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THE MAGAZINE

Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

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In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He will direct your paths."

Proverbs ch 3 v 5



Our Mission

Living With Christ,

Living For Christ,

Living to Make Christ Known.

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**Articles for the June magazine
by 11th May please.**

Bob Richards writes...

Dear Friends,

I am writing to introduce myself to those of you who are unfamiliar with me as I begin this short time of working with you at Cheadle Hulme. Firstly, let me say that I was very pleased to be asked to act as your minister for this period of Gill's sabbatical and when she moves house in August.

I retired from full-time ministry in 2009 after serving in circuits in Norfolk, Essex and London. My last appointment was in Enfield, North London where I served for thirteen years, twelve of which were as Superintendent. Since retiring and moving to live in Handforth I have also served as minister of St. Mary's Methodist Church, Handforth for two years (2011-13). I am now almost retired again!

I live with my wife, Jo, who is very active in Methodist Women in Britain. She is currently the MWiB circuit secretary and will become the District President next month. We have four grown up children and six grandchildren (another due in August).

You will see from the Plan that I am scheduled to conduct worship with you a number of times in the next four months.

I look forward to sharing with you in this significant aspect of church life. I have been in touch with Alison Gunn and Emma Coe and will be working with them to support and help as the need arises.

You, like me, will be aware that this is a time of transition for the church here in Cheadle Hulme. It is important that we all continue to prayerfully work together to ensure that the wide range of activities and groups function effectively. Please contact me if I can help you in any way.

The Methodist Church is very good at ensuring each church always has a minister to work with. It is also very strong in encouraging each lay person to use their gifts to minister to and with one another to build up the fellowship of the church and its ministry in the community. This is what St. Paul writes about powerfully as he describes the body of Christ functioning fully with each member offering their contribution to the common life.

Let us pray that our short time of working together will help the body of Christ in this place to continue to move in the power of his Spirit.

With all good wishes,
Bob Richards

During Our Interregnum

As you see from his letter Rev Bob Richards from Handforth will have pastoral care of the church during May to August and should be your point of contact if you need the help or advice of a minister at any time. He will be leading all but one of the Sunday communion services being held at church during this time as well as the Wednesday Worship monthly communion. He will chair the June Church Council meeting and lead the communion at the Praise Tea in July. Bob will also, of course, be the point of contact for funerals, weddings and baptisms and the local Funeral Directors have all been advised of Bob's responsibilities during this period.

Alison Gunn will continue to be your first point of contact for pastoral concerns and will liaise with Bob as appropriate with regard to visits and calls. However, please do respect Alison's day off on Thursdays and remember that she works part time and so should not be expected to be available to you at all times.

All responsibilities of the Superintendent will be shared between Revs Katy Thomas and Jeremy Tresise, but if you have need to contact the Superintendent during this period, may I suggest that you contact Rev Katy Thomas who has chaired Gill's sabbatical planning group and is therefore aware of which member of staff is covering each aspect of her role.

Cover Verse

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As a student I used "Daily Light" as a devotional aid, and I remember reading this verse from Proverbs in the light of a lamp post the night before my Final exams, [No greater panic than usual implied!]

It is a verse I occasionally return to - usually after everything has apparently gone awry. For plans are made with good intentions but unexpected turns can "throw" us.

Then, long after the dust has settled, a quiet re-visiting session can cast a fresh light on what might have felt like failure. O.K. Not what was anticipated.....but see how skilfully God redirected my path into ways that I COULD manage, and that He would use!

What a faithful God we have!

Margaret Clarke

General Church Meeting Jottings - 16th March 2014

- 75 members present and 12 apologies
- The meeting remembered in prayer the following members who have died during the past year: Eric Beresford, Doug Whalley and Pauline Beswick.
- The membership stands at 221 (as at 13th April). 57 new members have been received during the eight years Gill has been here and she encouraged us to continue being a missional church.
- The average attendance has been fairly static over the last three years. Gill urged us to encourage each other with our attendance at worship.
- Sincere thanks were expressed to the retiring steward, Marian Davies.
- The meeting affirmed Kathryn Price and Duncan Booth as senior stewards, Maurice Turnpenney, Margaret Smith, Steve McManus and Andrew Hardman to continue as stewards.
- Thanks go to those who have served three years as representatives from this meeting to the Church Council – Malcolm Gunn and Fiona Longworth.
- Wendy Turner, Barbara Clarke, Richard Watson, Margaret Parker, Christine Woodhead and Barbara Clark were elected as representatives to the Church Council.
- The Church's finances are in a reasonable state and the meeting agreed the accounts received (to year ending August 2013).
- The Horizons project is underway with Phase 1 due to start in the summer of 2014. Grant applications are being made and fundraising has got off to an encouraging start.
- Gill and Leslie will start their three month sabbatical at the end of April. Rev Bob Richards will have responsibility for the church during this period, Alison Gunn is the first point of contact for pastoral matters (but please remember she works part time!).
- The meeting split into groups to discuss the proposed changes to the Leadership team and role of the stewards. Feedback will be considered by the Leadership Team and a proposal regarding any changes brought to the next Church Council.
- On behalf of the meeting, Alison thanked Gill for leading the General Church Meetings over the last eight years and for being so encouraging to us all.

Christian Aid Sponsored Walk

Saturday 10th May 2014

Why not join us on one of the walks this year?

All welcome including 4 legged walkers- under 18s to be accompanied by an adult.

Scooter and buggy friendly routes.

Start and Finish – St Martin's Church Hall, Shrigley Road North, Higher Poynton SK12 1NH

Register on the day between 10.00 and 11.00am at St Martin's Parking is available close to the church hall and refreshments are provided at finish.

New this year, a choice of two routes- the 3 mile stroll or 6.3 mile walk. Both routes start on the Macclesfield Canal towpath and return back via Middlewood Way

Sponsor forms available at church.

Further information from Gill Smith

Christian Aid Week

House to House Collection

Christian Aid Week this year is Sunday, May 11th to Saturday May 18th. We raise a lot of money for this vital work Christian Aid carries out. We always need more people to deliver and collect envelopes. Just a few hours of your time will bring lasting change for communities living in conflict, fear and poverty

If you can help, please contact Sue Bethwaite or Margaret Clarke on We would love to hear from you.

We will also be needing folk to help with the counting of the money we collect and further details will appear in the weekly notices.

Sponsored run for Cancer Research UK

I am running in the Manchester Junior Run on 17th May and raising funds for Cancer Research UK. If anyone would like to sponsor me, my sponsorship page is: <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/HannahBooth1>.

Many thanks, Hannah

Come and Worship

Sunday 4th May

10.00am *Andrew Pennells*

6.30pm *Bob Bartindale*

Tue 6th May 7.00pm Reflective Worship

Wed 7th May 10.30am Wednesday Worship

Sunday 11th May

10.00am *Rev Bob Richards*

6.30pm *Rev Jeremy Tresise*

Tues 13th May 7.00pm Reflective Worship

Wed 14th May 10.30am Wednesday Worship

with Bob Richards and Holy Communion

Sunday 18th May

10.00 a.m. Malcolm Gunn

6.30 p.m. Ian Castledine

Tues 20th May 7.00pm Reflective Worship

Wed 21st May 10.30am Wednesday Worship

Sunday 25th May

10.00am *Charles Nevin*

6.30pm *Bob Richards*

Tues 27th May 7.00pm Reflective Worship

Wed 28th May 10.30am Wednesday Worship led by Derek Booth

News of the Family

Thank You

Gordon Beswick would like to thank everyone for the donations in memory of Pauline which have meant that he has been able to send £1000 to St. Ann's Hospice.

Linda and Allen Brackenbury would like to thank members of the church for their kind messages of support and for the beautiful flowers on the occasion of the sudden death of Linda's mother. They have been much appreciated.

Baptisms

We have been delighted to share in the Baptism Services for Gideon Coe (member of Great Heights) on Palm Sunday 13th April



Gideon with his parents Emma and Ben

and baby Lauren Chambers, daughter of Jon and Pamela, on Easter Sunday 20th April

Confirmation and membership

Also on Palm Sunday, we had the joy of the confirmation of Brian Woodhead, Connie Cashinella, Gemma McLeod and Jean Goodacre.

Each of whom were also welcomed into membership of this church.



Transfer of membership

We also welcomed into our membership, transferring from other churches on Palm Sunday Eric Chipati, Sabina Bradbury and Jo Scoltock.

Bereavements

We have shared in the funeral service for Georgina Smith on 28th March. Georgie was a much loved member of this church for many years and our thoughts and prayers are with her family

Stuart Burnet's funeral took place on 8th April our thoughts and prayers are with Sue and the family.

Thank you

Ian and Gill Smith would like to thank all our friends at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church for their prayers, support and practical help following the recent death of Georgie Smith. The fellowship of the church certainly helped us to remain positive and focused during that sad time and we do appreciate all that was done for us. Thank-you all.

Thank you

Sue, Kirstie and Coire would like to thank all our dear friends for their many kindnesses to us during the past year. Thank you all for the cards, lifts to MRI, food and prayers while Stuart was in hospital. We all prayed so hard for a miracle but it was not to be. Thank you for your messages and emails, both before and after the funeral. We were so thrilled with the way you all responded at the Thanksgiving Service. Many, many thanks for all your contributions to make it a truly wonderful appreciation of the man who was an exemplary husband, father and friend. Special thanks to Alison, Bob, Richard and Paul and all those great folks in the refreshment area. We will always remember Stuart with love, and we hope that the way such a special man lived his life, will inspire others to follow his example.

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:- Sue Burnet and family, Sheila and Peter Cresswell, Ian and Gill Smith and family, Ethel Beresford, Joyce Bell, Dorothy Betts, David Huxley, Helen Parkinson, Gwen Fessy.

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 May



**Jane Kemp for the first week
And then Ann Booth**

Cafe Jericho



The correct address and Telephone number of this interesting and helpful cafe is run by Nick and Donna Rogers with a team of 15 helpers is:-

6 Minster Mews, Gamesley, Glossop SK13 0LU

07989 024112

Stuart Anthony Burnet

Whilst we are so saddened at the loss of a dear friend in Stuart, we have been able to celebrate the many aspects of his life which influenced so many of us. Stuart was born in on 16th January 1943 in Wakefield. His Dad Tom was a fitter at the Manor coal mine in Wakefield. Tom sadly died at 55. Stuart's Mum was called Kathleen, Stu said she was a lovely mum and he describes them both as committed Christians of the "best kind" Stuart recognised his parents as the greatest influence on his life, noting that they taught him to care about other people, even strangers, and to help them when he could. Although all the recent Burnet history took place in Yorkshire, Stuart was proud of his Scottish heritage. The family moved to Cheshire when Stuart was 15 and he did science at school though he preferred languages. He later took Spanish to A level and enthusiastically joined in conversation classes for many years. But science provided his career as a lab technician at Ilford in Mobberley, making photographic products. There he stayed, later studying and taking a qualification in Personnel Management, he had always been the one people turned to with their problems.

Stuart's life of risk and adventure had started early and he describes his love for riding his bike, running, for cricket and rugby league. His childhood was good, his father made him toys but he also built two caravans from scratch in which the family had great holidays. The start of the years of camper van trips that Stuart and Sue shared together. They visited New Zealand, Canada and Alaska and travelled all over Europe in that van. He had met Sue at a Jazz Club in Manchester and they were married at Gorton Congregational Church on 21st October 1967. Together they raised their family, first Kirstie came along, then Calum, who tragically died aged 19, and finally Corie. The Burnet family was a happy, supportive place to be, a place where you felt valued, and where you were free to find your own way and make your own mistakes

Stuart was involved in and committed to many things, but his concern for 'care of the environment' was a very real passion for him. He had a very simple answer to critics about the reality of Global Warming causing Climate Change – his response went something like this: 'even if the science is only half right, we need to do something to take care of God's world – we can't go on messing it up like this!' – that thought, he carried with him to the end of his earthly life. He showed his concern in a number of practical ways – Stu was a doer:

He was Senior Property Steward here at this church – as the care of this building was very close to his heart. He was very much involved with and enthusiastic about reducing the carbon footprint of this building and he made a strong contribution to helping the church to become an eco-congregation and to supporting the carbon offset fund

Stuart's knowledge of flora and fauna was vast – and he passed on that knowledge in a most unassuming way to all who asked and were interested. His photography expertise, as we've seen, was a great enhancement to his passion.

He was a very active member of the Cheshire Wildlife Trust and last year he was awarded for his Outstanding Contribution. His work involved wildlife monitoring, conservation and education - this not only with the Wildlife Trust but also with the Cheshire and Peak District branch of Butterfly Conservation. His passion for butterflies and dragonflies resulted in him becoming one of the county's experts in his field. Stu was very well liked and extremely well respected.

It was always an absolute pleasure to work alongside Stuart as leaders of Rock Solid Youth Group. He was so passionate and enthusiastic about sharing his faith with young people. He had a real, open and honest attitude which made him very likeable and approachable. Stu was adamant that Rock Solid should not fold in times when numbers dwindled as he was so firm in his belief the work with the next generation should continue.

Not only was Stu keen on sharing his faith with the young people but he was also a very enthusiastic and hard working member of the Alpha team when we were running those courses for all ages. His wanting to help people led him into organising and taking part in the work of the Prayer Team

Stuart also served as a church steward and was partnered with Carol Bartindale who tells of his patient encouragement and insights during that time.

Stuart was a quietly spoken person who worked away in the background on so many issues. He supported Paul Barnsley with his Heart Notes Ministries over the past ten years as he dealt with the administration of events, helped with catering and acted as a Roadie with the sound equipment. Again he encouraged people to explore what God was doing in their lives reaching out to those in the community as well as 'church' people

This is the story of a man who knew how to love. He loved Sue, he loved his family, he loved nature, he loved birds, he loved people. He was also a man who knew how to live, perhaps those two attributes are inseparable. We will miss him very much indeed but will treasure his memory and give thanks to God for having known him

What a man! – what a friend! - what a faith! - what memories!



The **Worship Team** Invites **YOU!**

Instead of a quarterly meeting we have invited:

Rev. Al Lowe

Currently based at Nexus Art Cafe, Central Hall, Manchester.

To talk to us/with us about

Future Trends in Worship

How can churches evolve to share faith
and worship in 21st century communities?

7.30 pm
Tuesday May 13th

What are the essential features of worship?

Can we at CHMC adapt to meet
the needs of the unchurched?

Can we make it more 'user-friendly'
to the rapidly changing community on our doorstep?

Moving On!

This 7-week course began on 29th April but you are still welcome to join. It is ideal for those who have done the *Start!* course, Christianity Explored or Alpha and are wondering what happens next. It is equally suitable for anyone who wishes to explore Christian discipleship. Each session involves watching a short DVD programme, followed by time to talk, listen and ask questions. Sessions last roughly 90 minutes and helps group members:

- consider the benefits and challenges of being a follower of Jesus
- be active and committed members of the church
- explore Christian worship
- grow in their relationship with God
- explore the Trinity and the Holy Spirit
- think about Christian stewardship
- be wholehearted disciples

If you are interested in doing this course, or just want to find out more about it, then please contact Jane and Derek Booth on 07791 448195, djohbooth@ntlworld.com or through the church office

Great Heights Project

It is with delight that we are able to report that Great Heights has collected a total of £1074.83. As a result of this they have been able to send gifts such as cows and goats and sheep, a chicken and a water well, some seeds and sending children to school and the stationery for them to use. Well done to everyone involved in this project, what wonderful gifts these are as we think of those who have been helped and even had their lives changed as a result. There is still time for you to buy the jigsaw of the church banner.

Counting the collection - Help needed

You are probably aware that a team of dedicated people help to count the collection after the morning service each Sunday. A couple of people are leaving the team so we need to find some new recruits to replace them and, if more than two come forward, increase the size of the team.

2 counters are involved each week along with that week's keyholder. Our current numbers mean that each counter is required once every 4 weeks. The task involves opening the offering envelopes and then counting and recording the contents before helping to count and bag the cash that is going to the bank. The whole process normally takes less than an hour.

If you are interested in helping or would like to discuss the role in more detail before deciding, please speak to one of the keyholders who are: Dave James, Margaret Pattie and Sam Smith

Ask the Experts
Preparing for Later Life

For Your Diary

CAMEO

CAMEO(Come And Meet Each Other) meets every Tuesday 10am – 2.00pm. Anyone who would like to join us for coffee or lunch and a chat will be welcome.

Friendly Food

A hot meal is served every Wednesday at 12.15pm. Lunch, costing £3 Adults and £1 per Child, is open to anyone who would like to come along and enjoy good food and have some company. No need to book, all welcome.

Men's Breakfast

The next Men's Breakfast will not be meeting at church on 10th May. Instead we will be meeting at the Beefeater Restaurant in Heald Green at 8.30am – 10am. This is a bookable event so please contact John Harrington by Tues 6th May if you wish to attend. All men are welcome. Further details from John Harrington

Contact

On Tuesday 27th May at 3pm 'Crime, Clergy and Detective Fiction' with Rev Malcolm Iorimer

Focus

The May meeting on Friday 30th May will be the planning meeting and for the June meeting we will be organising and taking part in our effort for the Horizons Project - Safari Supper see elsewhere in magazine

Bereavement Friendship Group

We offer the opportunity to anyone who has been bereaved, either recently or at any time in the past, to come and meet with others in our church family who have been through a similar experience. We meet on the first Friday of each month between 2.00 and 3.30pm in Room 1 at the church

Come and Sing

A chance to join the professional soloists of Pint-sized Opera in day of exhilarating and exciting day of singing, leading to a performance of Purcell's opera "Dido & Aeneas" sung in English. This will be at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church on Saturday 17th May Workshop 10am to 5pm Concert at 6pm

Workshop fee £18 (students £10) Concert free Contact sing@pint-sizedopera.org.uk or 07917 40373

CHURCH LIFE HOME GROUPS

Monday	Helen and John Harrington 2 Leyland Avenue Gatley	1.30pm
Monday	Shirley and Ivor John 23 Acre Lane	8pm
Monday	Fiona and Andy Longworth 26 Sherbourne Close	8pm
Tuesday	Margaret Smith 54 Woodfield Road	7.45pm
Tuesday	Paul Reddy Church	8pm
Tuesday	Val Pickwell 122 Heathbank Road	8pm
Wednesday	Dilys and Maurice Turnpenny 7 Twining Brook Road	8pm
Thursday 3 rd Thursday	Helen and John Harrington 2 Leyland Avenue Gatley	10 – 12.30pm
Friday	Pam Howie 1b Manor Close	8pm

Home groups meet on the first and third week of the month There are many opportunities to share together in prayer, in home groups, fellowship groups and other meetings

Weekday Prayers Mid-week Worship and Learning Fellowship Groups –
Please see 'For Your Diary

HOMEGROUPS. Please note: From the end of April, the Radnormere Homegroup will become the Sherbourne Close Homegroup, meeting on Mondays at 8.0pm at the home of Andy and Fiona Longworth, 26 Sherbourne Close, SK8 7QN, phone 01614407738. Anyone who would like to join us, please ring Andy or Margaret Parker 01614854071

DO YOU KNOW WE COLLECT for Re-using or Recycling-

Plastic Bottle Tops

Please remember to collect your **plastic** bottle tops (**plastic milk or fizzy drink tops no metal or foil**) and bring them to the church office where they will be sent off to go towards the cost of a special electric wheelchair for a child with special needs.

Inkjet Cartridges

The Scouts are raising money by recycling inkjet cartridges and toner cartridges as well as mobile phones, digital cameras and Sat Navs and lots more. Not all ink cartridges are suitable so please check the list on the top of the box. The box is in the recycling area.

Old Shoes for recycling

Please bag shoes, in any condition, in pairs and place them in the container near the main hall.

Jewellery for recycling

Please bring items, in any condition, into church so we can turn them into cash for charity. Please place jewellery in an envelope and place in the box in the narthex, any items no longer worn, broken pieces, costume or damaged items are acceptable.

Stamps for Evangelism

Thank you to all those who have supported this charity over many years. Our new aim is to collect stamps for The Leprosy Mission so please keep bringing them in.

Sainsbury's Vouchers

Playgroup are collecting the Active Kids Sainsbury's Vouchers – please bring them to the office or put them in the box outside Playgroup

TAG Cards! Supporting local, independent traders.

The new TAG cards for 2014 are available from the office at a cost of £5 (£2.50 to Tag, £1 to church and £1.50 to Millie's Trust). These cards give you money off in participating local independent traders such as The John Millington, Pimlotts, etc. There is more information on the general notice board

Property Repair File

The property repair file is now kept on the desk in the outer office, if you see a job which requires attention please put it in the file under the appropriate room section and it will be done at some point in the following month. If you consider the job urgent and needs attention during the following week please inform Maggie via email or a note on her desk. If it requires immediate attention out of office hours please inform David Bailey 0161 292 1766.

Thanks for your help in this matter.

Horizons Project

SAFARI SUPPER *IN AID OF THE HORIZON PROJECT*

To be held on Friday 27th June at 7.00pm

and organised by Focus and Dilys & Maurice Turnpenney's Homegroup.

How does a Safari Supper work?

People volunteer to provide either a main meal or a dessert course for six or eight people (including yourself) in their own home. Other people just indicate that they want to take part and enjoy a meal. Everyone is told beforehand where to go for the first course but they do not know who their fellow diners will be and on the evening itself they find out where to go for their dessert. They will be with a different group of people when they have moved on. We all meet up at the end of the evening at Church for coffee etc. If you provide a main meal you will move to someone else's house for your dessert. If you are providing a dessert you will need to have it ready as you will have been somewhere else for your first course! It is best if the main meal is a traditional English type meal (roast or casserole) with vegetables and with a vegetarian alternative if requested. There will be a charge of £15.00 per person which will be collected at the end of the evening. When Focus previously ran a Safari Supper it was not mainly a fund raising event so people who provided meals were reimbursed if they wished. As this is a fund raising event we hope that those who offer meals will treat it as their contribution to the Horizon Fund. The timings for the evening will probably be – 7pm main meal; 8.30pm dessert; 9.30pm coffee etc. at Church.

If you are interested in hosting a meal or just attending the supper please fill in the form below and return it to Dilys Turnpenney or Val Pickwell via the Church pigeon holes no later than May 18th.

We cannot guarantee that you will be accepted on the Safari Supper as it will depend on how many people offer to cook. In the event of more people wanting meals than we can provide, names will be drawn out of a hat.

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Name

- I/We will provide a main course for 6 people
- a main course for 8 people
- a dessert course for 6 people
- a dessert course for 8 people

I/We will come to the Safari Supper but do not wish to provide a meal.

I/We will require a vegetarian meal.

I/We would like transport to the supper venues.

Please indicate here any food allergies.....

HORIZONS -UPDATE

July 21st 2014 Work will commence on Phase 1 of the project!

Room 6/lounge will have connecting doors, double glazing, new lighting and ceilings, replacement screen doors to the kitchen hatch area and a complete refurbishment. Additionally a table storage cupboard will be fitted at the book stall area of the Narthex.

Later phases include replacement of the Sanctuary doors and screens and replacement of the main doors to enable easier access.

For more information about the different phases please see Room 1 notice board.

The grants process is at a crucial stage as we await the amounts from 2 crucial sources. More funding sources are being approached. Richard Watson and David Clarke are facilitating this process.

The Gift Day was slightly disappointing, particularly in the number of people attending, but monies continue to be received from families and individuals. It has been humbling to receive support from people no longer attached to our church geographically, but share our vision for the future. If, for any reason, you could not attend the Gift Day, please prayerfully consider how you can support this important project. Gifts, great or small, Eric Ogden, Fundraising Treasurer, will be pleased to hear from you.

Those of us who gained so much from this church in the past 45 years, are grateful to those who gave us this wonderful place to meet and worship. The new generation being brought into our church family depend on us to create a building which suits their needs as they grow in age and in faith.

The Team: Barbara Clark; Dave James; Phil Sarbutts; Peter Crummett; Sam Smith; Richard Watson; David Clark; Maggie Thompson

May Prayer Diary

Thursday 1st May	We give thanks for the experience of Easter, and our services of worship here; and we pray that this experience will deepen our faith and help us move forward in our own faith journey.
Friday 2nd May	Give thanks for the power of prayer in our lives, and pray that the opportunities for prayer in our church will be well used.
Saturday 3rd May	We pray for Gill and Leslie (and Laura) as they begin their Sabbatical: be with them Lord, guide and sustain them through this special time.
Sunday 4th May	10.30am Andrew Pennells 6.30pm Bob Bartindale We ask God's blessings upon Andrew and Bob as they lead our services today, and upon the worship team and all involved in our services over the next few months.
Monday 5th May	We give thanks for the people and clergy of St Andrew's, and we pray for all those newly elected to the PCC, asking for God's direction in decisions regarding the future.
Tuesday 6th May	As Cameo begins again we ask God's blessings upon each person attending, and also upon those who can no longer attend because of ill health
Wednesday 7th May	We ask your blessings upon all attending Friendly Food today, giving thanks too for the volunteers and those who organise this opportunity to share your love with others.
Thursday 8th May	We pray for continuing support for the vision and the fundraising efforts for the Horizons Project to improve facilities in our church building
Friday 9th May	Lord we ask your blessings upon all who struggle with homelessness and hunger; show us how to help. We ask for blessings upon all who use and staff our local foodbank as we prepare to bring our contributions on Sunday
Saturday 10th May	We pray for the work of Christian Aid and for those who organise the collections, and the door to door collectors. Father God, open the hearts and minds of the public that they may give generously.

Sunday 11th May	10.00am Rev Bob Richards 6.30pm Rev Jeremy Tresise Lord you know us better than we know ourselves, daily renew us in heart, mind and spirit that we may love and serve you as you desire.
Monday 12th May	Father we thank you for all the new members received here in April. Bless them, and help us to make their welcome real as we offer fellowship and support in our church family.
Tuesday 13th May	At this very beautiful time of year we praise you and give thanks Lord for the spring greenery and flowers in our parks and gardens.
Wednesday 14th May	Father we bring to you all involved in leading our church through this time of change. Be with Bob Richards, Alison and Emma, our church stewards, team leaders and church council members; guide, sustain & strengthen them in their work.

Thursday 15th May	Lord we pray for Rev. Philip Peacock and family as they prepare to leave the Whitehaven area to come here in September. May they feel you very near during this time of transition.
Friday 16th May	We pray for the toddler group as it needs a new leader; we do pray Lord that the right person will be found to continue this very special work within our wider community.
Saturday 17th May	We pray for the Priest and people of St Ann's; for the young people in confirmation group, and for all those preparing to travel to Lourdes this summer. Bless them all Father.
Sunday 18th May	10.00am Malcolm Gunn 4pm Messy Church 6.30pm Chris Castledine Loving Lord, we ask that the families attending Messy Church will learn more about you and your love for them through the activities provided.
Monday 19th May	Father we bring before you all those we know who are sick in mind, body or spirit and ask you to bless them and hold them very close to you.
Tuesday 20th May	We bring before God all those who care for others at work or at home, give them the strength and patience they need, and may we know how best to support them.
Wednesday 21st May	Father we pray for all the work taking place in our church with young people; for Young Church, Great Heights, Rock Solid and Scouts. Bless and guide the leaders in this vital work and may we show them how much their work is valued.
Thursday 22nd May	Lord we pray for Alison as she continues to express your love to the church family and wider community via her pastoral work. Help us all to support her during what will be a very busy few months & give her energy she needs.
Friday 23rd May	Today please pray for all groups who use our building, that they may find a true welcome here as an expression of your love for them.
Saturday 24th May	We continue to pray for the work and finances of 'Hope for Justice' as it supports those who have been trafficked or exploited.
Sunday 25th May	10.00am Rev Charles Nevin 6.30pm Rev Bob Bartindale Lord Jesus, you long to come as a light into our lives. As another day begins, help us to open to your light, that in it we may see all things clearly, and that in us those we meet may see you. (Elizabeth Brinkman)
Monday 26th May	We pray for Maggie & the office volunteers as they cope with extra work over these next few months; may they feel a real team spirit, and know that you are at the centre of the team.
Tuesday 27th May	Let's give thanks today for each other, & our friends and families & help us to encourage each other on our faith journeys.
Wednesday 28th May	We bring our work with young children and families before you Lord, especially for Emma as she leads and encourages this work.
Thursday 29th May	Father we remember all those grieving for the loss of a loved one and ask that you will surround them with your love and peace.
Friday 30th May	We pray for the event happening at church today to help us all prepare for ageing and end of life care. Pray that it will be well attended & that people will find it really helpful.

Saturday
31st May

Lord we pray for the wider world, and especially for those areas affected by disasters, war, & terrorism: guide those in government and all those offering support and aid.

Prayer for the Month

*Risen Lord Jesus, as the rising sun scatters the darkness
let us raise up into your resurrection light all who struggle with problems in their lives.
Because of injustice, criminality or neglect, poverty and hunger;
because of homelessness, landlessness or war;
remembering in particular the people of Syria.
Risen Lord Jesus, let us be baptised by your resurrection light
May we trust in you above all else
Hope in you above all else
Seek you in all things
Find you in every place
Meet you among all people, and love you beyond all telling.
We pray in your name, Living Lord.*

Amen

MEETING TOGETHER

People to Contact

Sunday

Young Church 485 2953	10:00	Rick Price
Great Heights	20:15	Phil and Jacqui Sarbutts

Tuesday

CAMEO	10.00	Margaret Clarke
Rock Solid (fortnightly during term time)	19.30	John Harrington
Contact	15.00	George Lea
Tues Evening Reflective Worship	19.00	Kathryn Price

Wednesday

Wednesday Worship	10.30	Liz Parkinson
Toddlers	10:45	Susie Metcalfe
Friendly Food	12:15	Hazel Crummett
Banner Making	14:00	Sue Jacklin
The Singers	18:45	Christine Watson

Thursday

Baby Chat	10.30	Emma Coe
Network	14:30	Margaret Pattie
Scouts	19:15	David Heatley

Friday

Tiddlywinks	10.30	Emma Coe
Beavers (6-8 years) (Parish Rooms)	18.30	Jacque Metcalfe
Cub Scouts (Woods Lane Guide HQ)	18:30	Neil Davison
Focus	19.30	Val Pickwell
Messy Drinks (Friday before Messy Church)	20:00	Phil Sarbutts

Saturday

Men's Breakfast (Monthly)	8.30	John Harrington
Playgroup (Weekdays, Term Time)	9:15	Christine Watson

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ENVELOPE SECRETARY:

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Prayer Requests

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