

2nd December 2018

In Touch

with Cheadle Parish Church

First Sunday of Advent

Thank you Christmas at St Mary's

Thanks to all who made yesterday's Victorian Market such a wonderful and fruitful time for reaching out to our community. And well done for making it in today after the busy day!

Special thanks to Peter, Julie, Neale, Jon, Sally, Robert and all the other key organisers; and to all who joined in and showed our community the joy of Jesus, thanks!

A full report on the day will appear in next week's extended noticesheet



Invite your family and friends to join us! (☺ = special for guests)

Sunday 16th December

9.30am ☺ **The Nativity**— the Christmas Story for all ages—with Juice Puppets

11.15am **Communion with Carols**

6.30pm ☺ **"Focus on Christmas!"** – contemporary, youth-led Christmas celebration

Sunday 23rd December

10.30am **Joint Morning Service**

6.00pm ☺ **Carols by Candlelight** (Lessons & carols with the Cheadle Festival Choir)

8.00pm ☺ **Carols by Candlelight** (Lessons & carols with the Cheadle Festival Choir)

NB Christmas refreshments are served before each of the two evening services.

Christmas Eve (Monday)- 24th December

3.00pm ☺ **Christingle Service**— for families the night before Christmas

5.00pm ☺ **Christingle Service**— for families the night before Christmas

8.00pm **Christmas Eve Holy Communion**

Christmas Day (Tuesday) - 25th December

8.00am **Holy Communion**

9.30am ☺ **Family Christmas Celebration**

11.15am **Christmas Communion**

Sunday 30th December

10.30am **Joint Morning Service**

6.30pm **Be Still reflective Service**



Please note there is no Watchnight Service on New Year's Eve this year

First time?

Welcome! Make yourself at home.

Need anything? Ask one of our welcome team who'd love to help.

Stay for a chat! There are refreshments after the main services, served at the back

Toilets? Can be found on the right at the back of church

Giving? There's no collection during services. Please place any gifts in the box near the main door. Standing order and gift-aid forms are available.

Young children? Use our sound-proofed Tower Room if they get restless, or join in 9.30 Sunday clubs at Upper Room

Deaf? An induction loop is available.

Mobiles? Turn OFF, unless on call

Prayer? There is prayer support after 9.30 & 6.30 services, and during communion, at the front of the church



More Christmas events/services

- 6th 7pm Ladies Craft evening
- 11th 11.15am Oakgrove Carol Service
- 12th 6.30pm Together Trust Carol Service
- 14th 1pm No Limits Christmas Party
- 17th 7pm Kingsway Carol Service
- 18th 7pm Lady Barn House School Carol Service
- 19th 10am Cheadle Primary School Carol Service
- 20th 6.30pm Abney Court Care Home Carols
- 21st 6.45pm Whitegates Flats Carols
- 23rd Messy Nativity in the Park

Christmas Greenery: If you are able to help the church flower team by providing greenery for Christmas then please leave your offerings at the Tower Room door on Thursday 6th pm or Friday 7th early morning. Many thanks

Announcements and Church News

DECKers

Thursday 6 December 1.30pm

Our next meeting is at Iris' house on Thursday (please note slight change of time from our usual meetings!). We look forward to seeing our usual members and would be delighted to welcome more new friends. Apart from chatting, we do a variety of crafts, have a short challenging Bible talk and refreshments. For more information or help with transport contact Vera on 0161 439 3740.

Carols by Candlelight Choir Rehearsals

Youth Choir

Rehearsals on Mondays 3rd and 10th December 7.00 – 8.00pm and Sunday 16th December 2.15 – 3.45pm.

Festival Choir

We will rehearse on Mondays 3rd and 10th of December 7.30 – 9.00pm and Sunday 16th December 2.15 – 3.45pm.

Please bring white Carol books and copy of 'Messiah'. Both copies can be borrowed.

I look forward to seeing all our Festival choir members and I am also always keen to welcome new folk...no audition, simply love of singing and lots of enthusiasm!

Thank you

Valerie Wright did a sponsored walk in aid of Children in Need and would like to thank everyone at St Mary's who supported her through donations. She raised £315 plus additional Gift Aid.

Available

1 Electrically operated Armchair with reclining backrest and also raising footrest, in excellent condition., Free to good home, can deliver.
Contact Steve & Ros Whittaker 485-1040.

2 Two Children's Car Seats
Purchased new by us and not involved in any accidents. One is baby Stage 1 and the other baby Stage 2. Both available free to good homes.
Contact Brenda Lowe on: 01625 525718



Ladies Christmas Craft Evening

Thursday 6 December 7-9pm UR Café

The theme of the evening will be 'What does Christmas mean to you?' - Trish and Alice Wells are co-hosting. Alice will be teaching 'quilling', with all the necessary tools and equipment available to make a lovely Christmas Card. Trish will give a short talk. Christmas refreshments will be served.

The cost of the evening is £3 per person and places do need to be booked in advance via Church Suite or the church office 0161 428 8050. For more information contact Trish or Alice or Liz in the office.

(Please note this event will replace 'Tis the Season' - just for this year)



GraceNotes Charity Concert

Saturday 2 February 2019

Following GraceNotes very successful concert last year in aid of Beechwood Court Christian Endeavour Holiday Centre in Conwy, we have been asked to put on a similar event next year. This will take place on Saturday February 2nd 2019 at 7.30pm in the Upper Room. We would love to see you at the gig, so please put the date in your diaries! More information will follow in the next few weeks. Please contact Paul or Binnie Thompson via Church Suite or on 07808 579492 if you have any questions regarding the event.

Thankyou

To everyone who attended the TearFund Quiz at St Cuth's last Saturday. We raised £312.50 and a great time was had by all!

Look out for the date of our own Quiz at the Imperial Restaurant in Spring 2019!

NEXT WEEK & BEYOND... !

Special meetings or events which don't happen on a weekly basis are listed below:

Monday 10th December

4.30pm Dangerous Boys Bible Study

7.00pm Festival Choir rehearsal in church

Tuesday 11th December

8.00pm Mission Partners Prayer meeting

Friday 14th December

10.00am Café Crafters in Moseley Hall

10.30am Noah's Ark in church

1.00pm No Limits Christmas Party

Saturday 15th December

8.30am Men's Breakfast at The Vinery

3.45pm Discoverers Christmas Party



"Its OK Club"

Wednesday 5th December

St Cuthbert's Church at 2pm

"Its OK" club meets every 2 weeks on a Wednesday afternoon from 2-4pm at St Cuthbert's Church welcoming any folk who feel sad, anxious, lonely or just wanting a listening ear. There is opportunity to play board games, do simple craft and art work or just chat and drink tea and coffee and eat home-made cakes. Meetings in December are on Wednesdays 5th and 19th.

We also do lunch on Christmas day for anyone alone (see the full notice across the page)

Open Arms

Christmas Support

There will be some posters in the Church Porch from Open Arms International.

They hope that people will sign up and donate money instead of sending Christmas cards. So, if you see a name on the poster, they won't be sending you a card, money will have been donated to Open Arms International instead.

It's a great idea and for next year we are planning to role out some similar initiatives for fund raising to other charities... watch this space!

FURTHER AHEAD

Christmas Lunches

Suggestions for Christmas Day lunch for anyone who might otherwise be on their own:

St Cuthbert's Church

Lunch is from 12 midday to about 4pm. To book your place ring Tricia Berry on 0161 485 3250. All are welcome and transport is provided if required.

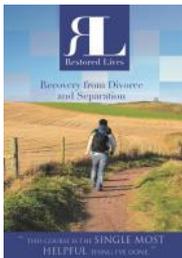
The Adams Family

The Adams Family will welcome folk into their home in Cheadle from 12.30pm. Children are welcome! If you are interested in joining them please contact Katy on:

0781 504 1870 / kathrynsjadams@gmail.com

Restored Lives

The Restored Lives Course, that we have been running at the Upper Room Café through October and November, finished with a Social event celebrating all the guests, completing the 6 weeks.



Thank you so much for all those of you who have been praying and supporting us and our team. It has been hugely appreciated by us all. Thank you too for those of you who have encouraged us and given us the confidence when it has felt challenging.

We have felt God's hand on all that we have been doing and we know from our guest responses at the end, that despite it being a very challenging course, they have all benefitted from the tools and skills taught and the interaction with others in a safe environment. Without exception, everyone has seen 'hope for the future' and have felt they have moved on in some way.

Please continue to pray for the guests, as they move forward and us and our team in this important ministry.

We have already had enquiries from 4/5 potential guests for another course and are planning the second one to run during May & June next year.

If you know of anyone who would benefit from taking the Restored Lives Course, please encourage them to contact us by email to restoredlives@cheadle.org.uk so that we can keep them informed of the next course and any possible developments.

Helen & Mark TOMLINSON

GET IT IN THE DIARY ... !

THIS MONTH

Christmas Services

A list of all our services can be found on the front of this noticesheet and in the Church & Community leaflet that can be found in Church and The Upper Room Café.

If you have any queries please contact the office on 0161 428 8050

FURTHER AHEAD

DECEMBER 1ST

Victorian Christmas Outreach Market

DECEMBER 6TH

Ladies Christmas Craft Evening

PRAYER

Collect for First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For Church Family

Rose Betts	at home
Linda Collier	ongoing treatment
Peter Fraser	ongoing treatment
Tom Harper	at home
Norman Jones	at home
Aileen & Tom Latham	on-going health issues
Sean McCausland	In nursing care
Muriel McDermott	in hospital
Alma Mealand	in care
Peggy Mountford	in care
Edna Needham	in care
Mary Robertson	at home
Andrew Smith	ongoing care
Naida Thompson	in nursing home
Sylvia Tomlinson	at home

For our Partners in Mission

Give thanks for the **Market** yesterday – pray that many who attended will come back to our Christmas Services. Pray too for all who received **Gideon** testaments, pray that they will read them and discover more about Jesus.

Pray for the **Zambo family** and their church in Budapest – there are many opportunities for outreach in the coming month – pray for a time of blessing on the congregation with new people joining in,

Pray for **Rick and Alanna Creighton** in Nigeria – it has been a very exhausting but rewarding term in Abuja Bible College. Pray that they can take some time out over the Christmas period to re-charge themselves,

Pray for all the **Student Carol Services** organised by Universities and Colleges – pray our own students will have courage to invite their friends along to these.

Prayer Chain:

Send requests to prayer@cheadle.org.uk or ring Church Office on 428 8050.

For The Bereaved

Please pray for all those recently bereaved.

Time to get ready....!



So now we have officially entered Advent, the church's time for preparation has officially started—not of course the preparations for Christmas, which tends to be the assumption of the Advent calendar industry, but preparation to meet with Jesus. Advent is supposed to be looking forward to Jesus' second coming, not his first! However, it is because of Jesus' second coming that we are working so hard to make the most of the celebration of his first coming!

The market yesterday was a wonderful event to join in with, to welcome our community to and to remind people of the one who is the heart of our Christmas celebrations. There are many other opportunities to come, listed on the front page; there is something for all ages, stages and tastes, all to point people to the one who makes a big celebration worth rejoicing in! But that calls us to get ready!

Most of us are organised to think of who to send cards to, who to buy presents for—but let me encourage you to have personal invitation lists at least as long as your presents' lists. Now if the time to ask people to join you in bringing something of Jesus into their celebrations—inviting the birthday boy to the party! You'll be amazed at how many people would like to come to something, but feel awkward coming alone. So let me encourage you to do three things!

1. Pray for people! Our prayer fellowship this Wednesday is focussed on people and invitation events. Join us!
2. Plan some hospitality! Most people like to join in at an event if they also get some time with you too. Why not tea before a carol service, or a meal afterwards. Remember invitations are about the people, not just getting them to the events themselves.
3. Pick them up! It is far better to go with someone, than hope to meet up with them in a crowd. Also, joy is something that is made to be shared, it is not a solitary thing—so make sure your joy at Christmas is shared with them—go together!

If Advent is to get us ready, it is even more to get others we know and love as ready for that day as we are—and that means sharing our good news. Lets make our invitation lists just that bit longer this year!

Yours in Christ Rob

FOCUS ON... Bright Start Creche

On Thursday mornings the Upper Room is transformed into an exciting activities area with large play apparatus, a home and dressing up corner, creative activities, reading corner, small world and a Bible story play area. The atmosphere is happy and productive as the children begin to play with friends, waving goodbye to their mums who go upstairs to study the Bible. The children experience loving care from a team of willing helpers. They also learn how to share with and how to care for one another, how to sit and listen, how to make friends and to take turns. Brothers and sisters are all in the same group which allows

them to support one another and Mum is not far away should she be needed. The children learn to love and trust other members of the church family. Each term sees us exploring a different Bible theme. For example 'You are Special to God', 'Jesus is Amazing', 'God made a Wonderful World'. Teaching is based on words the children understand whilst the carefully planned activities and the 'Together Time' are an enjoyable way for children to learn new words and Bible stories together. Talking, singing, praying, dancing, laughing, having drinks and biscuits together is a lovely way to end our Thursday mornings. *Annette Wroe*

On This Week!

Note unusual events in Bold

Sunday	8.00am No Holy Communion until 25th Dec
2nd Dec	9.30am Nine-thirty Service (Stan Tomalin) with Sunday School groups
First Sunday of Advent	11.15am Morning Worship (Stan Tomalin) 2.00pm Harvest of Nations Outreach in UR 5.00pm Rooted meet before Evening Service 6.30pm Communion Service (Phil Newsome) 8.00pm Focus meet in the Upper Room
Monday	9.00am Staff prayers/meeting in UR
3rd December	12noon Open Church 4.30pm No Primary Saints this week 6.00pm No Juice Puppets this week 7.00pm Festival Choir Rehearsal in church
Tuesday	9.30am TESOL group 2nd floor UR
4th Dec	2.00pm Tuesday@2 in UR 3.45pm Dynamos KS2 in UR 7.30pm Bell Ringing in church
Wednesday	10.00am Mustard Seed UR
5th Dec	12noon Parish Communion at St Cuthbert's 3.00pm Café Prayer 8.00pm Monthly Prayer Meeting in the UR (includes Youth Prayer meeting)
Thursday	8.00am Deadline for In Touch content to office
6th Dec	9.30am Bible study/Bright Start crèche in UR 10.00am TESOL conversation 2nd floor UR 1.30pm DECKers meets at Iris' home 7.00pm Ladies Craft Evening in the UR Cafe North West Partnership training in UR 8.00pm Men's Pub night at Platform 5
Friday	10.30am Keep Fit Keep Young in Sports Hall
7th Dec	12noon Open Church 7.30pm Forge meeting in UR
Saturday	9.00am Prayer Meeting in Tower Room
8th December	9.30am Cheadle Board Room in UR Hall 11.00am Starters and Followers Christmas Party 2nd floor UR

Sunday	8.00am No Holy Communion until 25th Dec
9th Dec	9.30am Communion Service (Rob Munro) with Sunday School groups
Second Sunday of Advent	10.30am Refreshments served in UR Cafe 11.15am Morning Prayer (Rob Munro) 2.00pm Harvest of Nations Outreach in UR 5.00pm Rooted meet before Evening Service 6.30pm Evening Service (Stan Tomalin) 8.00pm Focus meet in the Upper Room

Today's Bible Readings Next week

8.00am No Service until Christmas Day	The Bible readings being preached are (to prepare for):
Morning Services	Morning Services
John 16:17-33 (p1084)	John 17:1-19 (p1085)
@11.15 Isaiah 44:1-8 (p729)	Evening Service
Evening Service	Matt 25:31-46 (p995)
Matt 25:14-30 (p994)	

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