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Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

Our Mission



Living With Christ,

Living For Christ



*Living to Make
Christ Known*



Running the Race



I am writing this just as the Paralympics are beginning, but by the time that you receive this magazine the closing ceremony will be over and the world media spotlight will have moved on from Rio to somewhere else. You will be in a position to look back on the various events (memorable things that happened, the ecstasy and tears, world records broken) and add those memories to ones that remain from the earlier Olympics (such as Mo Farah's 'double double' and Usain Bolt's 'triple treble').



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Competing at the Olympics or Paralympics, have been for many athletes a highlight of their careers and the climax to many years of preparation. What we will have seen is competitors enjoying the rewards of being at the top of their sports. What we will not have seen is the hard work and graft and discipline which was needed to get them physically and mentally ready for Rio 2016 and the sacrifices which they have had to make.

St. Paul used the imagery of running a race in a letter to the church at Corinth. He wrote:

'Surely you know that many runners take part in a race, but only one of them wins the prize. Run, then, in such a way as to win the prize. Every athlete in training submits to strict discipline, in order to be crowned with a wreath that will not last; but we do it for one that will last for ever. That is why I run straight for the finishing-line.'

(1 Corinthians 9:24-26a)

Running the race of life is hardly an easy affair. There may be challenges (hurdles) that have to be faced. There may be occasions when we stumble and fall and need to pick ourselves up again. There may be days when we doubt the reality or goodness of God. It is when things are not going so well that we especially need discipline to keep us going and an incentive on which to focus.

Discipline in the Christian life relates to being committed to personal prayer and Bible study, attending worship and receiving Holy Communion, and daily living out one's faith in word and deed. Through these activities we can receive strength and

nourishment from God and those around us, and a sense of hope even when things may appear bleak.

In the above quotation, St. Paul speaks of the incentives of winning a prize and of a wreath (or crown) that will last for ever. Elsewhere, the prize is described as life beyond death (Philippians 3:14) and the crown as something which is given at the end of life to those who run their earthly race in the right manner (2 Timothy 4:8). The hope of these ultimate rewards may well be a stimulus for us in our spiritual journey. However, there may be more immediate encouragements that we receive along the way: a prayer that is answered; a particular experience of God's presence; satisfaction when something done for God has been of positive benefit to others. Such occurrences can spur us on in the race of life.

May the dedication of athletes and their desire to succeed be an inspiration for us in our discipleship, as we seek with the Spirit's help to achieve our own personal best for God.

Philip



Why suffering?

Sept 18th

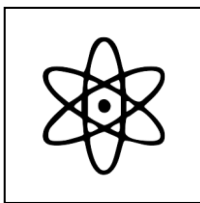
Tricky questions people ask
You are welcome to join us on Sundays for worship at 6:30pm, coffee at 6:50pm, video and discussion from 7:00 to 8:00pm
Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church
Ramillies Avenue, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 7AL

Hot potatoes




What about other faiths?

Oct 16th



Can you be a scientist and a Christian?

Nov 20th



'A Circuit Retreat Day

will be held on Saturday 15th October at Gawsorth Methodist Church from 10am - 3pm.

It will be led by Rev Katy Thomas and Rev Louise Gough and will provide space for quiet reflection and contemplation using ancient ways of praying with Scripture and art.

There will be space too for a short walk and time to chat over packed lunches.

Booking is essential as places are limited to 35 people.

To book a place please contact Catherine Clowes at the Circuit Office by emailing: bwcircuit@gmail.com or telephoning 0161 437 9328.'

Many Thanks, Catherine Clowes Circuit Administrator

October Services

On October 9th the morning service will be geared towards 'mission-shaped' thinking (following on from the 'mission-shaped intro' course). After the service there will be the opportunity to stay and discuss what it means to be a mission-shaped church. A light lunch will be provided.



The second 'Hot Potato' session on October 16th (worship at 6.30pm, refreshments at 6.50pm, video and discussion from 7.00pm-8.00pm) will address the question: What about other faiths?'

There will be a Memorial Service at 3.00pm on October 23rd to remember in particular those who have died over the past couple of years and to support those who mourn their loss in prayer. However, anyone is welcome to attend.

Wilmie Henderson, from the Manchester South Branch of Gideons, will be attending the morning service in the sanctuary on October 30th to share some testimony and information about the work of the Gideons.

In the evening on October 30th we hope to be hosting the fifth Sunday evening Churches Together ecumenical service and to have the service led by a Christian Aid speaker. The theme of the service will be 'Gods World in Our Hands'.

Bramhall Methodist Church, Stockport

Bramhall and Wythenshawe Circuit

FULL TIME LAY PASTOR

An exciting opportunity to be part of the life of a large and well-established church (over 400 members) in the heart of Bramhall with a clear mission to reach out to people in our community.

We are looking for an enthusiastic lay pastor/preacher with a heart for the unchurched and those on the margins of church to join our leadership team.

Salary in the range: £ 18,463 - £20,363 pa [£9.50 - £10.50ph]

Further information and application pack contact:

Philip Berry

philip@bramhallmethodists.org.uk

Closing date: 17 October 2016

Interview date: [31st October 2016](#)

Start date: January 2017



Chelwood Baptist Church Adswold Road Cheadle Hulme Stockport SK2 5BS

Harvest Plea

We rely heavily on food donations from people like yourself, churches, schools and other organisations.

The majority of supermarkets have now stopped food collections for food banks due to customer feedback. Being an independent food bank means that we do not get a share of the food that is collected in from Fare Share's Neighbourhood Food Collections (Tesco/Trussel Trust).

Funding is increasingly harder to secure, and therefore donations are even more important than ever before.

We are specifically asking for sugar, milk, coffee, cordials, tinned soup, tinned fruit & tinned veg & toiletry items.

Thank You in Advance

Come and Worship

Sunday 2nd October

9.30 for 10am Taste

10.00am Margaret Parker with Alison Gunn

6.30pm Rev Louise Gough

Sunday 9th October

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock with Holy Communion – *Mission-shaped Thinking*

Reflect led by Derek Booth

6.30pm Rev Charles Nevin

Sunday 16th October - Prisons Sunday

9.30 for 10am Taste

10.00am Mr Ian Castledine

6.30pm "Hot Potatoes" What about Other Faiths?- 6.30pm
worship, 6.50pm coffee, 7pm-8pm video and
discussion

Wednesday 19th October Morning Communion at 11.00am

Sunday 23rd October Bible Sunday

10.00am Malcolm Gunn and Liz Parkinson

Reflect with Jane Booth

3.00pm Memorial Service - Rev Philip Peacock/Raymond
Francis

6.30pm Circuit Service at Bramhall Methodist Church

Sunday 30th October

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock/Gideons

6.30pm Churches Together United Service at CHMC

Sunday 6th November

9.30 am for 10am Taste

10.00am Pat James

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock and the Singers - a Taizé Service

**Wednesday Worship is now only on the third Wednesday
of each month and will include Holy Communion**

Mid-week Worship and Learning Tuesdays at 7pm

Home Groups

Fellowship Groups – Please see 'For Your Diary'

News of the Family

HELEN HARRINGTON 1956 ~ 2016 (A shortened and adapted version of the Tribute written and read by Rev. Gill Newton at the service of celebration of Helen's life)

Helen was born in North Manchester and grew up there with her two brothers, Malcolm and Graham. During her childhood years, Helen attended Crumpsall Park Methodist Church where she eventually became a youth group leader, a gift that she was to continue to develop later in life in other churches.

It was through the church youth group that Helen was to meet John. The youth group at the church John attended used to link up with Helen's church youth group and John's Nanna also attended Crumpsall Park Methodist Church so there were a few links that enabled John and Helen's paths to cross. John and Helen married in February 1978 and set up home at Leyland Avenue, Gatley where they have lived ever since..

Following their marriage Helen continued to work for the National Westminster Bank, until their first child Mark was born in March 1980 followed by their daughter Jenny in January 1982. A little later Helen returned to work, and eventually moved on to work at the Wesley Owen Book Shop which later became the CLC Book Shop.

During the early years of family life, the family worshipped at Trinity Methodist/URC Church in Cheadle but then moved on to All Hallows Church of England in Cheadle. Whilst at All Hallows, Helen's skills in youth work were put to good use as she ran the Pathfinders group for 11-14 year olds, a job that she really loved. She developed great relationships with the young people, always having time to listen to them, always willing to see things from their point of view, always willing to offer support whilst at the same time holding firmly to her own principles and beliefs. There were many who would have seen Helen as their second Mum!

About 15 years ago Helen began to attend the Taize services here at this church and eventually they discerned that this was the place they should make their spiritual home and over the years they have both become important figures in the church family here. Together with others they helped to run Alpha courses over a number of years, they have hosted home groups where Helen's leadership has been valued and her ability to respond openly, reflect deeply and share honestly with those who have questions has been

greatly appreciated. That gift was also put to good use in the leadership of the Reflect group on Sunday mornings.

Alongside all of that Helen was also the Cradle Roll Secretary for a number of years and put her experience from the book shop to good use in the running of the church book stall which she did with great expertise and passion.

One of Helen's great loves was swimming and it was when she began to struggle to complete her 40 lanes in the pool that she began to realise that her health was not all that it could be. Eventually, she was diagnosed with Parkinson's at the end of 2005 and she and John and the rest of the family have gradually needed to adapt to the changes that brought to their lives.

In the years since then Helen has had the joy of seeing grandchildren Reuben and Amy added to the family and whilst Helen may have had dreams of being able to do more with them she was always looking for the things that she could do with them and loved the times that she was able to spend with them and the activities in which she could share with them.

In her quiet moments, like any of us, she had questions, and she got angry about how life was for her at times, but she was resilient and she would always present a positive attitude which has inspired and encouraged and amazed many of us here today. Her wonderful smile and her wicked sense of humour have never left her, even in the toughest of times.

And all of that because Helen had heard and Helen had come to understand that the God who created her and all the world is also a God who can be trusted to renew the strength of those who trust in him. That's why she was able to rise above so much pain and difficulty in her life, that's why she was able to carry on when others would have given up, that's why she was able to smile through the pain.

So we give thanks for Helen, for her smiling face, for her generous heart, for her accepting spirit and for her inspirational faith, and pray that through all that we have seen of Christ in Helen, many of us will be better enabled to put our trust in God as she did so wholeheartedly.

Wendy Turner

Birthdays

Congratulations and best wishes go to Joyce Bell who celebrated her 90th birthday on 14th September

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 Visitors for October are Cheryl
and Myra Woodcock



Palmer

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

We meet on Tuesdays 10.30am until 2.00pm

Focus

Will meet on Friday 28th October at 7.30pm when the speaker will be Raymond Francis with the subject of "Walking on Water"

Food Bank

Second Sunday of each month. Gifts of tins of meat or fish will be gratefully received. Please see special request for Harvest time.

Network

meets on Thursdays at 2.30pm

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, meeting at the home of Les & Wendy Turner.

The next meeting will be on October 3rd. Everyone is welcome.

The Refugee Crisis - One Year On

It's just a year now since the photo of "the little boy on the beach", and the accounts of refugees suffocating in a lorry just inside Austria. The civil war in Syria had begun more than 4 years earlier; with refugees fleeing for safety into most of the neighbouring countries, but these two events brought the "refugee crisis" more shockingly to our attention.

It's just about a year, too, since parents, staff and friends from Lane End Primary School held their coffee morning here at Church, collecting shoes, clothing, blankets and baby goods, and money towards the cost of transport, linked with the local charity "Salford to Calais". We also held a "prayer vigil", with a tent, a small boat, bottles of water, and other items to focus our thoughts and prayers on the experiences and difficulties of refugees on their long journey across Europe - fleeing war in their own countries, and hoping to find safety and a better life.

Just about a year - so where are we now ?

- First, Syria's civil war has not yet ended despite talks, negotiations, and brief "Ceasefires", but today perhaps sees a glimmer of hope as Russia and the USA announce "An Agreement" (Sept 10th).
- Figures vary, but one UN estimate is that since 2011 the war has created over 6 million refugees, (and displaced at least that number within Syria). Most are now in the neighbouring countries of Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan etc, but significant numbers took the route from Turkey, across to Greece, then north through the Balkans. An agreement between the EU and Turkey, earlier this year, reduced the numbers arriving in the Greek islands, but people are continuing to make the crossing.
- In Greece, apparently over 60,000 refugees are still "stuck", in poor conditions, as there are not sufficient facilities to "process" their papers or asylum claims.
- Along the "Refugee Route" attitudes have hardened - borders have been closed, fences built, patrols increased, and tear gas used.
- In both Germany and Sweden, which were two of the most welcoming countries, the political climate seems to be changing.
- In addition to those fleeing war in the Middle East, thousands more are attempting to reach Europe, from oppressive regimes, political unrest, or climate related issues - in Eritrea, South Sudan, and several West African states - crossing the Sahara then making the hazardous sea journey north from Libya.
- And there is still the question of Calais, where numbers in the "Jungle" are increasing again. As we know, the French government is intending to close the camp, but it is not clear what will become of more than 7000 refugees currently living there. (Including some 400 "unaccompanied minors")
- But, at every point along the way, there have been remarkable people, trying to make conditions better - official organisations, voluntary groups, or just "ordinary" people,

offering help and hospitality, and remembering that each refugee is an individual, worthy of dignity and respect.

And Britain's role ?

- The government has held to the view that it is best to give financial support to the refugee camps in countries adjacent to Syria. And we are one of the largest donor nations (£1.1 billion)
- Also, a commitment was made last Autumn that the UK would take 20,000 “vulnerable” Syrian refugees from these camps by 2020. Just recently the Home Secretary announced that Local Councils have pledged sufficient places to accommodate this number. (About 2800 such people have arrived so far)
- The question of “unaccompanied minors” is still provoking criticism. Despite the indefatigable Lord Dubs, his colleagues, and various charities, arguing that we should take more refugee children from the various camps across Europe, particularly Calais, progress seems to be very, very slow
- Attitudes here seem to be hardening too, with fear and antagonism towards refugees and migrants, yet with many groups and individuals working to ensure that “Refugees are welcome”

Christian Aid Sponsored Swim

This year the swim will be on Saturday 15th October at Cheadle Hulme school pool between 9am and 12 noon. It is the first time in many years that the date will not clash with the half term holiday.

The swim is for all ages and you do not have to be a great swimmer. You can wear arm bands if you need them. You will swim for 15 minutes only and you can use any stroke you like.

Please let me know if you would like to take part so that I can book your 15 minute **slot** and give you a sponsor form.

Hazel Crummett

Media Release from Francis House Children's Hospice

Friday 16 September, 2016

High-tech home for life for young adults with life-limiting conditions set to open

Up to seven young adults with life-limiting or life threatening conditions will have a permanent home thanks to a specially adapted house in Manchester which is opening in September.

Francis House Families Limited was established to operate and develop the service in association with Francis House Children's Hospice and has been redeveloping two semi-detached houses over the past year on Parrswood Road, East Didsbury, extending the accommodation to seven specialised bedrooms.

The house will provide young adults whose parents are unable to care for them with living accommodation, giving them much valued independence, while supporting them with clinical care. Without this kind of facility, the young adults living with life-limiting conditions would need to move into elderly care homes or specialist disability care homes. Some could continue to live independently with carers coming in twice a day, but without help when they need it, they might be unable to drink, eat or go to the toilet.

Revd David Ireland, Chief Executive of Francis House, who is also the minister of Union Street United Reformed Church in Oldham, said: "Francis House provides respite care to many young people whose parents are ill themselves or who have died. This often means that people in their early twenties are found accommodation in residential homes for the elderly or in specialist care facilities which lack the resources to care for them as their condition deteriorates. Some of our young people experience independent living but find themselves unable to manage when carers aren't available.

"The young people's care will be funded by Social and Healthcare Commissioners and we expect that once established the facility will become self-sustaining. It is hoped this could lead to other developments and encourage more people to address the problems faced by young adults with life limiting conditions.

We hope the house will help the young adults to gain new opportunities and skills, as well as make new friends and links with the wider community.”

Through a joint venture set up in 2013 between Caritas Diocese of Salford, Francis House Children’s Hospice identified the need for living accommodation that could provide its full-time residents with much valued independence, whilst supporting them with round the clock clinical care.

Two semi-detached properties 463 and 465 on Parrswood Road, East Didsbury were adapted and converted into one house while the construction of a new seven bedroom extension at Francis House was built.

The facility was a great success with the young people and provided a unique opportunity to trial different types of equipment and care team staff rotas.

In April 2015 following the completion and opening of the new wing at Francis House Children’s Hospice, Francis House Family Trust purchased the property from Caritas and 463 was created to provide a place of permanent residence to young adults who meet the Francis House criteria but who are in desperate need of a place to live.

Francis House Children’s Hospice provides respite care for children and young people with life-limiting conditions and the necessary support and short-term rest for their families. The hospice supports families from all across the North West of England. All services are given completely free and by far the largest part of funding comes through charitable donations. The major part of the hospice’s funding is from donations and this year it will cost £4.2 million to operate the service, with 89p of every pound donated spent directly on the care of children.

For more information on the work of Francis House visit: www.francishouse.org.uk

A Prayer for this Month

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open,
All desires known
And from whom no secrets are hidden:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.



HOMEGROUPS



Monday	Wendy and Les Turner		8pm
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			

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MEETING TOGETHER

People to contact

Sunday

Young Church	10.00	
Great Heights	20.00	Phil & Jaqui Sarbutts

Tuesday

Cameo	10.30	
Banner Making	14.00	Sue Jacklin
Reflective Worship	19.00	
Rock Solid	19.30	John Harrington

Wednesday

Wednesday Worship	10.30	Fred Busby
Toddler Group	10.45	
Contact	14.30	George Lea
The Singers	18.45	Christine Watson

Thursday

Baby Chat	10.30	
Network	14.30	Sue Burnett
Scouts	19.15	David Heatley

Friday

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

Saturday

Heating Steward:	-
Envelope Secretary:	David Clark
Room Bookings:	Maggie Thompson
Transport Rota:	George Lea
Bookstall:	-