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Living to Make Christ Known

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Reformation

Imagine that you are living 500 years ago: well before the industrial revolution, never mind the advent of information technology. You have to fetch and carry water everywhere; bake your own bread; save fat for candles to give light at night; collect firewood to burn to keep warm; wash your clothes in a stream; and earn your living off the land. There is no National Health Service and diseases, such as sweating sickness and the plague, rise to epidemic proportions killing indiscriminately. You believe that God is judging people for their sins and using disease to punish them - so you live in fear of him. You go to the Roman Catholic Church where the Mass is in Latin, a language that you do not understand. You have to pay for your child's baptism and to be buried in sacred ground. To get your sins pardoned you can buy 'indulgences' or go on a crusade to obtain them – something of a 'passport to heaven' promising a reduction in the pain of purgatory¹. Printing presses are spreading across Europe. The Bible is available in Latin but not in English (apart from some hand-written manuscripts). However, you have no books nor the ability to read.

Against this background, a German monk and priest named Martin Luther goes to Wittenburg on 31st October 1517². He posts up 95 'Theses' (discussion points) on the door of the Cathedral, primarily because of his concern about the corruption in the practice of selling indulgences. Not only is the Church and individuals within it profiting from these sales but purchasers are being led to believe that their future conduct does not really matter. These theses are widely disseminated in Latin and German, with the help of printers, and widely read. They lead to public debates and Luther defending himself before the Emperor at Worms. The repercussions of Luther's actions on you in

¹ A place where the departed would go to be 'purged' and prepared for heaven.

² This is the usual date cited for when this happened.

England will take some time, but the seeds of the Reformation (and the Counter-Reformation) have been sown.³

Luther's attack on indulgences stemmed from a transformation in the way he understood God. He learned in his childhood to 'shiver and fear at the name of Christ' and dreaded that ultimately God would condemn him. In adult life he came to believe in justification by faith⁴ and in a God of grace. What was required was for him to trust in Christ and all that Christ had done, and through his trust (or faith) grace would flow to him to bring forgiveness and make him right with God. He did not have to try to buy God's pardon or earn it. From a state of acceptance and gratitude, he argued that good works would then flow from the life of the Christian.

'The doors of Paradise were flung open to me and I entered.' (Luther)

Luther also believed that it was important for people to be able to read the Bible in their own language. He went on, in a period of exile, to translate the New Testament into German for the first time from a Greek-Latin New Testament⁵, and published it in September of 1522.⁶

'The Bible is alive, it speaks to me; it has feet, it runs after me; it has hands, it lays hold of me.' (Luther)

William Tyndale wanted to use the same Greek-Latin text as a source to translate and print the New Testament in English for the first time. He showed up on Luther's doorstep in Germany in 1525, and by the year's end had completed his translation which was subsequently printed.

Come back to the twenty-first century, to England in a very different situation from 1517. Recognise some of the benefits that science and technology have brought and give thanks for education and health-care. Reflect too on something of the legacy of Luther and the Reformation: of the emphasis on faith (or

³ There were other significant 'seed-sowers', including the Swiss theologian Ulrich Zwingli.

⁴ 'They are justified by [God's] grace as a gift' – Romans 3:24a/'For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God' - Ephesians 2:8.

⁵ Produced by Erasmus in 1516.

⁶ He would later go on to create and publish other German Bible translations including a full version of the Bible in the 1530s.

trust) in Christ and of God's grace giving us more than we deserve; of the Bible not only in English but in many English translations, which can be accessed by tablet or smartphone as well as by more conventional means.

Philip



Praying Together for Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

Do you ever ask what God wants for His Church ?

Do you ever wonder what part God wants you to play ?

Do you ever wonder how you will know ?

On Saturday 11th November from 10.00am to 11.30am the church is meeting to pray together, to seek God's guidance.

Please make every effort to come and pray as we listen to God's voice and ask Him to "Tell us how? Tell us why? Tell us when?"

If you can't make this date, the church will meet to pray together on a regular basis, and another date arranged is Saturday 16th December.

If you can't make Saturdays, and you know God is calling you to meet with others to pray, then please speak to a member of the Leadership Team, who are just at the start of making plans and will be happy to hear from you.

Listening to God at the Prayer morning

24 people gathered in the sanctuary on the morning of the District day of prayer, October 14th. Time was spent reflecting on God's word, listening to God and engaging in various prayerful all-age activities. As we listened to God a clear word emerged; the word was Together. Notes were passed on to the Leadership Team about being together at the beginning or the end of worship, being together over coffee at 9:30 with Taste or after worship at 11:15, being together in purpose and direction while worshipping in different age-appropriate ways, being together in raising money for charities (Retrak was an example), together in social activities (eg beetle drive). Other messages were about the need to learn and grow, to reach out, to get to know each other, and about feeling dry, but being refreshed by God.

The intention is to gather to pray for this church monthly from 10:00 – 11:30 on Saturday mornings. The next dates are 11th November and 16th December. Do call in and together we will discern God's direction for this church.

CHRISTMAS Collections

LifeShare at Christmas I'll be involved with the Christmas project for the homeless in Manchester again this year, though not as actively as in the past and not after 16th December.

They need men's jeans, small sizes, socks, small toiletries (travel sizes are ideal but no after shave please) and tinned tomatoes!

If anyone would like to donate any of the above there will be a bin in the office. Jenni Hardman

From 3rd December the **WNAT notice board** will be available for you to send **Christmas Greetings** to your CHMC family- as usual, place your donation in an envelope marked Christmas Card Board please. The monies raised will go to JMA.

Toy & Gift Service:

At the service on December 3rd we will be collecting **toys and toiletries** for the mothers and children at "**Stockport Without Abuse**" and **toiletries for 11-17 year olds** for a new project in Wythenshawe run by Action for Children. We will also be collecting **ladies' toiletries—for the Boaz Trust Night Shelter**. Please support these worthy causes.

The Christmas services' offertories will be divided between MHA and Action for Children.

Decorating the Christmas Tree

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

Come and Worship

Sunday 5th November

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock and Bob Bartindale
All-age worship

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock and the Band - Prayers for Healing
and Wholeness and Holy Communion

Sunday 12th November Remembrance Day

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock with Holy Communion and Two
Minutes' Silence

6.30 pm Local Arrangement: 'Stumbling Blocks to Faith'
(see below)

Sunday 19th November

09.30 for 10.00am Taste including Holy Communion

10.00am Malcolm Gunn

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock and the Band

Sunday 26th November - World Church

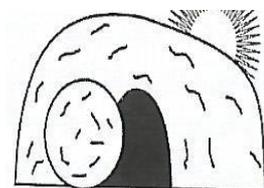
10.00am Rev Heegon Moon will be preaching to us about the
church in South Korea - more information on
noticeboard.

6.00pm Local Arrangement/Informal Worship – worship and
activities for all generations.

Stumbling Blocks to Faith

Join us for evening worship followed by discussion in the coffee
lounge on second Sunday of month Worship 6.30pm, Coffee
7.00pm, Discussion until 8.00pm-ish.

November 12th: 'Supernatural'



News of the Family

We are so sorry to have heard of the deaths of Joyce Brooke and Sheila Cresswell. We assure their families of our love and prayers.

Baptisms

We were pleased to join in the baptisms of Scarlet and Isaac on 1st October as part of the Harvest service. We pray for these twins and their parents, Andrea and Michael.

We have also had the baptism of Nathanael Barnes Warburton on 22nd October (son of Clare and Andrew and brother to Teddy). We welcome him to our Christian family and pray for all his family.

Thanks

Christine and Brian would like to thank members of the church family. We have found these blessings to be very comforting.

Also, Brian wishes to thank the members for their presents, cards and email messages celebrating his 80th birthday.

God Bless you all Christine and Brian

Congratulations on your birthday Brian

(Many apologies that this is a month late in the magazine- Editor)

Many thanks for all your cards, my plant and all other get well messages during my period of ill health.

Andy Longworth

Thanks for your generous support at Harvest – groceries were delivered to Chelwood Foodbank and to the Wellspring and received with thanks.

Transport



If any church member is aware of someone who cannot come to the Sunday Morning Service for lack of transport please let me know. George Lea

Flower Visitor for November is Jenni Hardman.



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.

For Your Diary

Cameo

Meets on Tuesdays 10.30am - 2.15pm

Contact

Meets on Wednesdays at 2pm-4pm. Next meeting, 15th November
John Hooley on Royal trains and their passengers.

Food bank

Continues to have a collection on the second
Sunday of each month

Focus

Will meet on Friday 17th November at 7.30pm in Room 2
Advent Theme Contributions from members

Network meets on Thursdays at 2.30pm

2nd Nov: Members' Afternoon

9th Nov: "Songs" with Barbara Beggs

16th Nov: 'Temperance' with Peter Crummett

23rd Nov: 'Grandma's Toys' with Christine Belton

Refugee Crisis

A group meets regularly to share information, and to pray about various aspects of this on-going crisis.

First Monday of the month, at 10.30 am. Everyone is welcome.
(Please see the weekly Notice Sheet for the meeting)

Rock Solid

For 10-14 year olds for fun discussion and friendship

Alternate Tuesdays at 7.15pm-8.30pm in term time

November 14th and 28th

*We know about Easter, and then the Ascension,
but what happened next ?*

Taking a closer look at the book of Acts

We are exploring this book with others as we read, discuss and learn together?

Where? - Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church - Room 2

When? 4th THURSDAY of the month 1.30 to 3pm.

Thursday 23rd November Everyone is very welcome

Wanted - Stories

In order to keep one another informed about the many good things which are going on within the life of this church and the mission and service in which we are involved, it would be good to see some short stories or articles appearing in this magazine. These could be to do with a church group of which you are part, or an individual story about how you are living out your faith by being involved in some activity run by some other organisation. Around 200 words would be ideal. So how about thinking about something which you could share? Then, tell us about it!

Christmas Fair

If you have any Bric a Brac (pre-loved items no longer required!) or unwanted gifts that we could use for a Tombola stall at the November Christmas Fair, or if you are able to provide a cake, buns or biscuits for selling on the day, they would be very much appreciated.

If you need more information please see Sue Jacklin or Christine Watson.



Join us at our
christmas
Fair

Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church
Ramillies Avenue
SK8 7AL

Saturday 18th November
10am-3pm

CRAFT stall

Books for all ages

Tombola

Bric a Brac

Tea, Coffee and Cake....Light Lunches

**Craft session for 'grown ups'.
Come and stitch your own Christmas decoration.**

CHMC REUNION
3RD MARCH 2018 (2.0 – 5.0pm)

Only 4 months to go now before the Reunion, including cream tea, kick-starts our series of celebrations to mark 50 years since the present building was opened and I'm sure we can all contribute to making it a very special afternoon. There are many ways in which you can help:-

- Talk to people, both far & near, to make sure they know the date. There will be invitation cards to give out before Christmas so you can put one in a card.
- Reminisce & jot down your anecdotes – we hope to put a booklet together.
- Search out old photos, flyers, etc., especially relating to specific groups. Anything that's of interest to you will be interesting to others. Peter Crummett has a comprehensive archive of general memorabilia but it's worth checking with him first. (Better to have 2 of something than none!)
- Please look at the large, free standing noticeboard in the Narthex. There's a list of past members for whom we have no contact details. If you have addresses (preferably e-mail) of anyone, please fill in one of the slips & put it in the 'post box' in the office. They will be added to a database & kept informed.
- Were you married at CHMC?
Could we borrow a photo or two to put on display?
(More information to follow.)
- As soon as you get your 2018 diary
WRITE IN THE DATE – 3RD MARCH!
- If you have any other ideas for the day speak to me or e-mail.
lesleypeacock@googlemail.com

Many thanks, Lesley Peacock.



Home Groups



Monday	Wendy and Les Turner		7pm
Monday	Rachel Monkhouse		8pm
Monday	Pam Howie		7.45pm
Tuesday	Val Pickwell		8pm
Wednesday	Dilys and Maurice Turnpenney		8pm
<u>3rd Thursday</u>	John Harrington		10am – 12 noon
Thursday			

MEETING TOGETHER

People to contact

Sunday

Young Church	10.00	Pauline Moore
Great Heights	20.00	Phil & Jaqui Sarbutts

Tuesday

Cameo	10.30	Val Pickwell
Banner Making	14.00	Sue Jacklin
Reflective Worship	19.00	Pat James
Rock Solid	19.15	John Harrington

Wednesday

Toddler Group	10.30	Susie Metcalfe
Contact	14.30	George Lea
The Singers	18.45	Christine Watson

Thursday

Baby Chat	10.30	Susie Metcalfe
Network	14.30	Ruth Mason
Scouts	19.15	David Heatley

Friday

Tiddlywinks	10.30	Susie Metcalfe
Beavers	18.30	Jacqui Metcalfe
(6- 8years)Parish Rooms		
Cubs	18.30	Andrew Thompson
Thorn Grove Guide HQ		
Focus	19.30	Val Pickwell

Heating Steward:	R. Watson/ A. Hardman
Envelope Secretary:	David Clark
Room Bookings:	Church Office
Transport Rota:	George Lea

