.

Margaret Clarke.

MEETING TOGETHER

People to contact

Sunday

Young Church	10.30	Pauline Moore
Great Heights	19.00	

(1st and 3rd Sundays)

Tuesday

Cameo	10.30	
Banner Making	14.00	
Reflective Worship	19.00	

Wednesday

Toddler Group	10.30	Susie Metcalfe
Contact	14.30	
The Singers	18.45	

Thursday

Baby Chat	10.30	Susie Metcalfe
Network	14.30	

Friday

Wobblers	10.00	Susie Metcalfe
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(1st, 2nd, 3rd Fridays)

Tiddlywinks	10.30	Susie Metcalfe
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(4th Friday)

Beavers	18.30	
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(6- 8years)Parish Rooms

Cubs	18.30	
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