

July and August  
2014

# THE MAGAZINE

Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

Psalm 23 from "the Word on the Street"

You're my guide and my guard, my minder,  
my mentor.

What more do I need? What's better at the centre?

You sit me down, put my best CD on.

And my dismembered soul remembers who I am again.



*Our Mission*  
*Living With Christ,*  
*Living For Christ,*  
*Living to Make Christ Known.*

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by **17th August** please.

As I write this we are rapidly approaching the summer holidays, yet how can that be when it only feels a few weeks since Christmas! Doesn't time fly! For those interested it is 199 days until Christmas Day 2014!!

Time is a very strange concept isn't it, because we cannot stop it or change it and it continues to pass whatever is happening. Yet as I'm sure we are all aware, when we want things to come quickly they take forever, and when we don't want something to happen time suddenly appears to speed up.

Then there is preparation, we spend a lot of time in our lives preparing for things that in themselves perhaps only last a relatively short while. But preparation for anything is time well spent and is essential if we are to achieve our best in whatever we are doing.

Many of our young people will be preparing for exams or next steps after the results, some of us may be preparing for holidays, preparing to move house, preparing for new jobs, preparing for changes in circumstances. And of course as a church we are preparing for new beginnings with the arrival of our new Minister Rev. Philip Peacock .

The summer holidays give us all time and space away from routine whether we have the opportunity to go away on holiday or simply have more time because our regular commitments may have ceased until September.

I hope that we will all take the opportunity to use any extra time we may find we have over the next couple of months to spend more time with God, seeking his presence and purpose in our lives as individuals and as a church family as we work together to serve God in this church and community.

I pray too that as a church we may use the summer months as a time to prepare for exciting new beginnings in September.

We continue to move forward with our Horizons project and we will see the building work begin over the summer period. Please continue to support the Fundraising activities of which we have one a month up to Christmas and more planned for next year – do check the calendar on the notice board.

We prepare to welcome Rev. Philip Peacock as Superintendent for this Circuit and Minister at Cheadle Hulme and also Rev. Philip Berry as Minister at Bramhall. I hope you will all be able to join us in a Circuit Welcome and Celebration Service at Wythenshawe Forum on Sunday September 7th . We are also preparing for a welcome lunch for Philip Peacock and his family, Andrea ,Hannah and Ben, on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September here at church so do put that date in your diary also and come and join us.

In all our preparations please continue to hold Philip and his family in your prayers as I'm sure preparation plays a big part in their time too during this summer period.

Time is a gift of which we have no control but we do have control of how we spend our time and what we choose to do with it.

Some of the parameters of our life's path are set by circumstances we cannot control, but we have the freedom to choose the way we live within them.

In John 14 Jesus tells us I am the Way, the Truth and the Life and in choosing to follow Jesus we must trust in Him that he knows the way for us, all the time, in all circumstances. We may sometimes feel like Thomas, that we're not sure of the way and Jesus does not provide us with a detailed route map for where we are going. But he does promise us his presence always, whatever choices we make.

Just as time continues so does God's love for us all "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Hebrews 8

He is the Way and we move forwards in our discipleship together with excitement and eager anticipation as we trust in Him and all he has planned and prepared for us.

May we all use our time wisely this summer and I pray that whatever we do or wherever we go we may all know the presence of our loving God with us.

God Bless

Alison Gunn

# Cover Verse

I found this version after reading the psalm in the NIV, and was wondering what it meant for God to "restore my soul".  
It sounded like something I could do with.

This version made everything fall into place.

***You're with me; you comfort me  
And you hold my swaying heart -- so soft, so strong.  
You're with me , you comfort me.  
You stop them tearing me apart -- I fear no wrong.  
You show me where to go, without telling me;  
You set a value on my life, without selling me.***

***You're with me, you comfort me.***

***You call me to the streets; you show me such good things,  
Right things with no hidden strings -- just your name on.  
My soul celebrates; there's something about your great repute,  
Like a distant flute it comforts me.***

***I crawl through the alley of the shadow of cancer;  
I know, you know the answer, and the battle won't rattle me.  
You're around, and I've found there's something about your empathy,  
Your symphony of sympathy, that comforts me.***

***You lay out a table; you sit me down;  
My rivals arrive from the greatest to the least,  
But my cup's kept full, my head's held high  
As you boast about me, your least priest,  
And make them toast me right through the feast,  
Boy, does it comfort me!***

***I know that your good, your best, your love and passion  
Will stalk me, steer me, stand alongside me,  
Outlast every fad and fashion, through all eternity.  
For I'm going to live with you,  
See heaven's great views from my own cosmic mews;  
No lease to renew, no terms to review, no one else to view --  
Just me and you, me and you, me and you,  
Right through, to the end of time***

*You're with me; you comfort me  
And you hold my swaying heart -- so soft, so strong.  
You're with me , you comfort me.  
You stop them tearing me apart -- I fear no wrong.  
You show me where to go, without telling me;  
You set a value on my life, without selling me.*

*You're with me, you comfort me.*  
Helen Harrington

## *Welcome Services*

### **Circuit Welcome Celebration**

Service to welcome Rev Philip Peacock as the Circuit Superintendant and our Minister here at CHMC

And also to welcome Rev Philip Berry as Minister of Bramhall M.C. and Christ Church, Colshaw

Will be at Wythenshawe Forum on Sunday 7th September 10.30am.



**Leslie Newton's Welcome Service** will be at  
Central Methodist Church, York, YO1 8NQ  
on Saturday 30th August at 6pm

### **Gill Newton's Welcome Service**

will be at  
Talbot Lane Methodist Church  
Rotherham S60 2EY  
on Sunday 31st August at 4pm



They would love to see us on either or both occasions if we are free to join them.

If anybody requires transport to Gill's Service please contact Pat James

# *Come and Worship*

## Sunday 6th July

10.00am **Rev Bob Richards**  
6.30pm **Sarah Hooks**

**Tues 8th July** 7.00pm – Tuesday Evening Reflective Worship  
**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> July** 10.30am - Wednesday Worship

## Sunday 13th July **Action for Children Sunday**

10.00am **Rev Bob Richards with Holy Communion**  
6.30pm **Circuit Service at Wilmslow**

**Tues 15th July** 7.00pm – Tuesday Evening Reflective Worship  
**Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July** 10.30am - Wednesday Worship Holy  
Communion with Rev Bob Richards

## Sunday 20th July

10.00am **John Ream**  
4pm **Messy Church**  
6.30pm **Reflective worship with Chris Goddard**

**Tues 21st July** 7.00pm – Tuesday Evening Reflective Worship  
**Wed 22nd July** 10.30am - Wednesday Worship Holy Communion

## Sunday 27th July

10.00am **Margaret Parker**  
6.30pm **Rev Bob Richards with Holy Communion**

**Tues 29th July** 7.00pm – Tuesday Evening Reflective Worship  
**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> July** 10.30am - Wednesday Worship

## Sunday 3rd August

10.00am **Rev Alan Mimmack**  
6.30pm **Rev Charles Nevin**

## Sunday 10th August

10.00am **Rev Bob Richards with Holy Communion**  
6.30pm **Rev Katy Thomas**

**Tues 12th August** 7.00pm – Tuesday Evening Reflective Worship  
**Wed 13th August** 10.30am - Wednesday Worship Holy Communion  
with Rev Bob Richards

## Sunday 17th August

10.00am *Rev Charles Nevin*  
4.00pm *Messy Church*  
6.30pm *Reflective worship with Rick Price*

Tues 19th August 7.00pm – Tuesday Evening Reflective Worship

Wed 20th August 10.30am - Wednesday Worship

## Sunday 24th August

10.00am *Kathryn Price*  
6.30pm *Rev Bob Richards with Holy Communion*

Tues 26th August 7.00pm – Tuesday Evening Reflective Worship

Wed 27th August 10.30am - Wednesday Worship

## Sunday 31st August

10.00am *David James*  
6.30pm *Rev Tim Nicholls*

Tues 3rd September 7.00pm – Tuesday Evening Reflective Worship

Wed 4th September 10.30am - Wednesday Worship

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

**Home Groups** meet 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> weeks July not in August recommence  
3rd week of September

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

## **Action for Children**

Sunday 13th July is ACTION FOR CHILDREN Sunday when we remember the work of Action for Children and celebrate 145 years of our Methodist Children's charity. We will be having a support worker from the Mother and Baby unit at Styal Prison to give us an insight into the work Action for Children does at Styal. There will be envelopes in the pews for you to donate to this work. The vision of Action for Children is of a world where all children and young people have a sense of belonging and are loved and valued. A world where they can fulfil their potential, shape their destiny and experience the joy of life. We pray that we can play our part in achieving this vision.



## ***Hello! Beth Price here -***

Back in December I made the faintly mad decision to do a half marathon and now the serious training is beginning. In light of that, I wanted to let you know just what I'm running 13.1094 long miles for. Aside from a general desire to have run one (have being the operative word), I want to raise money for a charity that means a lot to me and my family – Breast Cancer Care.

Breast Cancer is the most common cancer in the UK today, with a diagnosis taking place every 10 minutes. Nearly 12,000 people die each year from the disease

Breast Cancer Care, founded in 1973, works to offer the best information, treatment and support to those suffering from and affected by breast cancer. It is the only specialist breast cancer support charity in the UK, supporting more people affected by breast cancer than any other charity. They rely entirely on donations from volunteers and supporters.

So, on October 12<sup>th</sup> I will be pounding the streets of London, having pounded the streets of Cambridge and Cheadle Hulme before that in training.

Any donations would be hugely appreciated and would go to what I consider a fantastic cause. You can donate online by visiting <http://www.justgiving.com/bethhalf2014> or by filling in a more traditional paper sponsorship form (ask me, Kathryn or Rick Price).

Thank you!            Beth

## ***News of the Family***

### **Bereavement**

We have shared in the funeral of Norma Harrison, wife of Philip, previous members of this church, on 4th June. Our thoughts and prayers are with Philip and the family at this time.

### **Baptisms**

We have had great delight in celebrating the baptisms of Olivia Hannah Fadzai Chitapi daughter of Eric Chitapi and Gemma McLeod, Jacob Paul Samuel Grace son of Luke Grace and Jane Myers and Elizabeth daughter of Karen Farrington and Andrew Munslow.

We will be celebrating with Rachel Hickman and Jonathan Allman as their daughter Mia is baptised on 6th July

## Birthdays

Our congratulations and best wishes to Kath Armstrong as she celebrated her 80th birthday on 11th June

## Congratulations

to Gordon Schofield on his receipt of the Gold Badge Award, at the Barbican Centre, London, for his services to the RNLI.

Gordon has collected over £50,000 for the RNLI and he has asked that we say thank you to all those who donated on seeing him out collecting



## Celebration

Sheila and Peter Cresswell will be celebrating their Golden Wedding at the end of August and would like to invite you to drop in for a cup of tea and slice of cake on Friday 29th August between 11am and 4pm. This will be at their home and they ask that there will be no presents though there will be an opportunity to make a donation to a cancer charity.

After making her little ducks, Sheila is making little covers for small packets of tissues. As this is such a tremendous thing for her to do to help with the Horizon Project, would you please let us know in the office if you would like one?

## 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 –

Ethel Beresford, Gwen Fessey, Shiela and Peter Cresswell, Hilda and Geoff Dunstan, Vicki and Stef.

## TRANSPORT

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

**George Lea**



The July **Flower Visitor** Jane Kemp  
The August Flower Visitors Cheryl Palmer  
and Myra Woodcock

# *Horizons Project Fundraising*

## **Coffee Morning**

On Saturday May 31st we held our “Ask the Experts” Community open coffee morning where professionals who work around the subject of preparing for later life were present to offer information and advice.

20 different professionals and charities were represented and set up their “stalls” in the hall which was buzzing with conversation and each brought with them lots of information and literature about the services they offer. The different experts really appreciated all being together in one place to share their resources and said afterwards what a helpful time it was for them professionally as well as for those who attended.



About 70 people from the community and church family attended throughout the morning and the feedback received was how helpful and valuable it was to be able to get advice and information from all the experts together in one place. People also commented how comfortable they felt about being able to ask their questions in a “safe space” and also were able to discuss situations with the professionals that they had wanted to ask but probably would never have done so without that opportunity .

There was a lovely atmosphere throughout the morning and talks offered by a couple of the professionals were also well received.

Many thanks to all who contributed in a variety of ways to make the event a really helpful and valuable time together for the community

## **Play Group**

Well done to all the children who took part in the sponsored "Assault Course" with a football theme on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you to all those who sponsored or donated in aid of the Horizon fund.

## **Safari Supper**

We hope you all enjoyed the food and company at the Safari Supper on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June.

## **Zumba Tea Party Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup> Horizons Project**

Anne Hill, leader of the Monday and Tuesday evenings Zumba classes, has organised a fun afternoon of "Zumba for all" on Sunday July 6<sup>th</sup>. This will be held in the hall, and promises to be a real fun afternoon. Even if you think you can't join the dancing, it will be worth the price of a ticket to watch others.

Anne and her group are very supportive. (*Isn't this what it's all about - a group which uses the church building is valuing and supporting this project*) She has obtained matched funding (so your £5 turns into £10) up to £1000 from Barclays bank! So please come along and have a fun time, but if you are not able to come please buy a ticket. Tickets are £5 including refreshments, available from the church office.

## **Sale and Fun Afternoon Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – 4pm**

Donations of Children's toys, books, clothes and uniforms would be very much appreciated. There will also be face painting, "let it go" sing along, crafts, games refreshments, cake stall and much more.

## **BBQ Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August after Messy Church**

At about 5.30pm the Men's Breakfast Team will be donning their Chefs Hats and Aprons to feed the masses! Please stay after attending Messy Church or come along once the cooking starts and enjoy good food and a good chat.

### **Horizons Fund Raising Completed Events**

- CAMEO Panto Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan (£385.00 raised)
- Silent Auction 15<sup>th</sup> Feb 2014 (£2369.20 raised so far)
- Community Coffee Morning (£30.00 raised)
- Playgroup Sponsored Assault Course Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
(Awaiting total raised)
- Safari Supper on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June (£465 raised)

**Horizons Fund Raising Events Coming Up**  
**( Details are on the noticeboards)**

Zumba Tea Party Sunday 6th July 1pm – 3pm  
(See above for details)

Sale and Fun Afternoon Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2pm – 4pm  
(See above for details)

BBQ Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August after Messy Church  
(See above for details)

Fun Evening of Songs Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September

Mart Rodger Manchester Jazz Concert Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Autumn Fair Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

Art Exhibition Sat 21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2015

Lawrence Singers Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Open House and Garden 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2015

Cookery book

Calendar

Christmas card

**Ongoing Events**

Sale of Chutney and cakes (£167.41 raised so far)

Sale of cards and decorations (£333.50 raised so far)

Coffee mornings (£113.56 raised so far)

**We are happy to announce the imminent arrival of the builders**

**Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> July**, a day that, at times, we thought would never happen. But prayer, determination, generosity of time and money, has got us to the commencement of Phase 1,

i.e. coffee lounge/room 6, joined with folding doors, new screens to the lounge, double glazing of both rooms and complete refurbishment.

During the previous week(s) the area needs clearing and sorting. Internal and external users of these rooms have been notified. During this week, table storage cupboards will be built at the bottom of the narthex.

As the area is quite contained, there should be little disruption to Sunday worship. Coffee can be served as normal, with tables set in the hall.

Whilst for most people this seems the start, the team are now busy facilitating Phase 2. This is an expensive part of the project as it involves the main entrance doors. Grants play a big role in our ability to fund this. Richard Watson and David Clark have worked long, sometimes stressful, hours to obtain the maximum possible. Grant funders require evidence of the recipient raising their own funds, sometimes to match the grant. All of us, who share the vision for sharing God's love, with a building that reflects our welcome, and which also meets the needs for future generations, have a responsibility to make this happen.

## **Spring Harvest**

It might seem a bit early to be thinking about next Easter but bookings for Spring Harvest 2015 open on 25th June.

Some of us are planning to go to Skegness from Easter Monday until Friday = 6th - 10th April . There is an option of going to Minehead where there is a choice of three separate weeks.

If anyone wants a brochure please see Margaret Parker.

## *For Your Diary*

### **Young Church**

As usual Young Church will have a summer break and the last session will be on 20th July and will start again on 14th September

### **Friendly Food**

Continues on Wednesdays at 12.15pm until 16th July when there will be a break until September. Do come and join us for a hot meal costing £3 and £1 for children

### **Men's Breakfast**

Will be on Saturdays 12th July and 8th August 8.30 - 10.00am.

All men are welcome. For more details contact John Harrington

### **Network**

Our strawberry tea is to be held on Thursday 3rd July at 3.00pm. there will be a Bring & Buy stall with a RED theme. Cost is £3.00 and all proceeds are for I.C.A to help our Albanian family.

Our meetings restart on 11th Sept.

### **Contact**

No more Contact until Tuesday 23rd September

### **Focus**

Will recommence on 26th September

### **Tinies**

The last Tiddlywinks is on Friday 11th July, last Toddlers on Weds 16th July and the last Baby Chat Thursday 17th July.

Toddlers will restart 3rd and Baby Chat on the 4th September

Tiddlywinks will restart Friday 12th September.

### **Rock Solid**

will be on 15th July and then break until September

### **Ramblers**

Nothing planned for ramblers during the summer months



## **Banners**

Will continue to meet in room1 on each Tuesday in July with no meetings in August or the first two weeks of September

## **Home Groups**

Will recommence on the 3rd week of (week beginning 15th) September.

## **Foodbank**

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

## **Churches Together**

Prayers with Churches Together will be on 14th August at 7pm at C.H.M.C.

## **CAMEO**

Will have a break in August.

As most of you know CAMEO usually meets every Tuesday from 10.15am to 2pm It is for older people who enjoy the chance to meet up for a chat, enjoy some entertainment and have a hot meal.

There should be at least four helpers each week to ensure that it is staffed adequately and most people prefer to help on a rota basis. CAMEO is desperately in need of more people to go on a rota as some helpers have left and some are not able to help as often as they did. If you feel you could help by making drinks or serving the meal (which comes ready cooked), by sitting and chatting to the CAMEO members or perhaps by organising some simple entertainment then please do consider it.

*Any help, of any kind, would be appreciated,* to find out more about CAMEO please speak to Margaret Clarke who organises it, or to Alison Gunn or me Hazel Crummett (Chair of the Caring Team)

# **A Service to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the beginning of World War One**

will be held at **7.30pm** on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August**  
at the front of church ( weather permitting)  
for all the Cheadle Hulme community

There will be similar services taking place all over the country

If you have any memorabilia from World War One, could you please contact either Kathryn Price or Val Pickwell

## **A Report from Christian Aid, June 2014.**

As one of the nine members of the Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme, our Methodist contribution is considerable where Christian Aid is involved. As the current co-ordinator of this work I would like to thank you all for the many parts you have played in support of Christian Aid. Our Christian Aid working group is the local representation of the National Charity which is soon to celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary; we contribute via our World and Neighbourhood Action group. All local churches are invited to be involved.

Christian Aid (C.A.) currently works in 46 countries, in areas where need to relieve abject poverty is most acute, e.g. by trying to support local groups who are working to improve the conditions for the poorest, enabling them to find securer ways of providing for their families, working to help such groups secure their rights to land, finding ways to prevent the worst effects of disasters and providing some emergency aid in such situations. This work is always done with local partners, who provide the agenda for what is required, and any money provided is paid to these projects directly, never to governments.

Christian Aid also works to remove the causes of such abject poverty and so repeatedly has campaigns to challenge the causes, e.g. Tax avoidance by global companies taking resources from the poor, and the on-going apathy in the developed world to tackle the causes of climate change. We maintain hope that some control of emissions will be gained, and allocation of resources become fairer so that Jesus's agenda of "Good news for the poor" will become a reality. We still believe IT CAN, in our generation, but not unless some big changes in policy are implemented very soon.

U.K. was the first country to pass a Climate Act, and now 67 others have done so. We need the E.U. to agree to the Targets for emissions recommended as necessary by the International Committee on Climate Change....and for David Cameron to lead the same approach at the U.N. Climate Talks in September 2014, in New York And then at the G8 Climate Summit in Paris, in 2015. Unfortunately, with our current confused political situation, he is under great pressure to settle for lesser targets than recommended. PLEASE pray for an adequate response to our global predicament, that God's will will be done and His kingdom come on earth....where all have an opportunity of life in all its fullness.



## Local Christian Aid Group.

Participating Churches each select a Representative. and together we work on several events locally each year. Best known is the House to House collection during the national C.A. Week (always the second week in May). This is the best fund-raiser both locally and nationally....(This year raising roughly £9,200 and £10 million, respectively) PLEASE don't let anyone say "we can't continue doing this...". It may cost us a bit in shoe leather, listening to ridiculous reasons for not contributing, missed meal times, but we are reassured we ARE making a difference. Indeed, often "all the difference" e.g. £8 given to enable a Cambodian chicken farmer build a hen house enabled him to pay for all his 8 children to be educated!

We also offer a Sponsored Walk...if just one walker from each church can be sponsored from the congregation, the results can be amazing, e.g. just 40 walkers raised pledges of £1600 this May.

We have repeatedly held Bucket Collections in local supermarkets, where permission has been obtained (via our area office). Waitrose and Morrisons have allowed this and we have raised around £600 at each such event. Our next date is Friday, July 11<sup>th</sup> 2014, at Morrisons. Each year we apply to the council for permission to hold a Street Collection, this year, hopefully for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> September. This allows us to stand anywhere in Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme with a bucket, so we have opportunities for an infinite number of volunteers! (All they need is a bucket and a smile!) So far we have raised an average of £600 at these collections.

On the Sunday of the October Half term holiday we have access to the Cheadle Hulme School swimming pool, so that afternoon we hold a Sponsored Swim. Children particularly enjoy seeing how many lengths they can achieve in their allotted 15 minute swim , and recently amounts around £1500 have been raised.

In November we hold a "Focus" Event, with a speaker from C.A. to give us news of their current work, which is encouraging for local supporters. We provide refreshments, maybe a stall, see slides and generally think of this as a way to thank our supporters for all they have done during the year. The next is scheduled for Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 2014, at 3pm, at Grove Lane Baptist Church and a C.A. Speaker will bring us news from South Sudan, where C.A. has had a great input in Refugee camps, after the recent conflict.

During Lent, for many years, the Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme have held Lent Lunches on each Saturday, visiting several of our premises, for fellowship, and soup. It has become traditional that any profit resulting from donations made at these lunches is then given to Christian Aid. (Though churches are free to decide to donate to another fund of their choosing!)

Of course we are always grateful for donations, whatever the source. Indeed in the last two years our funds have benefited greatly from an Anonymous Donation... and occasionally folk celebrating a “Big O” birthday or wedding anniversary have asked for gifts (gift aided!) to go to C.A., instead of receiving presents. Sometimes Church Offertories may be given to C.A. e.g. at a carol service or after a recent disaster. Quiz evenings, Abseiling, and Coast to Coast Walking have all been turned into gifts for Christian Aid in recent years!

Our Great Heights group showed what can be done by raising £1,000 to be used to buy everything necessary to set up and run a farm in a needy area, including providing all of the animals!

The final results of our combined efforts in the last three years in Cheadle Hulme averages £1,7309 annually. Prayers for everyone involved at all levels are bringing marvellous outcomes.

I know Christian Aid is truly grateful for whatever we send them, and they are quick to reassure us that we ARE making a difference to the lives of many families in the projects they are supporting. Even very small contributions are greatly valued, so please continue to contribute in whatever ways you are able....and enjoy doing so!

I thank everyone who supports us in any way to do this practical work . It comes as our response to the love we as Christians have experienced from our God, and as we believe He would want us to do, we pass it on to those most in need, regardless of their own faith...or lack of it.

Of every £1 given to Christian Aid, 85p is spent directly on charitable expenditure. 1% of income goes on governance, 10% on campaigning, advocacy and education. 13% goes on fundraising, which yields £7 for each £1 spent.

Margaret Clarke



# *Church Life*

## *Homegroups*



Monday	Shirley and Ivor John 23 Acre Lane	8pm
Monday	Fiona & 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 & Maurice Turnpenney 7 Twining Brook Road	7.45pm
Thursday <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday</b>	Helen & John Harrington 2 Leyland Avenue Gatley	10am – 12 noon
Friday	Pam Howie 1b Manor Close	8pm

**Home groups meet on the first and third weeks of the month  
but will not meet in August.**

### **PRAYER OF THE MONTHS**

**God of hope, in whom there is no darkness at all,  
fill our lives with your light and illuminate our thinking.  
that we may reflect your light in the dark places of our world today**

**Use us to bring about:**

**love where there is hatred and bitterness;  
hope where there is negative thinking  
encouragement where there is ignorance and lack of purpose.**

**May your light reach out to every person we encounter.  
that each one may recognise you and come to know you,  
the source of all light and hope and love. Amen**

## July and August Prayer Diary

<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Thank you Lord for the beauty of the earth at this time of the year. Enable us to take time to enjoy it and doing so to praise you.
<b>Wednesday 2nd July</b>	Father we pray for Gill, Leslie and Laura as they continue to prepare for their move to York and Sheffield Districts; may you guide their preparations and surround them with the support they need.
<b>Thursday 3rd July</b>	Bless the Home Groups meeting this week Lord, and guide their discussions.
<b>Friday 4th July</b>	Pray for the Zumba fundraising event happening this weekend in aid of the planned improvements to the church building.
<b>Saturday 5th July</b>	We continue to pray for the work of 'Hope for Justice' as we raise funds today for this project supporting those suffering exploitation and injustice.
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10am Rev Bob Richards</b> <b>6.30pm Mrs Sarah Hooks</b>  Today we pray for Mia as she is baptised; bless and guide her family and friends as they bring her before you, today and in the future. Help us to provide support as their church family.
<b>Monday 7th July</b>	We hold in our hearts, and before God, all attending the Methodist Conference, their discussions, and their decision making.
<b>Tuesday 8th July</b>	We pray for the work and finances of 'Action for Children', that it can continue to work with integrity and passion to meet the needs of children, young people and their families who need their care.
<b>Wednesday 9th July</b>	Father we pray for the Wednesday Worship group; bless all who attend, and those who lead as they come before you together today.
<b>Thursday 10th July</b>	We thank you Father for opportunities we have for prayer in our church family; for those who pray with us in the prayer corner, at healing services, and who prepare the prayer web. Encourage us to make good use of them.
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	It is now a year since we began to support of our local food bank, so we continue to pray for continued contributions; for the volunteers, and the families who use this service.
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Lord we pray for all suffering from hunger throughout the world, for whatever reason. Enable governments to fund projects to help; enable us to know how we can help.
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.00am Rev Bob Richards with Holy Communion</b> <b>6.30pm Circuit Service at Wilmslow</b>  We pray for all churches in the Wythenshawe and Bramhall Circuit as we meet for worship today.
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Pray for the work of Music for Cities as young people from Manchester perform at the Montreux Jazz Festival; pray that this will be a transforming experience for all involved.

<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Bless those who attend and lead Tuesday evening worship – we give thanks Lord for this opportunity to meet mid-week.
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	We give thanks for ‘Friendly Food’; for all the hard work and care shown by those who run it, and for all who attend.
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	As schools prepare to close for the summer break we give thanks for our local schools, and for the staff, and hold before God the children and families over the holiday time.
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Give thanks for the love and care shown by our Pastoral Visitors, the Flower Visitors, and Alison in her role as Pastoral Development Worker. Ask God to continue to bless & guide them in their work.
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	We bring before God the places in the world where there is conflict, praying for wisdom and integrity amongst leaders of governments and those with the power to enable change. Help us to bring your light to shine in these dark places Lord.
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.00am Mr John Ream</b> <b>4.00pm Messy Church</b> <b>6.30pm Reflective Worship with Mrs Chris Goddard</b>  We pray for the families attending Messy Church today, may we be guided to provide for their needs.
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	Father, when we are going through difficulties help us never to lose our trust in you. Help us to remember that however hard things may seem your light and love are still there, surrounding us and encouraging us onwards.
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	We pray for those taking a holiday away from home over these two months. Keep them safe, Lord, and give them the rest and relaxation they need.
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	We remember those unable to have a holiday for whatever reason, or those who prefer to holiday at home. Give them your peace in their hearts, Lord.
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Pray for those suffering from depression and for those who support them. Hold them very close to you Father, and help us to understand how we can help.
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Let us take time to spend quietly with our Lord Jesus Christ - ‘Be still and know that I am God’
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Teach us O Lord, the silent language of your presence, that we may adore you in the depths of our being and ask nothing but knowledge of your will and the grace to accomplish it; through Christ our Lord. (J.N. Grou 1731)
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>10.00am Mrs Margaret Parker</b> <b>6.30pm Rev Bob Richards</b> The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul. Pray this for yourself, family and friends.
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Pray for parents and families, as holiday time can be difficult; pray that children will find enjoyment and interests to occupy them, and that parents struggling with home/work balance may find the support the need.

<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> July</b>	We pray for Christian fun clubs, set up for families during the holidays; pray for the volunteers, and that the message of God's love will be received and recognised in the midst of the fun and games.
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Lord we continue to pray for Rev Philip Peacock, his wife Andrea, & their children Hannah and Ben in all they have to do to prepare for their move here in September.
<b>Thursday 31st July</b>	We pray for Rev Philip Berry as he prepares to join our district team at Bramhall and Colshaw. Bless him Lord in the busy-ness of preparation, and all ministers who are preparing to move..
<b>Friday 1st August</b>	Father we think of young people awaiting exam results this month. We pray for support for them in anxious moments and disappointments, and for clarity in decision making.
<b>Saturday 2nd August</b>	We pray for all those we know who are ill at home or in hospital or nursing home. Surround them with love and peace Lord, and help us to know how best to give support.
<b>Sunday 3rd August</b>	<b>10.00am Rev Alan Mimmack</b> <b>6.30pm Rev Charles Nevin</b>  We ask God's blessing upon Alan and Charles as they lead our services today, and upon the Worship team, and everyone involved in our worship today.
<b>Monday 4th August</b>	Today as we remember the start of the First World War we come before God in sorrow, bringing our own family memories of loss, but also praying for nations where war continues to inflict suffering. We bring all conflict before you Lord, and continue to pray for peace.
<b>Tuesday 5th August</b>	We pray for Cameo; for all its members meeting today, and for those unable to attend because of illness. Bless and support the work of this group Father.
<b>Wednesday 6th August</b>	Father we pray for our leadership team. We give thanks for their commitment and care during this time of Gill's sabbatical; praying that you will continue to guide them in their planning and decision making.
<b>Thursday 7th August</b>	We pray for Maggie and the office workers, and give thanks for all they do to enable church and community activities to run smoothly.
<b>Friday 8th August</b>	We pray for the Horizon project and the work due to begin on the improvements to the church building this summer; pray for all involved in the planning and organisation.
<b>Saturday 9th August</b>	Pray for those who clean and maintain our building, especially Shermeen, during the improvements.
<b>Sunday 10th August</b>	<b>10am Rev Bob Richards with Holy Communion</b> <b>6.30pm Rev Katy Thomas</b>  Pray for Louise and her family and friends as they bring her for baptism. Bless them all Lord, today and in the future, and help us to provide support as their church family.

<b>Monday 11th August</b>	We give thanks for Emma and the work she does with families with young children, her outreach in schools and the local community; pray for energy for Emma as she continues to be a welcoming presence to new families.
<b>Tuesday 12th August</b>	Give thanks for the work of our Local Preachers, pray for encouragement for those in training, and for those considering this work.
<b>Wednesday 13th August</b>	Pray for Rev. Bob Richards as he continues to support us during Gill's sabbatical. Father, sustain and guide all our Circuit Ministers during this busy time.
<b>Thursday 14th August</b>	We pray for Cheadle Hulme Churches Together, and the work of all the churches in this area, that we may really be one in our Lord Jesus Christ.
<b>Friday 15th August</b>	Loving Lord, we place all things into your hands, all our worries and concerns, for you know us through and through. Hold us in your care and bless each one of us.
<b>Saturday 16th August</b>	We pray for the work of Phakamisa in South Africa, and for their new staff. Guide and support them Lord as they work to support families and vulnerable children.
<b>Sunday 17th August</b>	<b>10.00am Rev Charles Nevin</b> <b>4.00pm Messy Church</b> <b>6.30pm Reflective Worship with Rick Price</b>  Give us O God, amid the pressures of today, the grace of contentment and tranquillity of spirit.
<b>Monday 18th August</b>	Bring before God all refugees and people fleeing their homes because of the threat of war. Pray for the agencies trying to help; help us to know how to support them.
<b>Tuesday 19th August</b>	Pray for medical workers in war torn areas and refugee camps; Lord give them resilience, and keep them safe.
<b>Wednesday 20th August</b>	Lord thank you for my friends and family, I ask you to bless each one of them according to their needs.
<b>Thursday 21st August</b>	We pray for all affected by addiction; may your church and community here provide support and become a beacon of hope to all involved.
<b>Friday 22nd August</b>	Bless those caring for others at home or at work, may they be granted patience, energy, and may they know your light and love surrounds them.
<b>Saturday 23rd August</b>	Pray for those in our community who are lonely, especially as so many fellowship groups are closed for the summer.
<b>Sunday 24th August</b>	<b>10.00am Mrs Kathryn Price</b> <b>6.30pm Rev Bob Richards with Holy Communion</b>  Pray for Gill and Leslie as they prepare for their welcome services in their new Circuits next weekend.
<b>Monday 25th August</b>	We hold before you Lord all who are suffering bereavement, and pray they will find peace. Help us to know how to give support in each situation.

<b>Tuesday 26th August</b>	We give thanks for Alison's work in supporting church and local families who have been bereaved, especially at the time of the funeral.
<b>Wednesday 27th August</b>	Remember all who struggle to find paid employment, especially young people and families with children.
<b>Thursday 28th August</b>	We pray for students we know returning to University and Higher Education next month. Bless them and guide their footsteps Father.
<b>Friday 29th August</b>	As we approach the beginning of a new school year we pray for children beginning new schools – for those who are happy and excited, and for those who are apprehensive.
<b>Saturday 30th August</b>	We hold before you Lord, all Methodist Ministers who will be moving this next month. May your hand be upon all this involves.
<b>Sunday 31st August</b>	<p><b>10.00am David James</b>  <b>6.30pm Rev Tim Nicholls</b></p> <p>Thank you Lord, for your presence, may we really feel your love as it surrounds us.</p>



# MEETING TOGETHER People to Contact

## Sunday

Young Church	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 (Monthly)	15.00	George Lea
Tues Evening Reflective Worship	19.00	Kathryn Price

## Wednesday

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

## Thursday

Baby Chat (Term Time)	10.30	Emma Coe
Network (Sept – Easter)	14:30	Margaret Pattie
Scouts	19:15	David Heatley

## Friday

Tiddlywinks (2 <sup>nd</sup> and 4 <sup>th</sup> in month Term Time)	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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