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# **THE MAGAZINE**

**Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church**



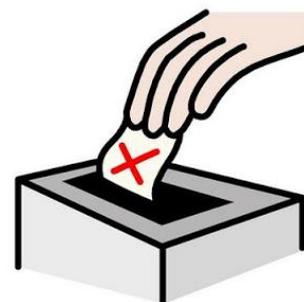
*Our Mission:-*

*Living For Christ, Living With Christ,  
Living to Make Christ Known*

## The Election



I am writing this only just after Parliament has been dissolved (because of magazine deadlines and me taking some time off after Easter). By the time that you read it, you may be suffering from pre-election overload. However, it seems appropriate to offer some comment here before the polling booths open on May 7<sup>th</sup>. When it comes to elections we often want to know how the policies of the various political parties are likely to affect us individually. The parties know that, so there are policies targeted at particular groups of voters, such as first-time home buyers, which will benefit them. We want to hear how specific manifesto pledges are likely to affect our standard of living, our job prospects, our treatment within the National Health Service, and so on. ‘What’s in it for me?’ could be the bottom line. However, whilst there is nothing wrong with wanting to know what the impact of having one party or another in government is going to be for us individually, our Christian faith suggests that there must be more to our thinking than that. Our love for God might lead us to believe that certain kingdom values need to be upheld – such as justice and compassion. Our love for our neighbour might prompt us to ask, ‘What’s in it for her or him?’, with us wanting to learn that there might be positive outcomes for others. In the end, we might feel that it more important for others than ourselves to get the better deal. Obviously, we have to weigh up all the options available, find the party that then best fits our thinking and values, and vote accordingly (though, for some, tactical voting might come into play).



Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, in collaboration with a number of partners, has come up with a simple statement outlining a vision of the ‘Good Society’. In summary form its ‘2020 Vision of a Good Society’ is as follows:

- All citizens have access to enough income to enable them to live with dignity, either through paid work or through a properly functioning welfare safety net.

- Reasonably priced homes where people can flourish are available for everyone who needs them and there is a reliable safety net for all homeless people.
- All children and young people are enabled to live fulfilling flourishing lives, their contributions are valued, and they are enabled to grow and achieve their potential.
- An economy that is in service to every person irrespective of their wealth or the market value of their labour; including robust action to clamp down on tax dodging.
- UK greenhouse gas emissions are falling rapidly, and the Government has helped to secure a global climate deal that limits global temperature rises to 2 degrees.

Obviously, five short bullet points cannot say everything, but you may wish to reflect upon how the different parties measure up to these aspirations or how important you think these things may be. (If you want to look at more detail you could visit: <https://ctbielections.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/2020-vision-of-the-Good-Society.pdf>)

I have not written any of this to persuade you to vote for any particular political party, though I hope you will be putting a cross in one box or another on polling day. My purpose has simply been to encourage you to think and pray about the forthcoming election from something of a Christian perspective as you decide for whom to vote.

May God guide us in our deliberations,

*Philip*

#### Preaching Series 40 Days with Jesus

April 19<sup>th</sup>: A life-transforming encounter - John 20:1-18

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: An eye opening journey - Luke 24:13-35

May 17<sup>th</sup>: When Jesus comes in the midst - John 20:19-31

May 31<sup>st</sup>: Overcoming Failure - John 21:1-22

June 14<sup>th</sup>: Made for mission - Matthew 28:16-20

July 5<sup>th</sup>: Final preparations - Acts 1:1-11; Luke 24:45-53

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

## Church Pastoral Worker

Dear all, my name is Ray Francis and I am married to Sue, we have been married for over 32 years.



We have two children, Emma who you see below and Tony who tends to be a little camera shy,



we also have two granddaughters Sophie and Isabel who belong to Emma.



I am looking forward to meeting all of you in due course as your new lay worker. Margaret has asked if I could tell you a bit about myself, so here goes.

I was born in Acton, London but spent a lot of my childhood in Kent, being raised in care, I did spend some time going to church but left when I was around 13, not to return until God entered my life in a big way some 35 years later. My teenage years were spent riding motorbikes and getting into trouble, (I did once have long green hair).

Sue and I met when we both worked in the local hospital where she was nursing and were married. I believe that God placed her into my life to be my anchor, she is not only my soul mate but my light in the storms of life. I would love to tell you about my conversion but I do need to keep this short for now but I will be glad to share this with you soon.

I have been a lay worker for the Methodist Church since leaving college in 2002 where I received a BA (Hons) in Biblical and Evangelistic Ministry and have been working in both the church and the community in pastoral and out-reach work. Before this

time I worked not only in the Health Service but also as a bus driver in London.

As I write this I am reminded of a small community that lives in central Africa. The men there have a unique way of making music. They each whittle musical pipes out of a piece of wood but each pipe is only able to play a single note, one man makes the pipe that can play an A flat another a D, another a F sharp and so on. Because each pipe can only play one note all must work together to create music. If someone is missing, the music is not complete and lacks harmony. If we then imagine that each one of us is a pipe what joyful music we can play together and in so doing glorify God.

I am looking forward to be able to bring my note to the wonderful music that you are already playing for our Lord.

Ray Francis – Pastoral Worker.

### Services

In May, we have two significant evening services taking place, one at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church on 10<sup>th</sup> May and the other at Macclesfield Methodist Church the following week (17<sup>th</sup>), both at 6.30pm.

The first is a service in which we will admit Pat James and Malcolm Gunn as Local Preachers and it will include Holy Communion.

The second is the District Ordinands' Testimony Service, in which the Rev'd Tim Nicholls will be taking part. (Later, in June, Tim will be ordained in Chester Cathedral.)

Both these services are occasions for thanksgiving and recognise how people have responded to God's call to serve him in particular ways.

Please remember Pat, Malcolm and Tim in your prayers as they approach these dates and, if you are able, please go along to share in their joy.

# *Come and Worship*

## **Sunday 3rd May**

09.30 - 10.45am Taste

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock – with commissioning of stewards

6.30pm Mary Langton

**Tues 5th May** 7.00pm – Reflective Worship

**Wed 6th May** 10.30am - Wednesday Worship

## **Sunday 10th May**

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock with Holy Communion

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock – LP admission service

**Tues 12th May** 7.00pm – Reflective Worship

**Wed 13th May** 10.30am - Wednesday Worship

## **Sunday 17th May**

9.30 -10.45 am Taste

10.00am David James

6.30pm District Ordinands' Testimony Service at  
Macclesfield Methodist Church

**Tues 19th May** 7.00pm - Reflective Worship

**Wed 20th May** 10.30am - Wednesday Worship with Holy  
Communion

## **Sunday 24th May Pentecost**

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock with Holy Communion

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock with Holy Communion and  
prayers for Healing

**Tues 26th May** 7.00pm – Reflective Worship

**Wed 27th May** 10.30am - Wednesday Worship

## **Sunday 31st May**

10.00am Margaret Parker

6.30pm Rev Tim Nicholls reflective worship

**Tues 2nd June** 7.00pm - Reflective Worship

**Wed 3rd June** 10.30am - Wednesday Worship

## **Mid-week Worship and Learning**

**Home Groups** meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks -

**Fellowship Groups** – Please see 'For Your Diary'

## Church Administrator

Having established Philip as our minister, said thank you to Alison and now welcomed Ray as our Pastoral Worker, thought with gratitude of all Emma does, it is high time we considered the work that Maggie does for us as the Church Administrator.

You will all know how hard Maggie works for us, helping and supporting us all in whatever role we play. As well as having her 'finger on the pulse' of all that is happening in the church, she has also done work for the Circuit, before Catherine Clowes became Circuit Administrator. She has, and is, supporting the Horizon project, though this is not in her job description. Believing firmly in the Out - Reach aspect of this project she has played a major part in many of our events as we plan and run them. Finding we had no event in April or May she set up the Afternoon Tea on Easter Monday for April and is planning Saturday Lunch for us on 30th May. She has, and will, do the cooking herself along with a helping hand from her husband, Mike, who also served the afternoon tea. They will be receiving help from the Explorers to serve the lunch in May while they beaver away in the kitchen. This pair have also taken on the organising and running of the Monday Morning Cafe, along with Barbara Clark, and provide the lunch for CAMEO each week. We thank them sincerely for these very special events and the work they put into them. We thank God for putting Maggie in this position where she works tirelessly, with a caring and friendly attitude to all she meets.

So there we are - we have a treasure in each of Philip's team Emma, Maggie and we expect - Ray; thank you all.

## 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 May is Ann Booth



# *News of the Family*

## **Thanks**

"Wendy and Les wish to thank our church family for the beautiful flowers given to us for our Golden Wedding Anniversary. Thank you too for the many cards received and for your ongoing prayers - all so much appreciated."

Many congratulations Wendy and Les.

Margaret J, who lives at Dutton Court, sends a sincere thank you for our prayers for Oscar her 5 year old great grandson who was so very ill when he had surgery to remove part of his lung. She considers it a miracle that he is now so well and playing 'nurses' in his own home. She is so grateful as she is convinced of the difference our prayers have made. We assure her of our continuing prayers for Oscar.

We would like to express our gratitude to all our church friends for much kindness received during Jean's recent illness.

Flowers, gifts, pre-cooked meals (sometimes on wheels!), cards, phone calls and visits have spontaneously come our way, and we are very grateful to everyone. Thank you.

Jean and David Huxley.

Thanks also to God for an answer to our prayers that Sheila Cresswell was sitting up and well enough to join us at our Afternoon Tea on Easter Monday - lovely to see you both Sheila and Peter and we continue to remember you in our prayers.

## **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 – Paul Reddy, Dorothy Betts, Oscar, Evelyn Richardson, Colin Taylor and family, Sue Howie, Doug and Barbara Clarke, Sheila and Peter Cresswell.

## **Sunday Coffee at Church**

Last month Jane and Mike Kemp asked if you could help with coffee and as they have been away they are wondering if anyone called - so if you did please contact them again and if you haven't responded yet please consider whether you could help in this vital service about once every 2 months.

Jane and Mike 485 2177

**WILLS EVENT – 2015** The Leadership team is recommending that we hold a Wills Event at Church in the next month or so. This will be done in conjunction with Abney Garsden, a local solicitor who are keen to be involved in the local community in a constructive way. The format of the event would be a general talk/presentation by Abney Garsden on the values and benefits of making a will, followed by a general Q and A session. The aim of the event would be to give people some ideas to consider and a prompt to make a will or update an existing will. Appointments can then be made either during the event or afterwards with Abney Garsden. Abney Garsden would offer to draw up a will at a discounted price for anyone who would wish to leave a legacy to CHMC (a potentially valuable source of income for the Church). In the past, it was common practice for Church members to leave a legacy to their Church but this seems to have all but disappeared in recent years. The Leadership team would like to see this trend reversed. Further information will be made available as plans are finalised – probably through the notices or another magazine article.

### **W&NA Team say ‘Let's Make Tax Fair’**

We all pay our taxes. But some multi national companies can get away with not paying their fair share. Developing countries lose an estimated \$160 billion a year from corporate tax dodging. We can put a stop to this. We need the next government to introduce a Tax Dodging Bill to tackle corporate tax dodging, and to make tax fair for everyone. The potential benefits are huge. The Tax Dodging Bill could generate billions for developing countries. These reforms will also create a level playing field which will benefit responsible companies that already pay their taxes.

**Please support the Christian Aid campaign calling for a law that will: Make it harder for big companies to dodge UK taxes and ensure they're not getting unfair tax breaks**

- Ensure UK tax rules don't encourage big companies to avoid tax in developing countries
- Make the UK tax regime more transparent and tougher on tax dodging.

You can tell your local candidates about the importance of supporting a Tax Dodging Bill - email them now by going to the Christian Aid website <http://www.christianaid.org.uk/>, where you can also add your name to the tax-dodging bill petition.

## Still Walking for Syria

Two years ago, I completed the West Highland Way, 96 miles solo with a tent, in solidarity with the people of Syria, who were suffering the ravages of a civil war that had made 500,000 homeless, and caused millions to set off on journeys they never intended. As a result, £3,500 was raised for the Red Cross to help them in the relief effort.

Now, the situation is far worse, with much of the country now in ruins. Civil war continues, chaos and anarchy has become normal, and horrific violence continues to destroy life and hope. Some 9 million Syrians have now fled their homes since the outbreak of civil war, over 3 million seeking refuge in neighbours Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan and Iraq. Huge areas of historic cities have been flattened and minorities who have lived in cities for centuries have been dispersed for ever.

So in May, I'm setting off again with my rucksack, remembering the millions who are on the move. This time, I'm raising money for Tearfund, who are working with Christian partners inside Syria and in neighbouring countries with displaced people, providing relief, housing, education, medical facilities, and trauma support. I'm starting from Fort William, where I finished last time, on 18th May and following the East Highland Way to Aviemore, then (time and legs permitting) the River Spey from its source to its estuary on the Moray Firth, making this a true coast-to-coast walk of around 150 miles.

If you would like to sponsor me, please visit [www.justgiving.com/Bob-Bartindale](http://www.justgiving.com/Bob-Bartindale) or ask for the sponsor form in the church office. For information about Tearfund's work with Syrian refugees, see <http://www.tearfund.org/en/latest/syria/>. Tearfund is a highly efficient charity, 91% of money donated goes to the work it's intended for, less than 9% is used for administration and publicity.

Many thanks, Bob Bartindale

Syria Crisis Appeal If you are willing to Gift Aid your donation, please contribute at [www.justgiving.com/Bob-Bartindale](http://www.justgiving.com/Bob-Bartindale) Title  
First Name Surname Address Postcode Amount Date

# *For Your Diary*

## **CAMEO**

On Tuesdays 10.15am to 2pm elderly people come to have a chat, enjoy entertainment and have a hot meal.

## **Toddlers**

Toddlers meet on Wednesdays at 10.45am-12noon

## **A Children's Book Sale**

After Easter Toddlers will be holding this sale in aid of the Horizon project. Please let Emma know if you have any children's books that you would like to donate

## **Friendly Food**

On Wednesdays at 12.15pm a hot meal - £3 adults and £1 children. Anyone welcome - just come.

## **May Men's Breakfast**

The next Men's Breakfast will be held on 9th May at Centrepont, Bramhall and NOT at CHMC. On that date we will be joining with the men of Bramhall & Woodford for the Christian Vision for Men (CVM) breakfast which commences at 8.15 for breakfast at 8.30. The speaker this month will be Stephen Mbewe who is currently head of YWAM Africa. The topic of his talk is entitled: Back to the Witch Doctor: where to turn when things get desperate. The cost of the breakfast is £5 and is open to any men who wish to attend. If you are planning to go please book direct with: Jonathan Dawson at [jd.zwingli@gmail.com](mailto:jd.zwingli@gmail.com) or else with Peter Laws 49 Grove Lane, Timperley, Altrincham, WA15 6PU.

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

**Focus** Friday 29th May at 7.30pm will be a planning meeting for next year

## **Action on Climate Change! Advance notice**

Christian Aid and 120 coalition partners are lobbying MP's in Westminster on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June.

# Horizons Fundraising Events for May and June



## Quiz for Horizons

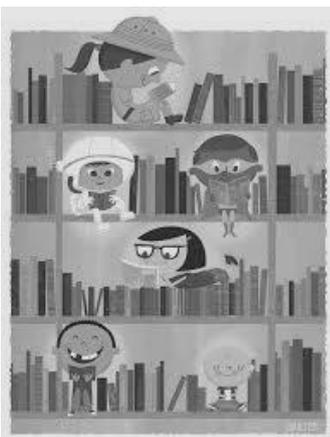
A quiz sheet is available for you to do and take to sell to your friends. Priced £1.

Please take some from under the Horizons board and let's see how many we can sell. Please put any money collected into an envelope, also available with the Quiz sheets, and put in Maggie's tray in the office.

## May Copper Collection

During the month of May would you collect the copper you have in your pockets or purse at the end of each day, put it into a jam jar and donate it to Horizons? Bring it to the office at the end of the month and we shall see how much the whole church can collect! - If you would like to drop 5p's in as well that would be brilliant!

Jar labels available on the book self in the Narthex.



**Toddlers children's book sale** in aid of the Horizons project Wednesday May 13th (during Toddlers, 10.45am – 12noon) and then at church on Sunday May 17th before and after the services. If you have any children's books that you would like to donate please can you contact Emma. Many thanks.

Mike and Maggie invite you to

## **Saturday Lunch**

**May 30<sup>th</sup> 12.30pm**

**at Cheadle Hulme Methodist church**

**2 course hot meal**

**Price £5.00 per person**



Please collect a booking form from the church office or Horizons notice board and book by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

**Ivor and Shirley's Home Group invite you to an  
Open Garden**

**23 Acre Lane, Cheadle Hulme**

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> and Sun 28<sup>th</sup>**

**June, 11am - 4pm**



**Enjoy a wonder around the garden; partake in tea and cake, a Bumble Bee Trail, Fun and Garden Games for**

**all. Plant stall, Cake and Preservative Stall, Ticket Price:- £4 per adult, donations for children.**

## CHEADLE HULME CHURCHES TOGETHER SUPPORT CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

This year, Britain's longest running door-to-door fundraising week is asking for support for women living in poverty around the world, many of whom are discriminated against from birth.

Christian Aid Week is taking place between Sunday 10 and Saturday 16 May and the events will start off on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May with the "Walk against Want" – a sponsored walk with a twist. Starting and finishing at St. Martin's Church, Higher Poynton, it's a great day out for families and walkers of all ages with a choice of routes (3, 6 or 8 miles) and the option to carry some water to reflect on the lives of the world's poor.

Just turn up on the day between 10 and 11am to register at St Martin's Church, Shrigley Road North, Higher Poynton, SK12 1TE. The two shorter routes, both buggy and scooter friendly, take you on a pleasant walk along the Macclesfield canal and back along the Middlewood Way. The 8 mile route takes you on a circuit beginning on the Middlewood Way, Macclesfield Canal and parts of Lyme Park with some stunning views on the way. All routes will be signposted and marshalled and we also provide maps. Four legged walkers are also welcome.

House to House Collections will also take place throughout the week. Please take time to consider if you could help, either to deliver, or to collect envelopes from homes. This is the most fruitful of all of our fund-raising activities, and can be done at times of your own choosing, and possibly with a friend.

Cheadle Hulme Churches Together raised over **£20,144** last year for Christian Aid.

Christian Aid's regional coordinator, Helen Howe, said: "This amazing sum could not be raised without the hard-work and dedication of many people, our collectors, walkers, swimmers and sponsors. Their support is invaluable – they are giving real hope to the world's poor and walking alongside them helping to lessen their load".

The collections from Christian Aid Week will help to transform the lives of women like Loko, from Ethiopia. Four times a week, Loko makes an eight-hour journey gathering and selling wood to support her family. She said: "If I can't collect firewood, my children will starve". She also needs to carry 25 litres of water a day for the family. As she walks, she prays: "I ask God to

change my life and lead us out of this". Just £5 could give Loko a loan to start her own business buying and selling tea and coffee, and so releasing her to spend more time caring for her family.

Discrimination against women is one of the greatest injustices of our time and the statistics speak for themselves. Globally, less than 20 per cent of landholders are women and women do twice as much unpaid work as men. In many countries girls are treated like second-class citizens while boys are provided with opportunities for an education, work, food and even decision making at the expense of their sisters. Almost as soon as girls are strong enough to walk many can spend hours fetching water and doing household chores. Often forced into early marriages, they can also face the dangers of giving birth before their young bodies are ready. Deprived of an education, later in life women have to rely on men for their financial security, with any hope of following their own dreams dashed, leaving them vulnerable to deprivation and violence. This inequality leaves millions of women at the mercy of violence and abuse, with one-in-three women across the world experiencing physical or sexual mistreatment. Millions remain in the shadows, denied a say in the decisions that affect their lives.

If you would like to help bring hope of relief to such women, please consider your role this C.A. Week

Susan Bethwaite arranges the House to House collection; and Gill Smith the Walks.

Help will be needed for the walks on May 9<sup>th</sup> with paperwork and tea-making at St Martin's, and marshalling at check points.

Contact Gill Smith

The Walking is a pleasure! Sponsoring is vital. Teamwork crucial. Please do your bit Thank you Margaret Clarke.

### **Creativity in Worship - How to use Power Point**

"So you have a computer and Power Point Software - you know how to use it but would like to make better use of it "

Then this is for you:-Bramhall and Wythenshawe Circuit invite you to a Workshop led by Rev David Clowes This is for preachers, worship leaders and anyone involved in leading worship on 14th May 7.45-9.30pm at Heald Green Methodist Church



# *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 Turnpenney 7 Twining Brook Road	7.45pm
Thursday <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday</b>	Helen and John Harrington 2 Leyland Avenue Gatley	10am – 12 noon

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

Articles for the June Magazine  
by 10th May 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

**chmc@talktalkbusiness.net**

## **CHRIST IS ALIVE! LET CHRISTIANS SING!**

I was bowled over by this hymn on Easter Tuesday's Morning Service (at 9.45 on Radio 4 LW).

I had been disappointed on Sunday not to sing the Giants from past decades (like 'This joyful Eastertide' or 'Jesus Christ is risen today'; 'Love's redeeming work is done' or 'Low in the grave He lay'). Then – bang! I heard a hymn that expressed all the certainty and joy that connects the living Christ to EVERYONE in the 21<sup>st</sup> century – I couldn't believe that I had never come across it before, so I rushed to 'Hymns and Psalms' (my favourite collection before 'Singing the Faith', which I consider the best-ever).

To my amazement I found that there was indeed a version of it there, with the same stunning first line, but so radically different that it had made little impression on me before. So I then rushed to the internet, and found a 1990 interview with Brian Wren; the article is called 'Poet of Faith', in which he speaks of this very special hymn.

It was one of his earliest poems, written immediately after the assassination of Martin Luther King in April 1968. He says, "*I knew I could not preach on Easter Sunday without dealing with that event. However ... I discovered there weren't any appropriate hymns for the congregation to respond with. There were plenty that spoke about Easter as something very triumphant that happened a long time ago or that happens again in the heart of the believer. But there wasn't anything that suggested a combination of suffering and life. So I wrote 'Christ is alive! Let Christians sing!'*"

But a few years later Brian Wren received a letter from an American publisher, asking him to change the language of the original, to make it more 'inclusive'. Brian says, "*That was my first acquaintance with the term, and with British prejudice I said to myself, 'Oh, this is an American fad.'* But when I thought about what they were asking, which had to do with my use of the word 'man', I realized that it was odd to talk about human beings as if they were all men ... This prompted me to think more deeply about ... 'he-man language'."

Brian Wren speaks of his research "*which shows that the use of 'he-man language' is no longer generic*". He tells us, "*I changed my ways of speaking accordingly. I also began*

*listening to the women who were important in my life, and they made me aware ... of the conditioning I'd been brought up with."* Then in 1978 a review of one of Wren's books said that, though he had made a real attempt to use inclusive language, "his image of God is still resolutely male."

Brian says, "*This was an 'Aha!' moment for me. .... I would also want to connect my concern about inclusive language with my visit to South Africa, where I heard something of the pain and experience of black Africans ... It made me aware of how little I know of the experience of others – particularly of those who are members of an oppressed or subordinate group.*"

There is much more in this article which is deeply interesting, and worth reading: I end with just this: "*There is a double vocation in being a poet in the church. One vocation is to write poems of faith which people will pick up and sing and say, 'Yes, this is exactly the way I feel.' ... The other vocation ... is to try to speak truth by stepping beyond the church's limits of comfort and convention. We live in exciting times, and writing is for me a way into greater wonder and amazement at the love, life, pain and joy of God.*"

No wonder I was knocked sideways by this hymn! I responded with delight to the certainty of the tune ('Jesus shall reign where'er the sun') and the simplicity of '**Christ is Alive!**': "Yes, *this is exactly how I feel!*" Then I was carried far beyond my comfort zone, to glimpse a little of the suffering and restorative power of God:

***"In every insult, rift and war, where colour scorn or wealth divide, Christ suffers still, yet loves the more, and lives where even hope has died***

ALLELUIA! CHRIST IS ALIVE!

*Ann Garrood*

Postscript: *on reading this over, I wondered why this hymn made such an impact on me. Could it be that, by omitting words like "risen" and "resurrection", it side-steps irrelevant questions (like "Who rolled away the stone?") and thus speaks directly to 21<sup>st</sup> century humankind?*

***What matters how? The vital news for all is that Christ is Alive!***

# 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) (Parish Rooms)	18:30	Jacqui Metcalfe
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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Circuit website: [bramhallwythenshawemethodists.org.uk](http://bramhallwythenshawemethodists.org.uk)

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Pastoral Worker  
Raymond Frances

Children & Family Worker  
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Mr Andrew Hardman

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Mrs Jane Booth

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