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Our Mission

Living With Christ,

Living For Christ

Living to Make Christ Known



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I do sincerely apologise for a lot of problems and "messaging about" with my e-mail address but hopefully it is all sorted at last and:-

Articles for the **October** Magazine
By **9th September PLEASE.**

As we **welcome Rev'd Louise Gough** to our Church, she writes:

Hello!

For Methodist people, September brings the start of a new church year – and the opportunity to begin, again, the cycle of meetings and activities which fill our diaries and our days. As Christians, these are rooted in the story of God's love for us which (confusingly, given that it's a few months after the new church year) starts in Advent, with the promise of God's decisive action worked out in the amazing person of Jesus, His life, death and resurrection, and the church's birth and empowerment by the Holy Spirit. The life of the church is bound up in this – and so are we! Our identity is based on the truth that we are made in God's image, and that Christ dwells in us. So, there's a lot to get our heads around!

Thankfully, God's love remains constant through the busy whirl of activities, and through patterns of change.

Inevitably, there are new things to adjust to as September begins – but with your long history and your fiftieth anniversary, you will be used to that!

For me, a major change this September is becoming part of the team at Cheadle Hulme. I will remain as minister at Trinity (Methodist and United Reformed) Church Cheadle, where I have been for the past five years, but I'm really looking forward to working with you as well, and hope to get to know you as the days and weeks go by.

I've enjoyed the opportunities I've had in the past to lead worship at Cheadle Hulme and if you've been a Sunday evening attender, you might have spotted me in the band, where I've often infiltrated the flute section! So I'm glad that there will be some familiar faces at Cheadle Hulme.

To give you a head-start and to save me explaining in person, Philip has asked me to say a few words to introduce myself.

In case you are trying to work out the accent, I was brought up in Rugeley in Staffordshire, but my journey so far has taken me to the West Midlands (from the age of 14), to Southlands College (where I studied music and theology/religious studies), the Urban Theology Unit in Sheffield, and I later held a low-grade administrative post at Sheffield Combined Court Centre (despite not being great at paperwork!); from there I moved to Nottingham to work as a lay chaplain to students and a Methodist church, which I loved. During this period I offered for ministry and then trained at Hartley Victoria College at Luther King House, not so very far from here. I even did a placement in this circuit! I was stationed as a probationer in the Cardiff Circuit, and from there moved next door to the Newport and Lower Wye Circuit. My Welsh flag tea-towel, the daffodils, love spoons and various other objects in the manse show that I left part of my heart in South Wales! I do enjoy life to the full in my current location, and give time to trying to improve my flute playing; I also love dancing, and take every opportunity to disappear off to Blackpool's Tower Ballroom! (Visits are not as frequent as I would like!) These activities have kept me entertained and enthralled since childhood.

You will no doubt hear a lot about my beloved large friendly rescue cat, Wesley, with whom I share the manse. And you will also learn very quickly NEVER to ring me while Strictly is on!

I hope this gives you a bit of a head-start.

My prayer for the coming year is that we will discover afresh God's love for us, be inspired by Jesus' vision for people, and deepen our prayer-lives and our faith as we continue in Jesus' footsteps, infilled by the Spirit. Yes, there will be hard work ahead – but I hope it will be charged by God's grace, and that we will be gentle with one another as we seek to fulfil our calling, and focus on those things that God has for us. When we do, I believe we will stumble into the abundant life Jesus promised, and experience his unique joy. God does not will for us worry, exhaustion, fear, overwork, strained relationships, or stress – though sadly these are often features of church life. Instead, God roots and grounds us in enormous love, and

enables us by his power, to do better things than we can ask for or even imagine!

Many blessings

Louise

Children, Families and Schools Work

We have had a really busy and exciting time recently. The highlight has to be the amazing Fisherman's Tale experience! So many wonderful people were involved in the planning, preparation, day to day running and dismantling! A huge thank you to everyone, especially John Harrington for coordinating the whole event; which was shared by well over 1000 visitors.

Our Family Fun Day was also a great success. At 2.10 there were only the willing band of volunteers; but soon afterwards there were over 100! Most stayed all afternoon, having fun on the bouncy castle, having designs painted on them, trying various crafts and games. They also enjoyed the barbecue run by the Scouts and the lovely home-made cakes so kindly donated.

Despite the heatwave, **Toddlers** has been very busy with 96 being the highest total; and 39 staying for Fun Food! **Babychat** is really valued by the many mums who attend for fellowship and mutual support.

We said a sad farewell to most of our **Tiddlywinks** children as they start school in September. We had great fun in our last session making and baking fish shaped bread and sharing a picnic together. Strong friendships have grown between all those who come along. We are going to keep in touch with them and hope to have occasional activities which they will be able to attend.

We also hope to welcome new faces from our Cradle Roll. Please encourage anyone you know with preschool children to

come along on the second and fourth Fridays at 10.30 in the lounge. We enjoy exploring about Jesus in a fun way, which includes singing, storytelling and art and craft activities. Young Church has also been finding out about how we can try to follow the teachings of Jesus. We hope you have seen our Zaccheus collage!

There has also been a lot going on in schools. In addition to our half termly assemblies at Greenbank and Lane End, we have been involved in Christians in Schools Trust's "It's Your Move" project. This is designed to help children make a positive transition from primary to secondary education. It is a privilege to be able to hear their thoughts and offer some guidance and reassurance.

Both these schools are busy making artistic fish creations which will be part of the Flower Festival display.

We look forward to challenges and opportunities in the year ahead. The Bible Explorers Club at Hursthead will be kick started by an Assembly and we hope to establish a new group of Year 5/6 pupils to take part in the weekly lunch club. We are looking at some of the people Jesus met and what we can learn from them.

Please pray for our continued outreach to all the children and families we meet.

Pauline Moore

Church Council Jottings – June 2018

26 members present and 3 apologies, the meeting was chaired by Rev Philip Peacock.

* Resources team are planning to purchase new chairs for room 1, and some new pew bibles, using money from a bequest.

* A revised version of the Health and Safety booklet has been produced, which includes a reference to the new Defibrillator.

* Collection – following a discussion it was decided to go back to passing around the collection plate during the Sunday service, with immediate effect.

* The budget for 2018-19 was submitted to Council and approved. It was noted that the budget for pledged giving includes an amount of £8000 as an assumption of pledged giving for the Evangelism Enabler.

* As Duncan Booth has now stepped down as treasurer, a role description has been produced which breaks down the treasurer's duties into several parts. David Gibbens was elected as the new treasurer, with support from David James, and one or two other people (TBC).

* GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation): as a result of this legislation some changes have had to be made:

The photo album has been removed from the sanctuary;

Permission must be obtained from people to enter them into the prayer book and no last names to be used. There are notices with the prayer book and prayer tree giving fuller details.

The Church Privacy Notice was approved, it is displayed in the Narthex and will be on the church website.

- * There are several vacancies for door/vestry/communion stewards; if anyone is interested or may know someone who is, please speak to Lesley Peacock, Christine Watson or Jean Goodacre respectively.
- * Following a discussion at the GCM and consultation with all affected groups, Council agreed that the time of the Sunday morning service be changed to 10.30am, with effect from September.
- * Thanks were offered to Myra Woodcock who is stepping down as flower visitor co-ordinator after many years.
- * The Church's Safeguarding Policy has been updated and approved.
- * Recruitment for the Evangelism Enabler post is in progress.
- * Pauline Moore reported that she had had some excellent feedback from the Fisherman's Tale. Council agreed to make a donation to the organisers.
- * Welcome service for Revd David Warnock to be held on Wednesday 29th August.
- * A display of poppies is planned for Remembrance Sunday, all groups who use the Church will be invited to get involved in making poppies.

Fisherman's Tale

By the time you read this it will be over 2 months since the Fisherman's Tale finished and now we are moving forward to our next big event, the Festival of Flowers at the end of September.

Wasn't it a fantastic time though? Nearly 1000 people, adults and children were told the story of Peter, the Fisherman. And what about the surroundings? Peters Fisherman's Cottage established right in the middle of the Sanctuary overlooking a beach with real sand and a harbour with its own boat! And then there was the courtyard where Peter denied knowing Jesus and also his prison cell where many of his letters were written from.



It was an amazing scene and many who went through the Tale following Peter, the Fisherman, were quite disorientated once they had left the Catacombs (in Room 1) and entered the Sanctuary.



But none of this would have been possible without the unstinting help of many of our church folk as well as quite a significant number from other churches both in Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle and even Hazel Grove!

From the group who spent the Sunday afternoon, following the morning service, clearing all the pews either out of the Sanctuary or else stacked by the wall (grateful thanks to Phil Sarbutts who was able to direct us to stack the pews in the right order!) to Richard Watson who had the foresight to number the pews so that we could put them back in the right place easily after the Tale had finished. To all the 'builders' who helped build the scenery on the Sunday, Monday and Tuesday and not forgetting the ironers who spent a lot of Sunday and Monday ironing out the drapes which formed the scenery, a BIG THANK YOU. Without your help, the Tale would not have taken place. I will not try and name you because I am bound to miss someone out. But you know who you are and so does God, so thank you all.

And then during the 10 days when the Tale was taking place, a

big thank you to all those who worked in the kitchen to provide juice for the children and tea/coffee for the adults. What could we have done without you.

For those who were not able to attend any of the dates whilst the Tale was going on, you will find a few photographs of the scenery. Also, I am led to believe that the Bible Encounter organisation, who ran the Tale, will be running it again this October at St Cuthberts Church, near the top of Councillor Lane, Cheadle. Once I have the dates I will put them in the Notices.

So once again thank you for all those who helped in any way.
John Harrington

There is a letter from the Bible Encounter Trust on the Evangelism noticeboard which includes thanks for the donation of £2,500 which the Church gave to it following the Fisherman's Tale

Come and Worship

Please Note that Sunday Morning Services from 2nd September will begin at 10.30am

Sunday 2nd September

10.30am Pat and David James will lead All Age Worship
6.30pm Rev Louise Gough Taize Service

Sunday 9th September

10.30am Rev Mark Hammond with Holy Communion
Young Church.
Reflect, led by Derek Booth
6.30pm Local Arrangement: Worship, Video, Discussion

Sunday 16th September

10.00 for 10.30am Taste

10.30am Rev Louise Gough

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

Sunday 23rd September

10.30am Rev Philip Peacock

10.30am Informal Worship

6.30pm Youth-led Circuit Service

Sunday 30th September

10.30am Rev Debbie Lucas and Singers: All Age worship for
Harvest

6.30pm Rev Debbie Lucas: Harvest (Churches Together
fifth Sunday evening ecumenical service)

Would you like to visit another church?

No, we are not trying to get rid of you! But here is a copy of a letter received from the recent Local Preachers meeting which has been sent to all Church Councils: -

A sense of being part of a Circuit

At our recent Local Preachers Meeting we discussed the reality that, as churches, we tend to become parochial in our outlook and not look beyond the pressing needs of our own church. Many would be hard pressed to name other churches in the Circuit.

In response to this the preachers and ministers agreed to a proposal that from September they would each ask another member from their church to accompany them, once in the quarter to an appointment they had been given in another church. This would not happen with every service but each church would experience this from time to time

There might be a number of ways they could contribute to the service – from speaking about their own church, talking about what they personally might be doing tomorrow and how their faith fits in, answering a couple of interview-style questions or just being introduced and welcomed. It depends on what feels

right and how comfortable the accompanying member is. We would encourage Church Councils to warmly welcome any visitors that come their way with preachers or ministers. It would also be helpful if, from September, Stewards contacting visiting ministers or preachers would ask if they would have anyone accompanying them.

So, if this is something you may be interested in then perhaps you could have a word with Philip or one of our Local Preachers and offer to join us. Or maybe we will just approach you to invite you to join us.

For information the Local Preachers connected to our church are: Margaret Parker; John Harrington; Bob Bartindale; David James; Malcolm Gunn; Pat James

Church Directory

Those of you who are members of the church will know that each year you receive a copy of the Members' Directory. The new General Data Protection Regulation means that we are going to have to modify this directory. We thought that we could use this opportunity to put details of others who are not members, but who are closely connected to Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church, into what would then become a Church Directory. This, like the Members' Directory, would not be a public document but only be circulated to those who are within it. Hence, other people's contact details should not be passed on to others (unless you have their permission to do so).

If you are a church member, could you check your details in the current Members' Directory and let Christine Woodhead, or the Church Office know of any changes, or whether you wish any particular details not to be included? If you are not a church member but nonetheless part of our church community and would like your details included (address, phone number, email), please pass them on to Christine Woodhead or the

Church Office.

Please could you do this by September 30th at the latest?

Thank you.

Christine Woodhead

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Philip.

Church Family

Baptism

We have been glad to join in the Baptisms of Jake James Codling (29th July) and Lewis Ewen Coe (26th August) and wish them every blessing as they grow in our church family

Bereavements

A funeral service for Ann Garrod took place at Stockport Crematorium on Tuesday 10th July led by Rev Janet Bacon. As we have heard the sad news of the death of Ernest Kelly at the end of last month we assure his family of our thoughts and prayers

Thanks

Gordon Schofield wishes to say how greatly he appreciated the visit of Ann Booth, representing the Church Family, on his 91st (!) birthday. Also the rather fattening "flowers" which she brought from you all

Ann Booth writes: As the flower visitor for July, I took a card and flowers to **Dorothy Betts** in Southfield House on her 92nd birthday. She was delighted to see someone from church, we had a lovely chat, she misses coming to church but thanks us for our kind thoughts and sends her best wishes to everyone.

Congratulations Dorothy and Gordon from your church family on your birthdays

Margaret Clarke says "I am so grateful for the many kindnesses shown to me by the Church on the death of my friend Ann Garrod. I know your prayers for Ann and me have been wonderfully answered."

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 September is Jenni Hardman



In our prayers

We remember, in our prayers, those who are in, or 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

ANN GARROOD "A good life, lived well" (Susan Fox, Ann's youngest cousin)

Born in Portsmouth(1929), Ann had instinctive bonding with the sea. Whenever observing a seascape she would quote, in his voice, William Cowper's lines, "Ocean exhibits fathomless and spreads abroad much of the power and majesty of God."

Whatever Ann felt important she would fling herself into unstintingly. At 3 she had an 18month old sister and then a brother was born. On hearing this news, little Ann burst into her mother's room and announced "you look after the baby and I will look after Carol" And she did. Recently, having had daily phone chats with Carol to prepare her to welcome the inevitable.

With equanimity, on 26th June, Ann had one call longer than usual, and carefully explained that she would die that night. She did. Totally naturally, peacefully, pain free and at home. Ann would explain that as a baby we cannot fully appreciate whilst in the womb, the wonders to be met after birth. So Ann was sure that similar unimagined joys are ahead of us after our Heavenly Birthday.... she found the long waiting for this her only trial!

Children always seemed drawn to Ann's company. At 10 years Ann earned 6p each Saturday for supervising a small group of local children in Scarborough as they travelled to the North Bay by bus; Then she walked them back home to the South Bay by various interesting routes. She also delighted in teaching all of her numerous cousins every board game available.

Having missed a year of primary education because of the war, Ann had time for a third year in the Scarborough High School where she made history by winning a bursary to St. Hilda's College, Oxford. There she fell upon literature with her 100% enthusiasm and devotion and was inevitably bound for teaching. Near Scarborough was Hunmanby Hall, a Methodist boarding school where she honed her teaching skills. Pupils in nearby classrooms (eg me) became envious of those battles with rulers and raucous battle cries emanating

from their studies of Julius Caesar....

The Headmistress asked Ann to set up a third Girl Guide Company in the school. We had marvellous experiences learning First Aid, Survival, Camping and endless fun and games in the school grounds and beside the sea.

Later Ann taught for 26 years at the Alice Ottley School in Worcester. She was slow to become Head of English having no personal ambition, but in fact she was engrossed in inspiring budding and successful writers and coaching girls who found the English Language difficult these were also successful. Having become engrossed in historical research about the school's founder she took a group of girls to Richmond, Yorkshire to teach about her life and walks there. Somehow she also found the energy to host groups of 4 or 5 nephews and nieces at her home every holiday. Ann loved singing in the Pershore Abbey choir.

In preparation for retirement Ann bought a dormobile in which she planned to tour the Continent. However a week before the end of term she heard that the Sunday School was closing because of no leader, so she spent the summer suggesting to parents that if their children could come to Sunday School she would pick them up. So, this became a seven-days a week happening in Ann's home. Children learned to read, love the Lord and care about each other. Most of these children had never been outside Pershore so she took a coachload to Spring Harvest every year and to Scripture Union camps in the summers. Their tribute to Ann at her wake could not have been more true...."Our lives would not have been anything like as good as they have been, without Miss Garrood"

Our Queen also thought the same as she presented her with the Member of the British Empire award in 1998. for which occasion Ann managed to borrow Carol's hat.

Margaret Clarke

ACTION FOR CHILDREN

"DO WHAT YOU CAN FOR US SIR" This was said to the young Methodist minister Thomas Bowman Stephenson 149 years ago by the homeless boys he met in London and Action for Children are still doing all they can by caring for children wherever and whenever they need it.

We attended a Celebration Event in Manchester in July for supporters of Action for Children, where we were updated on the work in the North West. We heard about a new fostering scheme in Eccles and we heard how hard the fundraisers work raising money to enable Action for Children to operate their many varied projects. As well as Methodist churches, businesses such as Royal Mail, House of Fraser and Tesco have all participated in raising money this year. Action for Children couldn't carry out their work, helping families struggling to cope, keeping children safe from being neglected or abused and by changing lives through fostering and adoption.

One item we heard about was the gifts to Action for Children we could leave in our wills. They provide a free will writing service. If you wish you can participate in this by contacting the Goodwill Partnership on 01482 636411 who are the largest supplier of home-visit wills in England or by going online at [actionforchildren.org.uk/freewilloffers](https://www.actionforchildren.org.uk/freewilloffers).

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

I have painted a new Christmas card design for this year and I am offering it to members in order to raise funds for the Church.

If you are interested I shall hope to have the original with me at morning services.

I will not have the cost until I know the number of cards to be printed.

Peter Crummett

For Your Diary

Church Weekend Away, Autumn 2019

We are thinking of having a Church Weekend Away at Cliff College in Derbyshire in the Autumn of 2019.

What does a church weekend involve?

- ❖ We can arrive at Cliff College any time from 5pm on Friday.
- ❖ We share meals, provided for us by the staff at Cliff College.
- ❖ We will do some bible study or look at a relevant topic on Saturday morning.
- ❖ There will be separate activities for the children.
- ❖ We have free time to explore the area round Cliff College on Saturday afternoon.

- ❖ We usually have some light hearted, home grown, entertainment on the Saturday evening.
- ❖ We have a Service on Sunday morning and return home after lunch.

The cost will be around £145 per person for the weekend, including all meals from Friday afternoon to Sunday lunch inclusive.

There will be special rates for families.

All the bedrooms are en-suite.

The Leadership Team is really keen to have this weekend, and we would love to see lots of you there. It's a great way of getting to know each other better and to grow in our faith.

But before we go ahead and book we would like to gauge what interest there would be.

So, if you think that you would like to go please contact Pat James by the end of September

The **Christian Aid Sponsored Swim** will be on Saturday morning 10th November.

Further details will be in the October magazine.

Refugee Crisis

A group meets on Monday mornings (10.30 - venue in the Notice Sheet), to share information and to PRAY, about various aspects of this on-going crisis.

Cameo

Tuesdays 10.30am until 2.00pm

Elderly people come together to chat, have refreshments and a hot lunch and enjoy entertainment

Contact Group

Contact will resume on Wednesday 17th October with visiting speaker, Jenny Davies, from 'Signpost' and a short AGM.

Network

Thursday 20th September at 2.30pm

Toddlers

Wednesdays at 10.30am for toddlers with carers

Baby Chat

Thursdays at 10.30am

Tiddlywinks

Fridays at 10.30am (2nd and 4th Fridays)

Foodbank

Continues on the second Sunday of the month, when gifts of tins of fish or meat will be gratefully received. Please see if you can help in this way as stocks are running low.



Church Life

Homegroups



Monday	Wendy and Les Turner		8pm
Monday	Pam Howie		7.45pm
Tuesday	Pat James Cheadle Hulme Meth Church		7.45pm
Tuesday	Val Pickwell		8pm
Wednesday	Dilys and Maurice Turnpenney		8pm
3rd Thursday Thursday	John Harrington		10am – 12 noon

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

MEETING TOGETHER

People to contact

Sunday

Young Church	10.00	
Great Heights	20.00	Phil & Jaqui Sarbutts

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Toddler Group	10.45	
Contact	14.30	George Lea
The Singers	18.45	Christine Watson

Thursday

Baby Chat	10.30	
Network	14.30	
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
Transport Rota:	George Lea