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Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church



My soul doth magnify The Lord.
And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for,
behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath done to me great things: and holy is his
name."

Luke Chapter 1: 46 - 55. King James Version.

Our Mission

Living With Christ,

Living For Christ,

Living to Make Christ Known.

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Articles for the February Magazine

Gill writes...

During September and early October, we had the opportunity to focus on our ministry of healing and wholeness at each morning service. I am grateful to Margaret Parker and Leslie Newton who shared the preaching responsibilities with me and to Alison Gunn and Pat James who led worship on each of those occasions.



Some of you will have been present on each Sunday morning and I hope that as we moved through the series you were able to sense the direction in which God was leading you individually and us as a church. Others of you may not have been able to be there each week, but I hope that you have taken the opportunity to read or to listen to the sermons and powerful testimonies from each week via our church website. I also hope that all of you have found the booklet that was produced each week to be a source of encouragement and challenge to you both during the series and since, as you have reflected on all that we experienced and learned together.

You will recall that we began the series by considering the fact that we are all part of the ministry of healing and wholeness that the church exercises. It is not just something for those that appear to be very committed or highly spiritual. Whatever ministry we are involved in whether it be a ministry of hospitality, welcome, prayer, music, administration, pastoral care or other practical responsibility, it can contribute to providing fullness of life to others. So, we are all involved or we can be!

During the series we considered some of the more taxing questions around healing and wholeness and I know that some of you found those occasions very helpful, whilst others found them deeply challenging and both of those experiences are valid and encouraging for me and others to hear about as we make this journey of discovery, learning and growth together.

Our final act of worship in the series coincided with our Harvest Celebrations and you will recall that we were invited to consider what it means to be a Fruitful Community. As part of that act of worship those present were invited to respond by writing on a paper fruit some way in which you were longing for God to work in your lives to enable you to be more fruitful in the future. Those paper fruit were eventually hung on the tree which was a central feature and focus of our worship throughout this series.

It has been a great source of encouragement to me and to all those within the planning group for this series to see and hear the nature of the response made by individuals and by groups within the church community. The number of responses received to the initial questionnaire in which groups were invited to talk about how their particular activities contribute to people's feelings of wholeness and wellbeing was wonderful. We have been privileged to see those responses on a few occasions during this worship series on the beautiful powerpoint presentation which Peter Gunn prepared for us.

The conversations with individual people about the positive impact of this series on them personally has also been a source of great encouragement to me and the planning group and it was remarkable to see the number of leaves hanging on the tree at the end of the series as a symbol of the commitments being made by so many of you.

Naturally, the commitment you expressed at the Harvest service was between you and God, but it was encouraging to note, as leaves were retrieved from the tree, how many responses referred to our increased desire to spend more time with God, to praying more, to reading God's word more, to listening to God, to growing in faith. So much of that is about our "being" and that is so important for every one of us. Without spending that time simply "being" in God's presence then we will not know or have the resources for the "doing" that God may be nudging us towards.

So many of us do things the other way around! We spend our time "doing" what we think are the right things, but have no time for "being" and the result is that we become weary of the things we are doing and forget why we are doing them in the first place. But if we spend time "being" in God's presence, then we will be motivated and energised by the power of the Holy Spirit to "do" the things God asks of us and make our full contribution to the ministry of healing and wholeness that God longs to see exercised among us. All our gifts are given to us by God. He longs for all of us to feel enabled to use them for his glory and it's in the time that we spend alone with God that we grow in our confidence in him and our willingness to be used by him.

In just a few weeks from now, we will celebrate the wondrous truth that in a tiny, vulnerable baby, God came among us; God became like us; God took on flesh. God incarnate! And in a similar

wonderful way, all of us are called to exercise that incarnational ministry as we live and move and work amongst one another. We are God's people in God's world sharing in God's mission and with the Holy Spirit at work in us, we can make a difference – we can help to bring healing, wholeness, and fullness of life into other people's experience.

I pray that all of you will have a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year and when we gather together again to worship God in the year 2014, our Covenant Service on January 12th will give us a great opportunity to remember and renew the commitment that we recently made. May all of us have the joy of seeing our own relationship with God grow and flourish during the coming year and may we also be encouraged by the sight of others experiencing the healing and wholeness he offers because of what God has been able to do in us and through us.

Cover Verse

I love the words of the 'Magnificat', and can still remember when I learnt them word for word, when studying for my Scripture Knowledge exam many years ago.

I have always wondered how Mary, a simple peasant girl coped when she had an angelic vision, and was told "Don't be afraid" - she must have been so perplexed! She was told by the angel, that she had been chosen by God to bear a Son who was to be named Jesus - Saviour. The angel explained that her Son would be truly God's own Son, whose birth would be brought about by the power of God's Spirit. Her child would be Holy, the Messiah. He would be Blessed.

The deep meaning of motherhood came to Mary as a shout to God, which becomes a Song, full of thanksgiving and praise. Perhaps that is how she coped. Her song tells of what God does for His people; His judgement on the mighty and His blessings for the humble. It also expresses what God is going to do in the future through His Son. Mary feels unworthy but her song comes from deep within her heart, and I like to think of it as a prayer. Such rejoicing!

The Angel Gabriel from heaven came,
His wings as drifted snow, his eyes as flame;
'All hail', said he, 'thou lowly maiden Mary,
Most highly favoured lady.' Gloria!

Sue Bethwaite

Come and Worship

Sunday 1st December

10.00am *Rev Gill Newton Toy Service and Holy Communion*

4.00pm *Messy Church*

6.30pm *Rev Gill Newton Community Carol Service*

Tue 3rd Dec **7.00pm** *Reflective Worship*

Wed 4th Dec **10.30am** *Wednesday worship - Alison Gunn*

Sunday 8th December

10.30am *Christmas Trail*

6.30pm *Carol Singing on Ramilies Estate*

Tues 10th Dec **No Reflective Worship - Christmas Trail**

Wed 11th Dec **Wednesday Worship**

Sunday 15th December

10.30am *Mrs Sarah Hooks*

6.30pm *Rev Gill Newton with Prayers for Healing and wholeness and Holy Communion*

Tues 17th Dec **No Reflective Worship Christmas Trail**

Wed 18th Dec **Wednesday Worship**

Sunday 22nd December

10.30am *Rev Gill Newton Nativity*

6.30pm *Rev Gill Newton Carol Service*

Tues 24th Dec **4.00pm** *Christingle*

11.15pm *Midnight Service*

Wed 25th Dec **10.00am** *Christmas Day Service*



Sunday 29th December

10.00am *Mrs Sylvia Cowling*

No other services today

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Sunday 5th January

10.00am *Rev Charles Nevin*
6.30pm *Mrs Margaret Parker*

Tues 7th Jan 7.00pm – *Reflective Worship*
Wed 8th Jan 10.30am - *Wednesday Worship*

Sunday 12th January

10.00am *Rev Gill Newton Covenant Service*
6.30pm *Circuit act of worship*
Bramhall Methodist Church
to recognise Sarah Hooks' accreditation as a
local preacher

Tues 14th Jan 7.00pm – *Reflective Worship*
Wed 15th Jan 10.30am - *Wednesday Worship*
led by Gill Newton with Holy Communion

Sunday 19th January

10.00am *Pulpit exchange Church Unity*
4.00pm *Messy Church*
6.30pm *Rev Tim Nicholls Reflective Worship*

Tues 21st Jan 7.00pm – *Evening Reflective Worship*
Wed 22nd Jan 10.30am - *Wednesday Worship*

Sunday 26th January

10.00am *Rev Gill Newton- Organist Richard Spurr*
6.30pm *Rev Gill Newton with Holy Communion*
and prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Tues 28th Jan 7.00pm – *Reflective Worship*
Wed 29th Jan 10.30am *Wednesday Worship – Alison Gunn*

Sun 2nd February

8.30am *Rev Gill Newton with Holy Communion*
10.00am *Rev Gill Newton*

News of the Family

From Margaret Gulson

With apologies for repetition Please note my new e-mail address for your contributions for the magazine (Available from the church office) Messages will not reach me if you use the old one.

Baptism

The celebration of the Baptism of Alex Dean, son of Stephen and Louise and baby brother of Arabella and Jessica was on 3rd November

Birthday

Our best wishes and congratulations go to Elsie Darwin who will be 92 on 22nd December, to Doris Codner who will be 90 on 9th January and also to Joyce Timmins who has just had her 80th birthday

Thank you

We have received letters of thanks from Wellspring and Stockport Without Abuse thanking us for the harvest gifts we sent

Joyce Timmins would like to all her friends in the Church Family and Network for the flowers, cards and good wishes given to her to celebrate her 80th birthday. Your kind thoughts were appreciated.

Memorial Services

On Tuesday 19th November we held a funeral service for Edna Dawson; our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

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 – Christine and Brian Woodhead, Stu and Sue Burnet, Ethel Beresford, Marian Davies, Sheila and Peter Cresswell, Peter Baxendale, Adnan Nawaz, Joyce and Tony Brooke, Helen Parkinson, Diane Parker, Jean Dodgeon, Colin Taylor, Anne O'Connor, Steve, Ava.

Prayers For Others

A helpful reminder that both the prayer book and the prayer tree are available for everybody to use to request prayer for specific situations and people. (Please ensure any people included have given their consent to be named)



Prayers on the prayer tree will be offered by the prayer team for a period of 2 months following request.

Prayers in the prayer book will be offered in Sunday worship, either all together as the whole book is offered to God during prayers of intercession, or the names may be read out individually. These prayers will also be included on the weekly prayer web.

Please feel able to share your prayer requests in this way if that would be helpful to you and also take time to read the requests so you can include the people and situations in your own personal prayers.

Following our morning service a member of the prayer team is available in the prayer space at the back of the church to share with you.

The church is open Mon – Fri 9.30 am – 3pm for your own personal prayer and reflection.

If you would like someone to meet with you for prayer, at any time, then please speak to Alison Gunn, Pastoral Worker.



The Flower Visitors

For December
Ann Booth

For January
Jenni Harman

HORIZONS FUNDRAISING LAUNCH

Have you looked at the Horizons fundraising board? If so you will have noticed that for the inauguration of our fundraising efforts, in the New Year we will be holding a

Gifts and Talents Silent Auction

You may remember our last Silent Auction in 2007.

From early January 2014, the whole Church family will be invited to offer a gift or talent to raise funds for the building project. Once the Auction is launched, you will be invited to write your offer of a gift or talent on the sheets on the notice board and then, once the offer is displayed, people will start to bid.

Examples from the last silent auction, to give you a clue as to what you might like to offer were – a ride on a Scooter with afternoon tea included, a 6 month supply of flapjacks, icing a birthday cake, a framed photograph of a local Cheadle Hulme scene, a guided trip up Snowden, babysitting, providing a meal for 4 people, etc. etc. As you can see the offers were many and varied, so what would you like to offer? Please have a think and then add your name and contribution to the list during January. Bidding will start sometime late in January and continue until mid-February.

On Saturday, 15th February there will be an evening social, including a meal, to formally launch the Horizons fundraising project, and this will include the results of the Auction. The whole event is being run by one of the Homegroups. So do help us to make this a big success and an encouragement to everyone as we set out to raise funds to enhance our Church building.

FAREWELL TO GILL NEWTON AND HER FAMILY

Please keep the evening of Friday 25th April 2014 free for our farewell event for Gill, Leslie and Laura.

The details are not yet finalised

There will also be a Circuit Farewell Service in the evening of Sunday 27th April at Bramhall

For Your Diary

CAMEO

Meets every Tuesday 10am – 2.00pm. and you will be very welcome to join with us. The last before Christmas will be on 17th December and then will recommence on 7th January

Friendly Food

Food is served every Wednesday at 12.15pm. Lunch, costing £3 Adults and £1 per Child, is open to anyone who would like to come along and enjoy good food and have some company. There will be no lunch on 4th and 11th December as the Christmas trail will be happening. The Christmas Meal will be on 18th December and then the usual service will recommence on 8th January.

Network

Meets on Thursdays at 2.30pm and you are welcome to join in. On 5th Dec Kate Lomas will have Christmas as her theme 12th Dec will be a members afternoon with a Christmas theme and on 19th Dec the *Ecumenical Carol Service* January will commence with the New Year lunch on 16th recommencing the Thursday afternoon meetings after that.

Contact

Friday 13th December at 6.30pm will be the Christmas Party and on Tuesday 28th January Martin Rodger will speak of "My Life in Jazz.

Men's Breakfast – 14th December

This breakfast will be different to the norm in that it will take place the day after the Christmas Trail has finished. So the Sanctuary and Room 1 will need to be completely cleared and returned to normal in preparation for the various Christmas activities that will be taking place. So at a time to be notified everyone, men AND women will be invited to come along for a bacon butty **Christmas Trail**.

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Men's Breakfast – 11th January

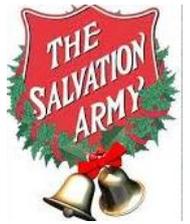
Men's Breakfast will be meet at church at 8.30am. All men are very welcome to attend. Further details from John Harrington

Focus

On Friday 31st January at 7.30pm in the coffee lounge An Introduction to the Temperance Movement with Peter Crummett

Come and join us for

CAROLS IN THE PARK
in OAK MEADOW



on SATURDAY DECEMBER 21st at 11 am.
with the SALVATION ARMY BAND

Hot drinks and mince pies will be served

Please come and support this act of witness in our community

Christmas Card Board

From 1st December the World and Neighbourhood Action Notice board in the narthex will be available for displaying your Christmas cards to the church family. The money you save by just sending the one card can be handed in to the church office in an envelope (marked Hope for Justice). The money will be sent to Hope for Justice in support of their ongoing work.

Lifeshare at Christmas

As usual this Christmas I am involved with Lifeshare, providing food and shelter in the holiday week when many of the usual places are closed. We are in the fortunate position this year of already having enough volunteers to run every shift over the period 23rd December to 29th December.

BUT we still need donations – you can find a “wish list” on the website www.lifeshare.org.uk/projects/christmas .

The main things are :

Sleeping bags (specially with carrying bags)

Socks and underwear (mainly men's)

Jeans size 30/32 Shoes

Toothpaste and deodorant

I'd be very grateful for any contributions, large or small
Jenni Hardman.

Christmas Trail

The Christmas Trail starts on Wednesday 4th December and runs until Friday 13th December. The daytime Trails are run



specifically for local schools and are all fully booked. However there will be evening Trails held on Thursday 5th, Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th at 6.45pm and 8pm for any children who have not been on the Trail, plus any families and adults who wish to undertake the Trail. Because numbers on each Trail are limited, you will need to book a place on a Trail and booking forms can be found in the Narthex.

On Sunday 8th December the morning service will take the form of a meditative walk around the Trail. Again because numbers are limited, groups will start the Trail at approximately 10 minute intervals and these will continue until everyone who wants to undertake the Trail has done so. But again we need folk to sign up otherwise there may be some delay for getting on a Trail, BUT you will get on one even if you have not signed up.

To all those who have volunteered to help and very big thank you.

We could not undertake this Trail without your help.

And for everyone, please pray that this opportunity, which has been afforded our church to share the Christmas message with so many folk, adults and children alike, will bear fruit in peoples lives so that the real meaning of Christmas will become a reality.

Action For Children

Now is the time to hand in your home collecting box for counting. If you are unable to give it to me personally, you can leave it in the church office for me to collect. Please try to identify your box somehow as last year several were handed in anonymously and I was unable to send the owner a thank you and receipt. This is particularly important if you are handing in your box for the first time as new boxes do not have an address label on them.

I would be grateful for all boxes by the end of December. It is usually well into January before I have collected them all.

If there is anyone willing to take over this small but vital job please let me know so that I can pass on the information to you ready for next year. Many thanks for your loyal support.

Andrew Mason (tel 482 4465)

You are invited to two celebrations!



Pauline Beswick
b. December 1933

80 years on



Katherine Mottershead
b. January 1934

75 years of friendship having met in reception class in Cheadle Hulme.

Pauline and Katherine

invite you to join them

in celebrating their lifelong friendship

by coming for tea and cake

on **Friday 3rd January 2014 at 2.30pm – 5pm**

No presents please, just your presence

Friendship

*Oh, the comfort,
the inexpressible comfort of feeling safe with a person;
having neither to weigh thoughts nor measure words,
but pour them all out, just as they are,
chaff and grain together,
knowing that a faithful hand will take and sift them,
keep what is worth keeping,
and then with the breath of kindness, blow the rest away.*

180th Birthday Celebration

Well actually two 90th birthdays!

Doris & George Codner

extend a warm invitation

to join us and our family in celebrating our 90th birthdays

for afternoon tea

on **Saturday 11th January 2014**

between 3 and 6pm

in the church coffee lounge.

We'd be delighted with your presence but please we request no presents, any donations to Cancer Research or Macmillan Nurses would be very much appreciated.

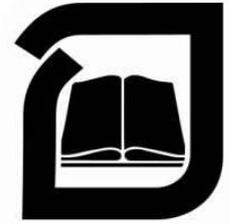


They are Back - those church bulletins which actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church:

- The Fasting and Prayer Conference includes meals
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands
- Please place your donations in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered
- Potluck supper on Sunday at 5pm - Prayer and medication to follow.



CHURCH LIFE HOME GROUPS



Monday	Shirley and Ivor John 23 Acre Lane	8pm
Tuesday	Jaqui and Phil Sarbutts 68 Radnormere Drive	8pm
Tuesday	Margaret Smith 54 Woodfield Road	7.45pm
Tuesday	Paul Reddy Church	8pm
Tuesday	Val Pickwell 122 Heathbank Road	8pm
Wednesday	Dilys and Maurice Turnpenny 7 Twining Brook Road	8pm
Thursday 3 rd Thursday	Helen and John Harrington 2 Leyland Avenue Gatley	10am – 12 noon
Friday	Pam Howie 1b Manor Close	8pm

Home groups meet on the first and third week of the month, all are welcome. Please contact the above hosts for more details.

Weekday Prayers There are many opportunities to share together in prayer, in home groups, fellowship groups and other meetings.

Fellowship Groups – Please see 'For Your Diary

A Puzzle?

Question? What has been running in the church for nearly 5 years, has averaged about 50 people per session, has involved about 360 crafts/games and activities, still attracts new people almost every month and has covered topics like Harvest, Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Communion, Baptism, The Bible, Prayer amongst many others?

The answer is Messy Church, which will be 5 years old in January!

Have you ever been? Have you ever invited anyone along? Why not give it a try? Everyone, no matter what age or circumstance is welcome. We hope that if you do come along you will not only have a fun, family time, but that you will experience hospitality and fellowship and learn something more about our faith.

Most of the Messy Church team have been involved since the very beginning, and although passionate for Messy Church to continue, some are ready to take a break to concentrate on other ministries and priorities. We have taken a step of faith that we will continue with a monthly programme despite these changes. We would like the opportunity to ask the church family if there is anyone else who would like to be involved? We run as 2 teams, so that means helping out 6 times a year! It is not all about crafts, although creative people with new ideas are always welcome! Could you chat to people, or help children with the activities, could you make people a cuppa, or could you help with the worship part of the service? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, or if you would like more information (without obligation!!) please do speak to one of the team. We are so grateful to everyone who helps each month and to those who come along to support it.

Some of the positives we have observed from Messy Church in the nearly 5 years it has been running

- A chance for families to be together
- New friendships/relationships formed
- Some Dads come more than they would otherwise
- Families get the opportunity to learn/experience the basics of our faith (e.g. some very special Messy Communion services)

- It is easy to invite people to Messy Church from home or other church groups e.g. Baptisms/Baby Chat/Toddlers/Tiddlywinks etc.
- It has attracted newcomers e.g. people passing by and seeing the banner
- It is a truly family friendly service
- For an 'evening' service to average about 50 attendees, including young families is amazing!
- It is fun!
- Through informal chats pastoral needs are sometimes identified, a real sense of community
- Through Messy Church we have the opportunity to advertise and encourage involvement in other church activities e.g. courses, groups, one off activities
- A chance for the children to be with other Christian children

Please also pray for the future of Messy Church.

*Susie Metcalfe, Jacqui Sarbutts and Emma Coe
on behalf of the Messy Church Team*

Home Groups

Starting in January all our Home groups will be studying the same material for Lent. 'The Journey of the Son' This is based on Mathew's portrayal of the journey of God's Son and should prove to be an inspiration for any age or Christian experience needing refreshment on their journey of faith..

This would be a good time to try joining a home group and I hope that many of you will be receiving a personal invitation from a home group member in the near future.

Please speak to me if you have any questions about home groups.
Val Pickwell - Home Group Co-ordinator

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



Bereavement Friendship Group

Following on from feedback received around the subject of “Dying Matters” I would like to offer the opportunity to anyone who has been bereaved, either recently or at any time in the past, to come and meet with others in our church family who have been through a similar experience.

Commencing on January 10th, we will meet weekly on a Friday afternoon between 2.00 and 3.30pm in Room 1 at church. There will be refreshments available and simply the opportunity to meet with others for conversation, support and friendship, tea and cake!

If you would be interested in coming please speak to Alison or just come along on Friday January 10th.

Alison Gunn



Retired - Paah!

When I retired I wondered what I would do with myself – I needn't have worried, there seems to be plenty!!

One of the most interesting (apart from church office of course!!) is driving for **Commicare**. We take people who are unable to use their own or public transport to various places – doctors', dentists', nurses' etc. A mileage allowance is paid. I find it satisfying and have met some interesting people in the course of doing this work

As age has taken its toll (!) we are becoming short of drivers – would anyone like to consider this valuable contribution – perhaps as a New Year Resolution?

To find out more speak to me or Margaret Smith.

Jenni Hardman

December /January Prayer Diary

Sunday 1 st Dec	<p>10am Rev Gill Newton <i>Toy Service and Holy Communion</i></p> <p>4pm Messy Church</p> <p>6.30pm Rev Gill Newton <i>Community Carol Service</i></p> <p>At the beginning of Advent we pray Lord that we may express and demonstrate your love for your world to our local community.</p>	
Monday 2 nd Dec	Pray for those organising, setting up and taking part in the Christmas Trail, that they may really feel God's presence with them in this work.	<i>Christmas Trail begins</i>
Tuesday 3 rd Dec	Remember the Circuit Staff as they meet today, and pray for peace in their hearts as we approach Christmas.	<i>Circuit Staff Meeting</i>
Wednesday 4 th Dec	We pray Lord for the local school children and teachers who will be following the Christmas Trail this week, may it open their hearts to the real meaning of Christmas.	
Thursday 5 th Dec	Today the Circuit Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meet. Bless them Lord, and may they feel your presence in their discussions. May they know how much their work is appreciated by their churches.	<i>Circuit Local Preachers' & Worship Leaders' Meeting</i>
Friday 6 th Dec	Father, we remember all those affected by the disaster in the Philippines last month. We pray for all those bereaved and injured, their families, and especially the children who have lost parents. Comfort them Lord, and hold them very close to you.	
Saturday 7 th Dec	We pray for the Government of the Philippines and for those involved in bringing aid and helping with rebuilding. We ask Lord for wisdom in decision making, and generosity and compassion from the wider world.	
Sunday 8 th Dec	<p>10.00am Christmas Trail</p> <p>4.00pm Christmas Trail</p> <p>6.30pm Carol Singing on Ramillies Estate</p> <p><i>Come, thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set thy people free, From our fears and sins release us, Let us find our rest in thee. Charles Wesley</i></p>	
Monday 9 th Dec	We pray for our Leadership Team as they meet today, and especially Lord we ask for people willing to serve as Stewards at this time of change in the life of our church.	<i>Leadership Team Meeting</i>
Tuesday 10 th Dec	Lord we pray for medical staff as hospitals and clinics become so busy in the cold weather.	<i>Circuit Meeting</i>
Wednesday 11 th Dec	Pray for people who will spend Christmas on their own, especially the elderly and lonely; guide us Lord as how best to offer support.	

Thursday 12 th Dec	Today the clergy from all the Churches in Cheadle Hulme meet together. Pray that we may work together to express your word and your love to the people of Cheadle Hulme	<i>CTCH Clergy Meeting</i>
Friday 13 th Dec	Lord we pray for the Vicar, church leaders and congregation of All Saints' Church in this their 150 th Anniversary year.	
Saturday 14 th Dec	Give thanks for the Christmas Trail which finished yesterday; for the hard work and witness of all involved. May those who travelled the trail always remember the experience.	
Sunday 15 th Dec	10.00am Sarah Hooks 6.30pm Rev Gill Newton <i>with prayers for Healing and Wholeness and Holy Communion</i> We pray Lord that you will lay your healing hands upon those in need today. Bless them and hold them very close to you.	
Monday 16 th Dec	Pray for those you know who are ill at home or in hospital, that they will feel God very close to them today.	
Tuesday 17 th Dec	Lord we pray especially for those suffering from depression as we approach Christmas. We also bring before you their friends and family who support them, grant them patience and understanding. Help us all to know how best to help.	
Wednesday 18 th Dec	Calm me Lord as you stilled the storm. Still me Lord, keep me from harm. Let all the tumult within me cease. Enfold me Lord, in your peace. Amen	
Thursday 19 th Dec	Network group, and Lane End School hold their carol services today. We pray for all those involved Lord, and for the Oak Meadow Service on Saturday	<i>Network Carol Service</i> <i>Lane End Carol Service</i>
Friday 20 th Dec	Pray for families struggling financially at this time, especially those short of food. Pray for the work of food banks, and those who use them.	
Saturday 21 st Dec	Our glad Hosannas, Prince of Peace, They welcome shall proclaim; And Heaven's eternal arches ring With thy beloved name. <i>Philip Doddridge</i>	<i>CTCH Service in Oak Meadow</i>
Sunday 22 nd Dec	10.00am Rev Gill Newton <i>with Nativity</i> 6.30pm Rev Gill Newton Carol Service We pray that the children of our church family may grow in their knowledge and love of you through Young Church.	
Monday 23 rd Dec	Father we pray for the leadership teams of Young Church and Messy Church, that they may be enabled by sufficient support to continue this vital work.	

Tuesday 24 th Dec	4pm Christingle Service 11.15pm Candlelit Communion Service Father, as we approach Christmas we pray for peace. Peace in our hearts, in our families and communities, and most of all, peace in your world. Bless and help those who work for peace; and comfort and support those in the war torn areas of the world.	<i>Christingle</i> <i>Midnight Communion</i>
Wednesday 25 th Dec	10am Family Christmas Celebration Come and join the celebration, it's a very special day; Come and share our jubilation, there's a new King born today! <i>Valerie Collinson</i>	<i>Family Worship</i>
Thursday 26 th Dec	Lord we bring before you those without a home today, especially in our local area, and we give thanks for those who have worked to make Christmas as happy as possible for many of them. We pray they may find the support they need in the future.	
Friday 27 th Dec	Thank you Father for our friends and families and for all the joy children bring over these Christmas holidays.	
Saturday 28 th Dec	There will be some people who have not enjoyed Christmas for many reasons. Lord we bring them to you, especially the children, and ask that love, joy and peace will be restored to them.	
Sunday 29 th Dec	10.00am Sylvia Cowling Mine are riches from your poverty, From your innocence, eternity; Mine, forgiveness by your death for me; Child of sorrow for my joy. <i>M. Perry</i>	
Monday 30 th Dec	Pray for our minister Gill, and Leslie and Laura as they rest after the busyness of Christmas, and prepare themselves for the changes to come next year.	
Tuesday 31 st Dec	We place ourselves in your keeping Lord as we say goodbye to the old year and look forward to 2014.	
Wednesday 1 st Jan	We hold before God our whole church family as we move into the new year and ask his blessing upon all we are and all we do.	
Thursday 2 nd Jan	Pray for the team involved in the appointment of a new minister here in September. Grant them wisdom and insight Lord.	
Friday 3 rd Jan	Remember today those who clean and care for our church premises. Also give thanks for the creative talents of the banner group and the flower arrangers.	
Saturday 4 th Jan	We pray for those in prison, and especially for those about to be released; that they may receive the help and support they need.	
Sunday 5 th Jan	10.00am Rev Charles Nevin 6.30pm Margaret Parker Christ is the world's light, he and none other; Born in our darkness, he became our brother If we have seen him, we have seen the Father Glory to God on high. <i>F.Pratt Green</i>	

Monday 6 th Jan	Lord we pray for the work of the World and Neighbourhood Action Team as they meet today; guide them in their discussions.	<i>W&NA Team Meeting</i>
Tuesday 7 th Jan	We pray for Emma as she works to forge links with the Mother and baby Unit at Styal Prison; that good relationships can be developed.	
Wednesday 8 th Jan	So much work goes on in the church office; we thank you Father for Maggie and the office volunteers, bless their meeting today.	<i>Office Management Group Meeting Leadership Team Meeting</i>
Thursday 9 th Jan	Our Leadership Team met last night, we thank you for them Lord, and their commitment to your work.	
Friday 10 th Jan	We pray for students going back to University after the holidays; bless them Father as they settle into a new term and a new year.	
Saturday 11 th Jan	Help us Father, to prepare ourselves spiritually for the Covenant Service tomorrow, and the commitments we will be making	
Sunday 12 th Jan	<i>10.00am Rev Gill Newton Covenant Service 6.30pm Circuit Service at Bramhall</i> Break thou the bread of life, O Lord to me As thou didst break the loaves beside the sea. Beyond the sacred page I seek thee Lord My spirit longs for thee, O living word. <i>M.A. Lathbury</i>	
Monday 13 th Jan	During this time of prayer for Christian Unity we pray for the local churches ; that we will be able to celebrate our common faith, and work together to share it with the community.	
Tuesday 14 th Jan	The Worship Team meets today. They ask us to pray for increasing opportunities for young people to participate in worship.	<i>Worship Team Meeting</i>
Wednesday 15 th Jan	We pray Lord that all of us, irrespective of age, will feel at home and comfortable in our worship together	
Thursday 16 th Jan	Network celebrate New Year with a meal together. Bless their companionship, Lord.	<i>Network New Year Lunch</i>
Friday 17 th Jan	Pray for all areas of our world affected by natural disasters; pray for those struggling to cope and for those trying to help and rebuild.	
Saturday 18 th Jan	Churches Together meet to sing your praises today. We pray it will be a time of joyous worship.	<i>CTCH Music Event</i>
Sunday 19 th Jan	<i>10.00am Rob Iveson from Emmanuel Church Pulpit Exchange 4.00pm Messy Church 6.30pm Rev Tim Nicholls Reflective Worship</i> In his love, he wraps and enfolds us. He enfolds us for love, and he will never let us go....and all shall be well. <i>Mother Julian of Norwich</i>	

Monday 20 th Jan	Pray for people travelling to work in the cold and dark; that they may travel safely.	
Tuesday 21 st Jan	The Circuit Staff meet today and will be celebrating the New Year. We pray for them Father as they plan for the year ahead and the changes as Gill and Leslie move on.	<i>Circuit Staff Meeting & New Year Lunch</i>
Wednesday 22 nd Jan	Pray for prisoners of conscience throughout the world, imprisoned because of their faith or political beliefs. Bless them Father and keep them strong.	
Thursday 23 rd Jan	Father we pray for the Caring Team as it meets today, especially praying for more helpers at Cameo, so that the very important work it does may continue.	<i>Caring Team Meeting Circuit Leadership Team Meeting</i>
Friday 24 th Jan	Give thanks for all the caring that happens in this church, and especially for the work Alison does in the community. Pray for volunteers to support her in this ministry.	
Saturday 25 th Jan	Pray that those caught up in addictions of any kind may find the help and support they need and may come to know your restoring love.	
Sunday 26 th Jan	10.00am Rev Gill Newton 6.30pm Rev Gill Newton <i>with Prayers for Healing and Wholeness and Holy Communion</i> The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. Psalm 23	<i>Evangelism Team Meeting</i>
Monday 27 th Jan	Bible Study meets tonight. Help us, Father to ensure that study of your word is a priority in our life in this new year.	<i>Playgroup Committee Bible Study</i>
Tuesday 28 th Jan	Pray for the elderly in our community who may be finding the cold weather hard to cope with; help us to know where there is need, and be able to offer support.	<i>Evening Worship Planning Team Meeting</i>
Wednesday 29 th Jan	Remember those of our friends and family in hospital and pray for the doctors and nurses caring for them. Bless them all Lord.	
Thursday 30 th Jan	Lord we pray for the Horizon Project, seeking to raise money to transform our church building into an attractive hub for the community. Help us to find imaginative ways to fund this.	<i>Resources Team Meeting</i>
Friday 31 st Jan	Give us O God, amid the pressures of today, the grace of contentment and tranquillity of spirit.	

Prayer for the Month

May God guide our feet as we travel from the old year into the new.

May God surround us with his love, and lead us by the hand.

May God who knows our path, lead us in the way that is everlasting.

Amen

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
Banner Making	14:00	Sue Jacklin
Rock Solid (fortnightly during term time)	19.30	John Harrington
Contact	15.00	George Lea
Tues Evening Reflective Worship	19.00	Kathryn Price

Wednesday

Wednesday Worship	10.30	Liz Parkinson
Toddlers	10:45	Susie Metcalfe
Friendly Food	12:15	Hazel Crummett
The Singers	18:45	Christine Watson

Thursday

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

Friday

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

Saturday

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

HEATING STEWARD:

Peter Harrop

ENVELOPE SECRETARY:

George Lea

ROOM BOOKINGS:

Maggie Thompson

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George Lea

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Prayer Requests Colin & Kathryn Taylor

Our Minister, Gill Newton, is available for discussion and can be telephoned at home (day off is Friday) or via the church office, which is open Monday-Friday 9.30am-3.00pm and there is an answering machine at other times.

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Men's Breakfast dates: 2014:-

- January 11th
- February 8th
- April 12th
- June 14th
- July 12th
- August 9th
- September 12th
- October 11th
- November 8th
- December 13th

You will see from above that there is no breakfast booked for March or May. This is because other groups have already booked the rooms. So for March we will be joining the other men from the area for the CVM breakfast (date still to be determined) and for May we will probably go out to the Beefeater Restaurant in Heald Green. So for both of these there will be a separate Notice sent for the magazine.