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Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church

Our Mission
*Living With Christ,
Living For Christ*



Living to Make Christ Known

Amazingly and wonderfully made

Driving recently I got stuck behind a truck which had these words of Judy Garland upon it:

Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else.

I am not sure what relevance these words had to the company whose vehicle it was but it certainly made a change from reading a strap-line or a slogan advertising a particular brand or retailer. It also gave me more to think about.

How often do we compare ourselves with others? How often do we wish we might be as good a musician as our favourite artist, as athletic as some top sportsperson, or as amusing as the comedian we most admire? How often might we long to be as creative as some person we know, or as confident, or as intelligent, or as well-liked? In these ways we might be said to want to be somebody else and to be dissatisfied with who we actually are. This can perhaps be compounded if others put expectations upon us which relate to us being who or what we are not.

In Psalm 139, the writer says to God:

'You made my whole being; you formed me in my mother's body. I praise you because you made me in an amazing and wonderful way.'

(NCV Anglicised Edition)

He recognised that his life was an incredible gift given by God and one to be cherished.

Treasuring who we are as individuals, people made by God and in God's image, affirms our humanity in a positive way. We can delight in our senses, be thankful for the things which we discover we are good at, and recognise the dormant potential that can be awakened within ourselves. We can seek, with the help of God's Spirit, to be first-rate versions of ourselves and, in doing so, can bring pleasure to our Creator.

At our June Church Council, we spent some time thinking about how we might restructure how we manage our church life. This came about from a recognition that we cannot, for a number of reasons, sustain the current structure that we have alongside all the other roles that we need to fill. The thought is to focus our structure around 'discipleship' (the life of our church as we gather together for worship and learning and as we care for one another) and 'mission' (the ways in which we seek to show God's love to those outside our church family, including sharing our faith, responding to local and global needs, and supporting the work of charities and the wider Church). This links well with the description of the Methodist Church as 'a discipleship movement shaped for mission'.

It will take some time for this reshaping to take place and within this process there is the opportunity for each of us to think about how we are or may be involved in enabling the work of Christ's church. Any contribution will relate to who we are, our abilities, our interests and our potential. If we follow someone else in fulfilling a particular role, it is important not to feel that we have to do it like they did it but rather to do it as well as we can in our own way. Our participation will provide a means of offering back to God something of what he has given to us in the first place.

During the August period of our Methodist year, there will be Ministers who will be moving Circuits. Ministers and Circuits, through our invitation system, will have been 'matched' and the intention is that Ministers will be going to appointments which suit them. It is about trying to put round pegs in round holes and square pegs in square ones. Where that more-or-less works, Ministers will be able to seek to be first-rate versions of themselves and both Ministers and Circuits should benefit as a result. However, if Circuits have unrealistic expectations which are not met, or Ministers aspire to be like or not like their predecessors rather than themselves, the result will be like trying to fit a square pegs into a round holes.

Please pray for our Church community here as we restructure ourselves for mission and ministry, asking God to guide and direct us, enabling us all to contribute in ways which are true to ourselves.

Please also remember Ministers and the Circuits to which they are moving in your prayers, asking God to help the 'matches' to work and where they do not to enable adjustments to be made so that they do. Finally, do not forget to give thanks for that fact that you are amazingly and wonderfully made.

Philip.



Quiet Room

Room 2 is being developed as a Quiet Room, in accordance with a decision of the Church Council in Autumn 2015. The room will be available for anyone to use for personal prayer and quiet reflection at

various times during the week. Written and visual resources will be made available.



In addition, from 9.15 – 9.45 am and 5.45 – 6.15pm before worship each Sunday, we are encouraged to use the Quiet Room to

prepare ourselves for worship and to pray for those taking part.

Give Thanks by Margaret Ingall

A new day is born
Wake up and give thanks,
New prospects, new dawn,
Make time to give thanks

As sun gains in height
Rejoice and give thanks
For each small delight
It's time to give thanks.

As dusk starts to fall
Seek space to give thanks
For God's love for all
With joy, offer thanks



Hello, my name is Allison, I am a Methodist Local Preacher who lives in the Stockport Circuit. I am also newly appointed as a director of ArtServe and I want to share the benefits of this

growing organisation with the people of the Northwest. ArtServe is an ecumenical national organisation whose aim is to encourage and support all those who are interested in Art in its many forms, and its place in worship. Our churches have many people who meet in their buildings who love music through listening, playing an instrument or singing. There are people who love drama and dance, who write poetry and hymns, paint, make banners and arrange flowers in beautiful ways. These are the people we would like to support. We can not do this without them knowing about us. I am trying to put together a network of people in this area who are interested and would like to share their love of Art with likeminded people. With the hope that we can share ideas and help each other to grow in our love of Art and our faith.

If you are reading this and you don't think that you personally fit the bill but know people who would, could I ask that you pass this information on to them. People who are interested please check out the ArtServe website on www.Artserve.org. I will be really happy to tell you more about what we are about and send you a copy of our latest magazine.

Thank you so much

Allison Lewis On behalf of ArtServe

The use of the Lord's Prayer in worship

Following the discussion at the General Church Meeting, the Church Council voted on the proposal agreed by the General Church Meeting (to be reviewed in a year):

that we respect the version of the Lord's prayer chosen by whoever is leading worship and preferably join in audibly with that. However, if anyone prefers to pray a different version he/she should do so silently or very quietly.

This was unanimously agreed and will be the understanding upon which we operate for the next twelve months.

Come and Worship

Sunday 3rd July

9.30 for 10am Taste

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock

6.30pm Rev Philip Berry

Sunday 10th July

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock with Holy Communion (Action for Children Sunday)

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock with a Taize service

Sunday 17th July

9.30 for 10am Taste

10.00am Raymond Francis

6.30pm Rev Heegon Moon

Wednesday 20th July Morning Communion at 10.30am

Sunday 24th July

10.00am Malcolm Gunn

6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock who will lead a Service of Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Sunday 31st July

10.00am Rev Philip Peacock with Baptism of Thaddeus Frederick Joseph Barnes Warburton

6.30pm United Service with Churches Together

Sunday 7th August

9.30 for 10.00am Taste
10.00am David James
6.30pm Mrs Sarah Hooks

Sunday 14th August

10.00am Rev David Clowes
6.30pm Rev Philip Berry

Sunday 21st August

9.30 for 10.00am Taste
10.00am Mrs Kathryn Price
6.30pm Rev Heegon Moon

Sunday 28th August

10.00am Mrs Margaret Parker
6.30pm Rev Philip Peacock who will lead a Service of Holy Communion with Prayers for Healing and Wholeness

Wednesday Worship will now only be on third Wednesday of the month and will include Holy Communion. There will be no service in August and from September it will start at The later time of 11.00am

Mid-week Worship and Learning

Home Groups will not be meeting in July and August
Fellowship Groups – Please see ‘For Your Diary’

**Articles for the September Magazine
by 14th August PLEASE.**

*Articles can be sent via e-mail for publication in this magazine,
in ‘Word’ format for text,
.jpeg for images, posters etc please.*

News of the Family

Thanks

Jenny and I would like to thank everyone for the gifts of flowers, cards and their love and prayers. Also to Raymond for his home visits. I am now on the road to full recovery. Thank you.

Peter and Jenny Baxendale

Mike and Jane Kemp would like to thank everyone at church for their cards, messages of concern and best wishes following Mike's recent heart operation. He is doing ok and following a 3 month programme of recovery and exercise. He is feeling well, much stronger and is walking greater distances...now on his own! At the end of this 3 month programme he should be as good as new and according to the programme should be able to dig in the garden. As this hasn't happened once in 40 years of marriage....I'll believe that when I see it!!

Many thanks also for the visit from "the flower fairy."

Halleluiah, praise the Lord!

We want to praise God for the church family here. We felt surrounded by God's love, as so many people supported us after Pat's stroke, at the end of March. Thank you for all you did for us. Praise God for the NHS and the wonderful treatment that I received, which got rid of the blood clot and limited the damage caused by the stroke, resulting in my amazing recovery. I look forward to gradually getting my strength back completely. Praise God for all the lovely hospital staff who cared for me, and gave me the exercises that have restored my speech and the mobility in my arm.

Hallelujah, praise the Lord! Pat and Dave James

Birthday

Many congratulations and best wishes to Dorothy Betts who will be 90 on 16th July

Transport



Flower Visitor for July is Jane Kemp
and for August Myra Woodcock and
Cheryl Palmer



In our prayers

We remember in our prayers those who have been in hospital during the last month and those who are very poorly.

We continue to pray for those who are listed in our prayer book:
Pam Howie, Mike Kemp, Jean and David Huxley, Evelyn Richardson,
Sheila and Peter Cresswell, the family of Stuart Furnival, Kathryn
Taylor, Sue Howie and family.

For Your Diary

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

Will continue through July and August (will have a break on 6th and 13th September) We meet on Tuesdays 10.30am until 2.00pm

Contact Group

Contact will be closed until Wednesday 21st September.

Tuesday worship

None in July or August

Focus

will recommence on Friday 30th September

Home groups

Start again on week beginning 19th September

Network

We will visit Wilmslow Garden Centre and have lunch on August 18th at 1 pm. Then the new season will start on Thursday 15th September at 2.30pm

Last dates before the summer break are:-

Toddlers

Wednesday 27th July 10.45am

Baby Chat

Thursday 22nd July at 10.30am

Tiddlywinks

Friday 28th July at 10.30am

We are hoping that we will be able to continue these teenies groups from week beginning 5th September but, as yet have no details.

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.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY HARVEST HOE DOWN

Last year's Hoe Down was so successful that we are having another one on Saturday 24th September. We have booked the same group, The Superceilidhfringelastic Band. Tickets will be available nearer the time.

Action For Children

On July 10th we will be celebrating 147 years of the work of Action For Children, the children's charity of the Methodist Church. This year we will be having Jill Dean from Action For Children telling us something of the Charity's work.

Envelopes will be in the pews on 10th July for donations towards the work.

The outside play area of the Mother and Baby Unit at Styal Prison (run by AFC)is costing £13,000 and our collection of envelope donations will go towards that target.. £10,000 has already been raised but a further £3,000 is needed for phase 2 and will be used to purchase :- play turf, covered sand tables, wobbly mirror?? Water trough and a gazebo. Now we have a newly furbished and up to date church can we help the special project at Styal Prison? It is very much a community/mission outreach - I hope we can respond to this appeal.

Ann Booth AFC Secretary.



**ACROSS THE UK,
3.7 MILLION CHILDREN
ARE LIVING IN POVERTY.**

**1.7 MILLION
LIVE IN ABSOLUTE POVERTY.**

It's time to make a real and lasting difference for children.

When Methodist minister, Thomas Bowman Stephenson, founded Action for Children, his aim was to reach out and support disadvantaged children by not only giving them shelter, but the chance to grow up and make something of their lives.

The charity he founded became our children's charity, and we can be proud of the difference we've made to the lives of disadvantaged children over the years.

But we can't stand still.

Today, with funding for children's services diminishing and the gap between rich and poor growing, we're on a journey that will place full focus on the core ethos of its founder, to transform the fortunes for disadvantaged children – for good.

Homegroups

Monday	Wendy and Les Turner		8pm
Monday	Rachel Monkhouse		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	Helen and John Harrington		10am – 12 noon

Home Groups do not meet during July and August

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW THE CHURCH FAMILY?

Here is a selection of surnames as you've never seen them before. Can you work them out – some are cryptic, some are anagrams. No prizes, just a bit of "summer fun." Answers next edition.
Compiled by Ann Booth.

1. Sounds like a Dad whose hard of hearing
2. "E" can't do without his preserves.
3. Let's choose a source of water.
4. Nothing old about this family.
5. A mother and her offspring.
6. Here comes a Simpson down in t' valley.
7. Add a letter to this "small" animal.
8. Sounds like this girl likes a drink.
9. Here's a weighty shed.
10. "E" joins the company.
11. Sounds like a winter coat.
12. Twist with hesitation.
13. Find Roy amongst some sticky stuff.
14. Value pine in reverse.
15. We have a solid chef among us.
16. Chromium met tum and got all confused.
17. Come and meet the baby cow.
18. Look, is the sack empty?
19. Don't tut about money, it's only brass.
20. Champagne? Nagh!
21. Hand on hart? No, ring on heart.
22. Send little Dorothy back with an old penny.
23. Take a good look around Marble Arch.
24. "E," what a mix up sad number 6 is.
25. Back no slug? Of course.
26. Busy B turns into headgear.
27. But not weak in t' head.
28. Add a letter to this bird.
29. He is a saintly man.
30. This is not an easy person.
31. Try to go back Ned.
32. A Scottish clan.
33. O, can you do grace?
34. Rotate a coin.



Christian Aid Week 2016

Did you breathe a sigh of relief when it ended? I was jumping for joy! For, despite many reporting they had found House to House collecting more difficult than previously, CHMC had collected the same -within £15 - as last year, which was a bumper £3606

Many brave souls offer to deliver and collect the envelopes (we aim to deliver to every home in Cheadle Hulme) but afterwards some say "never again" Perhaps we all set out with unrealistic hopefulness? We may be carrying an inspired vision of what Christian Aid is doing, and COULD do with more money...but quite fairly, may folk we call upon already have given whatever they can to a charity of their own choice. "*I do understand. None of us can give to every cause!*" I hear myself saying. And some may feel affronted that a total stranger should approach them and expect a donation.(especially if they are adamantly NOT a Christian)"That's alright, it's all voluntary" and I add brightly "God bless you" remembering that it could be Christ they are rejecting, not me. Others assure me they have already given on-line. Here I make sure I look delighted and thank them profusely and off I skip, hoping that they actually have given. At each visit I try to be sure I'm looking pleasant and stand a good distance away from the door so as not to appear threatening. After all we are asking for a favour.

This year we were specifically asked by Christian Aid not to knock on any door that has a request for "No cold callers" as there may be a wide variety reasons why this request has been made and we must respect that.

When I have a complete road to collect from I try to plan three visits there at a variety time of day. It is amazing how many homes have someone in during the day - often they are retired and glad to see someone. If there are children or folk who go out to work it is best to go between 5.30 and 7.30pm. If the family is away I leave a post-it suggesting a donation This is worth it - we had an additional £30 this way this year.

We go because of our concern for the REALLY poor people in our world...and hopefully enable them all to believe that God cares greatly about them. No one said it would be easy but when I pray as I go along it feels 'right'.

We have the joy of sharing our time, energy and commitment to help truly grateful families.

Please come to our Christian Aid Focus event in November to hear about some of the amazing results that our fund raising has achieved
Please come and give it a try next Christian Aid Week.

Again a very big THANK YOU from Christian Aid to everyone who helped in any way this year

Margaret Clarke

MEETING TOGETHER

People to contact

Sunday

Young Church	10.00	
Great Heights	20.00	Phil & Jaqui Sarbutts

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Baby Chat	10.30	
Network	14.30	Sue Burnett
Scouts	19.15	David Heatley

Friday

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

Saturday

Heating Steward:

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Transport Rota:

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Bookstall:

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