

# August & September 2025

**Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church**  
*e-MAGAZINE*



## Our Mission

Living With Christ

Living For Christ

Living to Make Christ Known

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Dave James, Barbara Clark, Charles Nevin, Gill Smith

Articles for the **October/November** issue of the magazine  
need to be submitted to the magazine editor Gill Smith  
by **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September**

If you include your personal contact details in your article it  
will be assumed that you are giving consent for these to be  
included in the paper copy of the magazine which will be in  
the public domain.

## **Doesn't time fly when you're having fun?**

I moved into the manse just over a year ago, and I do wonder where the time has gone. Getting to know the folk of Cheadle Hulme, then Heald Green and, latterly, Cheadle has been tremendous, because I so missed caring for congregations over the three years I couldn't.

I won't pretend everything has been an unmitigated barrel of laughs at all times and everywhere, but I do wonder where the time has gone.

You see, there is something that you may not entirely appreciate. You are wonderful!

I have been welcomed and cared for in ways I never expected, and that has filled me with wonder. The work that is done by the pastoral carers is superb, the dedication shown by those engaged in leading and streaming worship is exemplary, the members of the Leadership Team (past and present) are insightful and spiritual in their work, the generosity in giving of time and resources by the Foodbank an... I could go on and on.

You are wonderful!

One of the worst things one can do is to take other people for granted. There is also a hazard in taking yourself for granted. God has given you tremendous gifts and a purpose for which to use them, so give thanks to God whenever you do!

"Oh, it's just what I do, there's no need to make a song and dance" just doesn't work. Yes, it IS what you do, but give thanks that you CAN. Give thanks that God uses you to impact the lives of others in many positive ways.

You are wonderful, because you live within the love of God and show that love to others. Even to a wandering minister. Thank you all.

Alistair

# *Join us for Worship*



Services will be held in the Sanctuary and will be simultaneously livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

## *Services in August*

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> August**

10.30am Morning worship led by Rev Alistair Jones

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August**

10.30am Morning worship with Holy Communion  
led by Rev Charles Nevin



### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August**

10.30am Morning worship led by the Connect Team

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August**

10.30am United Service at Cheadle Trinity  
Morning worship led by Rev Alistair Jones

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> August**

10.30am Morning worship led by Mr Dave James

# *Services in September*

## **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September**

10.30am Morning Worship led by Mr David Allaby

## **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September Education Sunday**

10.30am Morning Worship with Holy Communion  
led by Rev Alistair Jones



## **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September Peace Sunday**

10:30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Angela Clowes

## **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September**

10:30am Morning Worship led by Mrs Pat James

6.30pm Evening Worship led by Rev Alistair Jones

### **Live streaming our morning service**

As you know, ever since Covid, we have been livestreaming our morning services, and these can be watched live, or later on YouTube, following a link on our website. This has been a great blessing to our members who cannot make it to church. What you may not be aware of, if you are able to come to church, is that sometime the live stream does not work. Once we realise that the live stream is not working, we record the service and upload it later. We can only apologise for this disruption to people's access to our services, especially as this has been happening a lot recently. We don't understand why this is happening, we are not doing anything different on the sound desk, so it seems to be outside factors. We will continue to search for a solution.

The PA team



A very warm welcome to Deacon Debs! We are delighted to announce that Mrs Deborah Brazier (Debs) will be our deacon in the Wythenshawe section of the Circuit from September 2025.

Debs, who visited us in January, is a probationer deacon who comes with a wealth of experience, for example, serving as a Family worker, Lay Worker and a member of the Circuit Leadership team in her previous Methodist circuits. Debs is a local preacher who loves to lead worship.

The role of deacon is more outward facing to the community it serves than that of presbyter and the development of the work in Wythenshawe leads us to believe that a deacon will be a good fit.

Debs will work closely with our existing Lay Worker, Clare, to serve the community and support the members of the three churches in mission.

Debs is happy for us to share that she suffers from Meniers Disease which affects hearing and balance so she will work part – time (75%). Debs will share the Pasture Field Road manse with her husband Rev Peter Brazier (Pete) who has recently accepted an appointment to the Alderley Edge and Knutsford Circuit.

### **Flower Visitors**

August - Jane Kemp  
September - Jenni Hardman



# *Regular Events at Church*

## **MONDAY**

**Memory Lane 2:00 – 4:00pm**

Meets the second and fourth Monday of the month for those with dementia and their carers

Contact: Jackie Sims

**Take Time Together 8:00pm**

Meets the **second** and **fourth** Monday of the month via Zoom-contact church office for the link

## **TUESDAY**

**CAMEO 10:30am – 2:15pm** Contact: Val Pickwell

Not meeting in August. Restart 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**Chelwood Foodbank Collection 11:00 am – 12 noon**

In the Church car park. Contact: Linda Rayner

**Reflective Worship 7:00 - 7:30pm in Room 2**

Contact: Pat James

**MATCH (Men AT Cheadle Hulme) 7:30 – 9:00pm**

A meeting for men every 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evening on Zoom.

Contact: Ian Porter

## **WEDNESDAY**

**Toddler Breakfast Monthly 9:45am 17<sup>th</sup> September**

**Toddlers- 10:30 – 11:45am in term time**

No meetings in August Restarts 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Contact: Jackie Sims

## **THURSDAY**

**Baby Chat – 31<sup>st</sup> July, 7<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> August 10.30am only**

From September 9:30 – 10:45am & 11:00 – 12:15 in term time

Contact: Jackie Sims

**Network Cuppa & Chat each week 2pm until 11<sup>th</sup> September**

29<sup>th</sup> August: Faith Lunch 12.30 for 1pm

18<sup>th</sup> September: Rev Alistair Jones

25<sup>th</sup> September: Quiz led by Elaine Busby

Contact: Margaret Pattie

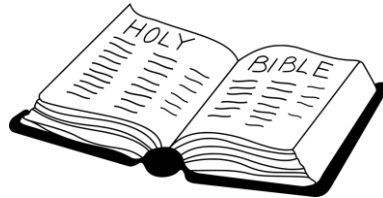
## **FRIDAY**

**Wobblers 10:30 – 11:45am** except 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> August

Contact: Jackie Sims

## Home Groups

Home Groups normally meet on the first and third week of the month. Please contact the people below for start dates in September



**Monday 10:30am in Room 2**

Contact: Margaret Parker

**Monday 8pm**

Contact: Gez Butterworth

**Friday 2pm in the Coffee Lounge**

Contact: Val Pickwell

## New Group starting 16<sup>th</sup> August

**Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church**



2 Ramillies Ave, Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle SK8 7AL 0161 485 1605

## REFLECTIVE WALK

Saturday 16th August meet at 9.30 in the church carpark



In a world of busyness and high speed, we invite you to slow down. Join us to walk gently, mindful of the minutiae, and aware of God's amazing creation, from the smallest insect to the most beautiful views. Bring your phone for photographs, or just take time to wonder.

*Approximately 3 miles (tbc) with a coffee break at Bramhall Park Café.  
For information: Linda 07944 806077 (Allow 2-3 hours).*

**New Group starting on 1st September**

# **Knit, Craft and Natter**

**Bring your craft, knitting,  
sewing or crochet projects  
for a time of  
creativity and chat**

**1st Monday of each month  
from 7-9pm  
at**

**Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church**



**Starting**  
**Monday 1 September 2025**

**Contact: Jackie**  
**[jackiechmc@gmail.com](mailto:jackiechmc@gmail.com)**

# *Church Family*

## **Congratulations to two 'Golden' couples**

Congratulations to Pat and Dave James who celebrated their Golden Wedding on 26<sup>th</sup> May and also to Barbara and John Galbraith who celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary on 4<sup>th</sup> July.

It was in Redruth in Cornwall that we married on May 26th 1975, a Bank Holiday Monday, and we celebrated our Golden Wedding on a Bank Holiday Monday too!

We spent the weekend celebrating with our children and grandchildren, with a day at Jodrell Bank, followed by a lovely meal at the Crown Inn in Goostrey. On the Monday we went to Haddon Hall in Derbyshire where we had an interesting guided tour, they have bats in the chapel, with Afternoon Tea in their cafe.

Dave and Pat James



John and Barbara were married in a Baptist church in a small village in Northern Ireland on 4th July 1975. They moved to England in 1978 and lived in various locations before moving to Cheadle Hulme in 2023.

To help celebrate 50 years of marriage, they spent a lovely weekend with their 2 children and 5 grandchildren in York.

John & Barbara on their wedding day

## **Norma Cavanagh**

We were sorry to hear of the death of Norma Cavanagh who died on 30<sup>th</sup> May. Her funeral was held at church on 25<sup>th</sup> June and led by Dave James.

We sent our love, thought and prayers to her husband Bill, son John, daughter in law Heather and granddaughters Christie-Jo and Holly.

## **Tribute to Norma Cavanagh**

Norma was born in Stoneclough in Bolton in 1934. After leaving school she worked in Manchester where she met Bill and they married in 1955 and moved to Fallowfield where their son John was born. Bill and Norma moved to Cheadle Hulme in 1970. Norma was so proud of her son John, daughter in law Heather and later her two granddaughters Christie-Jo and Holly. Many of us remember Bill and Norma bringing the girls to Young Church.

To all of us who knew Norma she was friendly, kind, grateful and generous. We saw how courageous she was dealing with health issues, especially after losing her leg, never complaining and being determined to be independent.

As her son John said at her Memorial service

“What a full and beautiful life she lived. She leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, elegance, and kindness that we will carry with us forever. Mum had a quiet resilience that defined her. She gave — selflessly, constantly, and with love.

As a mum, she was everything anyone could hope for — wise, gentle, patient, and endlessly loving. She was also a devoted and adoring grandmother — always ready with a smile, a story, or a warm hug. And always, always looking immaculate. One of her greatest joys was golf. She loved the game — it wasn't just a hobby, it was a passion, and it brought her so much happiness over the years.

Mum wasn't one for fuss or spotlight — but she was the centre of our lives. She held us together with her quiet strength, her endless love, and her incredible spirit. She showed us how to live with dignity, how to love without limits, and how to face life's hardest moments with courage."

Norma you will be sadly missed by us all.

### **In our prayers**

Our thoughts and prayers are with those who are going through challenging times and those coping with tests, treatments, illnesses or bereavement.



## Thank You from Gordon Schofield

IN LOVING MEMORY



*Sheila Schofield*

We would like to send our thanks to everyone at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church for remembering Sheila, for acknowledging all she did for others, her warmth and her friendship and for expressing thanks for her life.

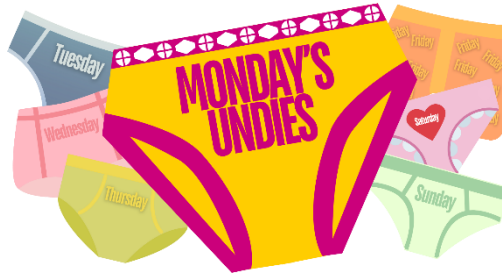
Some time ago, Sheila and Gordon asked Rev. Charles if he would officiate at their funerals and he agreed. This was before they had any thought of moving from Cheadle Hulme but, being Charles, he kept to his agreement and travelled to Stourport to conduct Sheila's service, for which we are very grateful.

People have shown their appreciation of Sheila by attending her celebration in Stourport, for which we are especially grateful, by attending her celebration in her home church, and by sending lovely cards and messages of support. We are very grateful for each and every expression of remembrance.

Words are insufficient but we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the sympathy and support you have extended toward us during this difficult time of loss.

*Thank you  
with love from Gordon and Alison*

## Monday's Undies



Thank you for continuing to support the Monday's Undies project and to Dave James who regularly drops off our donations at Manchester Central Hall.

We have received this message from Deacon Jenny Jones. "Thanks again for your support and that of Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church. I gave some underwear to a young Saudi man yesterday (I have learnt a lot about the political situation in Saudi and the nomad tribes). Due to a skin condition he has been struggling with the second-hand pairs another charity had given him and his doctor had heard about Monday's Undies and referred him to me. The smile on his face when I was able to give new cotton underpants was amazing. He is at risk of becoming homeless in the next ten days because now he has been given the right to remain, he loses his current residence. I can't solve that problem for him but it was good to make his life a little better with the underwear.

The biggest demand at the moment is for men's medium and large boxer type shorts (stretchy material). I have also been asked for men's medium and large vests (ones with short sleeves). Women's size 12 and 14 would also be useful. I have enough children's underwear at the moment."

Please leave any donations in the black collection bin near the blue free standing notice board in the Narthex.

Thank you

**Caring Team**

**Jottings from Church Council Meeting held  
on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (chaired by Rev, Alistair Jones)**

**Resources** – Two documents concerning hiring of rooms by Third Parties and the proposed budget for 2025-2026 were approved.

**Leadership Team** reported on three initiatives for the church arising from Circuit Review Day.

The updated **Safeguarding** Policy was approved.

The **Fresh Expressions** report and **Community and Pastoral Care** report were shared.

Under **Churches Together**, the meeting was informed of an event with our local MP on 11<sup>th</sup> July to discuss relevant matters with churches across Cheadle Hulme.

The **Worship Planning** Group report was shared. It was noted that in future, our churches will be required to arrange and manage more of their own services.

The **Caring Team** was thanked for the wonderful work they do each week in Cameo and also with special events.

The **Pastoral** Report was shared. Some reallocation of visitors' responsibilities will take place.

Under **Mission**, the WNAT report was shared. Thanks were paid to members who had made the Poynton Brass Band event such a success.

The **Circuit** Report was shared. Dave James has now stood down as a Circuit Steward and he was thanked for all his hard work over 10 years of service. Rev. Dave Warnock leaves the Circuit on 20<sup>th</sup> July and will be replaced by a Deacon called Deborah Brazier.

The **District** and **Connexion** Reports were shared.

Rev. Alistair Jones is now taking responsibility for **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion** matters across the Circuit.

And finally, Heald Green and Trinity Cheadle would love to receive additional administrative support.

**John Galbraith (Church Council Secretary)**



## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Doesn't time fly? It seems like yesterday that we were launching the 2025 appeal for money and items to support the Link to Hope charity. It was actually in February and now I'm writing this for the August/September magazine!

As a new initiative this year we gave out colourful candle tins for you to collect money in, to make it easier than buying different items each month, though you're still welcome to do that.



We worked out that if each tin had £1 per week put in it, then we would have £1,200 to spend on the gifts requested by Link to Hope, who support families in Ukraine, Moldova, Romania and Bulgaria with Christmas boxes.

Several people have already had their boxes emptied once but we would like to have all boxes back by the 14<sup>th</sup> September so that we can work out what to buy and how many boxes we can send this year. We need the tins anyway to put candles in! There will also be a box under the blue noticeboard in the narthex for you to put any items you have made or bought. Please note that sweets must have a 'best before' date of June 26 at the earliest. The list of items suggested is below. **DO NOT PUT MONEY IN THE BOX**, but give it to Lesley or Jacqui, or hand it in to the office.

We are so grateful for your support, but not half as grateful as the people receiving your gifts will be. Many thanks.

**Jacqui Sarbutts & Lesley Peacock**

## **Link to Hope Shopping list**



Toothbrushes and toothpaste  
Soap and flannels  
Shampoo, hairbrush,  
Moisturiser, new make-up, small scissors, nail clippers  
Small games, packs of playing cards  
Candles and holders  
Colouring pencils, colouring pads A5 size  
Small toys, yoyos, skipping ropes, toy cars  
Hot water bottle  
Wind up radio and torches  
Socks and tights (new)  
Reading glasses  
Packets of sweets or chocolates

**Any of the above items would be appreciated**  
**Thank you**

## News from Friends of Hesketh Park and Mellor Green

We've had a good year so far!



In May we hosted a BYO picnic event in Hesketh Park as part of the VE Day celebrations. Although it wasn't very warm it was dry and everyone who came seemed to enjoy the day; we did too! (Apart from having to clear about 40 lots of dog poo

beforehand! - please spread the word to our dog owning friends to clear up after their dogs)



Then in June the children from Greenbank School came and refilled our community planters.

Their enthusiasm is delightful and we are grateful to Lynn Staples, who runs the gardening club at the school, for bringing them along each year.



Last weekend was a busy one! In the morning we had one of our regular Task days, doing general tidying up duties, litter picking etc. (I was happy to notice far less dog poop around!)

In the afternoon Norman Jones, our resident expert ran a Bug Hunt.

Not many came (it was VERY hot) but those who did were rewarded with a certificate and some sweets. Sadly I don't have any photos.

Currently workers from the company putting in the electric car charging points in the library car park are helping us with the path through Mellor Green. It's been a thorn in our flesh for a long time and has been difficult to resolve (the matting which was put down has buckled and torn causing a trip hazard as well as looking unsightly) in an eco-friendly way and without causing considerable damage to the established wildlife friendly area.

We hope the new path when it's completed will be much better.



In September (27th) we'll be holding our annual BBQ which is usually a happy family friendly event so hope to see some of you there - posters will be up in church nearer the date.

**Jenni Hardman**

## **QUESTION TIME WITH OUR M.P. TOM MORRISON**

This meeting held on Saturday afternoon July 12<sup>th</sup> at Grove Lane Baptist Church was arranged by Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme and was open to anyone from the local churches. It was good to meet with thirty other Christians there, five from our church.

Tom answered questions on a huge variety of topics – the questions just kept coming! Some had been sent in advance, but most were impromptu. Tom was very clear to tell us he had not got all the answers and if he did not have an answer he would find out and let the questioner know by email. He was also clear about when an answer was official LibDem policy (the majority) or when he was taking about his own views and would need to find out the official policy.

The topics covered began with local issues – Stepping Hill Hospital – the desperate need for repairs and a possible second hospital. Following the tragedy at a local Nursery, Tom is working on an Early Day Motion regarding laws to improve safety in Nursery provision. The NHS funding problems were discussed as well as the current concern re the possible Resident Doctors Strike.

We then covered a wide range of issues – from the problems affecting Hong Kong Visas to the Birmingham dustbin worker's strike which led onto council tax, business rates, bank levies. . . . The situation re. Prisons was discussed, with the need for rehabilitation highlighted and of course the funding problems.

Regarding families, the two-child benefit cap was asked about – Lib Dem's are keen to 'scrap the cap'. There was much discussion re. vulnerable children and the role of local authorities with more funding needed for schools, children's

homes and youth clubs. Housing also was discussed and Tom felt we need a national target for Social Housing.

Regarding Climate Change, Tom confirmed his party's commitment to reducing the use of fossil fuels and encouraging the use of green energy – this led to discussion re debt relief for countries affected by climate related emergencies, which Tom supported.

Further afield, questions were asked about LibDem policy re the Israel/Gaza conflict – Tom said his party had been the first to call for a cease fire. This led to discussion re. banning goods from the settlements.

The meeting lasted an hour and those I spoke to afterwards felt it had been well worth attending – Rev Ruth Gouldbourne, the Baptist Minister who chaired the meeting is planning another meeting with Tom in January 2026. So if you are interested keep an eye open for the date!!

## **Wendy Turner**



*Photo supplied by Cheadle Hulme Churches Together group*

# Thank you

'A Night at the Movies!' with  
Vernon Building Society  
Poynton Brass Band



It was a memorable night!



Thank you to everyone who supported the concert on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> June. A massive thank you to Poynton Brass Band for a thoroughly enjoyable concert as the music took us through iconic scores and unforgettable melodies from the movies. It was a wonderful evening and one we hope to repeat in the future.

The ticket sales are being split between the band and Christian Aid. Along with the retiring collection we are expecting to have raised £1000 to send to Christian Aid.

**Cheadle Hulme Christian Aid Group**



**Christian Aid Sponsored Swim**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November**

## **Cheadle Hulme** *MAGAZINE*



Recently the Leadership team discussed the church magazine.

The magazine is published six times a year, every two months, and is available online or as a paper copy. The purpose of the magazine is to give information about church services and events, church family news and articles Christian in nature or relating to an issue directly relevant to Christianity.

Anyone is invited to submit articles to be included in the magazine.

The magazine has been in its present format for many years and we feel it is time for a review, so we would like your thoughts.

Are you happy with the format of the magazine and how you receive it?

How often do you feel the magazine should be printed?

What do you enjoy in the magazine?

What do you expect in the magazine?

Are there any items you feel should be included in the magazine, or any we should take out?

Could you write something to be included in the magazine?

**The Leadership Team and the Magazine Editor look  
forward to hearing from you**

## Eco- tips for August

Some tips to encourage wildlife during the summer months

1. I am sure you will have this one in hand already – during the summer months, it is important to provide water for birds and insects alike. It doesn't have to be a bespoke bird



bath – any shallow dish with water will do - but keep topping it up and position carefully to avoid a cat-astrophe! Bees and other insects need something even shallower – perhaps an old saucer or jar lid. Pebbles to provide different heights will make it more popular.

2. Can you provide wildlife highways to allow creatures to move from your space to nearby gardens? If you have a hedge this will always be available but if you have fence panels, you may need to make a gap or if, like me, you have concrete bases, dig underneath if your neighbour is willing.



3. Wild flowers are some of the best nectar givers – is there room for a wild life patch? Can you leave a few logs in a hidden spot to harbour insects as the wood breaks down?

## Eco- tips for September

We look at eco tips for car driving

1. When driving, the most efficient speed depends upon the car, but is typically around 55 - 65mph on long journeys. Faster speeds will greatly increase your fuel consumption so slow down and allow a little more time for journeys.



2. Before any long journey and regularly every month – check those tyre pressures. Correctly inflated tyres save money and are safer.
3. For short journeys, consider walking, cycling or public transport but, of course, these are not always convenient.
4. If you pay for car breakdown cover, consider a company that campaigns for better environmental transport measures, rather than being part of the road transport lobby e.g. Environmental Transport Association [www.eta.co.uk](http://www.eta.co.uk)

Pam Howie

# Dog Lovers Wanted



Hearing Dogs for the Deaf need volunteers, with time and a safe home, to care for and train our puppies to become life changing hearing dogs. Could this be you?

Our hearing dogs are specially trained to alert deaf people to important sounds, like a smoke alarm or a baby's cry. They're also companions. Their love and emotional support helps many deaf people feel less isolated and alone.

A hearing dog can be a life-changing addition, but we can't do it without our amazing volunteers.

Could you help us train our young dogs and help deaf people leave loneliness behind?



Further information telephone 01844 348129  
or visit [hearingdogs.org.uk/volunteer](http://hearingdogs.org.uk/volunteer)