



13th September 2020

In Touch

Fourteenth
Sunday after
Trinity

with Cheadle Parish Church

Getting back to a new "Normal"!

As we take steps back to a 'normal' life (whatever that means!) we are planning a few changes to the way we do things...

SUNDAYS

MAIN SUNDAY SERVICE at 10.30^{am}

This will continue to be our main Sunday service, continuing to unite our previous four congregations, and it will continue to be streamed live to most people from Church on Youtube and Facebook, but you can sign up on Churchsuite to be in the building. We are hoping to see more musicians and singers leading live in the church building (now allowable, but not congregational singing!); we would love for more contributions of videos and news, as we work out ways of still sharing together as a family.

There are a couple of changes to watch out for...

After-church Coffee Zoom

This will finish on 13th September, as home-groups restart to pick up on that part of fellowship. (To join one contact the office)

Provision for children

From 20th September there will be some new exciting provision for our primary aged children in the Upper Room, both live and streamed, before the service from 9.30am. Full details in next week's noticesheet.

Youth meetings

James Johnson, our new Youth Worker is exploring how to restart Rooted & Focus. Give your feedback via the questionnaires to parents asap. And James would love to get to know you better (invites for food

welcome!) Contact:

james.johnson@cheadle.org.uk

SUNDAY EVENING EXTRA!

We are planning very soon to launch a new style gathering on a Sunday evening, a little more interactive, topical and applied, a little less formal. Interested—feed ideas to Tim & Helen Phillips overseeing the Worship Team



IN THE WEEK

Soundbites and Psalms

We will continue to support the church family with daily contributions, but slightly scaled back—one a day, not two!

Tuesday Alpha—exploring faith

Sign up via our [website](http://www.cheadle.org.uk), via [ChurchSuite](https://www.churchsuite.com) or via office 0161 428 8050. Bring your friends!



Wednesday Prayer Meeting

These will now be reverting to monthly—back to the first Wednesday in the month, so the next one will be the 7th October.



Homegroups Restart

Some homegroups have already been meeting, but we're hoping all will restart from next week. They will be, for the most part, on Zoom again, given the current restrictions, but your Homegroup leader will be in touch with you with details. If you are not currently in a Homegroup but would like to be please contact the office—churchoffice@cheadle.org.uk.

Homegroups are a vital part of our fellowship, particularly at the moment! They are a great way to meet people in the church, deepen faith through studies and prayer as well as forming stronger bonds with others in the church family.

Sharing Communion

You can book in, via the office, to our parish midweek communion service at St Cuthberts 12am every Wednesday. We will be arranging communion as part of our main services in due course.

Open Church

Private prayer at St Cuthbert's Monday 10-12; St Mary's Thursday 11-1pm

Other Groups

Because of new Covid restrictions,, please speak to the office if you would like to consider starting any groups in the Upper Room. Some groups have met on Zoom, other individuals use the Upper Room Café as a place to be Covid-safe together.



Many of our young people are moving on to face new challenges at University or in Christian work.

Focus students moving to University:

- Gabby—Leeds Beckett
- Dom—Nottingham
- David—Oxford
- Adam—Salford
- Grace—St Andrews

Young people in Christian service

- Amy starts work at a Christian centre The Oakes, in Sheffield in October. Watch for more info very soon
- James has started in Anlaby & North Ferriby, Hull last week as a youth and families ministry trainee.
- George Belfield has started as Ministry Trainee at Christchurch, Durham.
- Josh Tomalin is starting as a Pais youth worker based initially at Bethany Church in Gately
- Let the office know if you'd like prayer letters or to keep in touch with anyone.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note that the Parish office is still operational but 'virtually' in staff homes. We will try to have telephones answered and emails replied between 9am–3pm. Messages and emails outside office hours will be answered the next working day. If your message is urgent please follow the instructions on the answerphone.



Online from Tuesday 15th September, 7.45pm

Sign up via our [website](#), via [ChurchSuite](#) or contact the office on 0161 428 8050. Please encourage friends/family to sign up. If you have any queries please contact the office.

Open Church cancelled

17th September

A funeral will be taking place in church on 17th September so Open Church will be cancelled.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Attendance at Sunday Service

We are now running sign up via ChurchSuite to attend Sunday Services. You can access it through ChurchSuite, through the [website](#) or by calling the office. **Numbers will be restricted so please do not turn up without signing up as we may have to turn you away.**

- ◆ Please wear a mask for the entire service
- ◆ On arrival you will be directed to a designated seat
- ◆ Please remain seated for the whole time you are in church.
- ◆ Please do not sing—sadly!
- ◆ Please note there will not be any services sheets, noticesheets or bibles in church—please bring your own if you would like to. However all the words, readings etc will be on the screen.

Please do not feel pressured to return if you do not feel ready. Currently the service in church will be streamed. We are looking at ways to move forward as we assess what will be the right format in the 'new normal'. We will keep you posted.

Parking at the Upper Room

Please be aware the if you are volunteering in the Upper Room if you park your car in the car park please use **all the spaces**, do not leave any empty. The building is starting to be used more now and we have to share the facility. If you are worried about being blocked in then please use the pay and display or speak to the office. Thank you.



Café update from Susannah, Café Manager



We've now been back open for a couple of months and have had a really encouraging number of customers coming back to enjoy the cafe. Thanks to all who've come and supported us on the rota or as a cafe customer over summer!



We're now looking for some more regular volunteers to come and join our cafe team and help us grow back to our full six days back open. Would you like to come and volunteer with us? You don't need to have any previous cafe experience and there are lots of ways you can get involved from serving customers, to

preparing food orders, or operating the dishwasher.

We have put measures in place to comply with government guidance and to make the cafe Covid-secure for our cafe team and customers. We're particularly looking for volunteers for:

- Coffee machine—Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Food Prep/kitchen —Tuesdays and Fridays
- Help serving at tables—Tuesday—Friday

We will provide full training and cafe guidance

Please do get in touch if you'd like to find out more. Many thanks, **Susannah Overson**
Please call the office on 0161 428 8050 or email churchoffice@cheadle.org.uk, Thank you



As we begin to return to some semblance of normality!

The leadership are in the process of assessing everything we do as an organisation as part of the new Vision and additionally in light of COVID and the changes to everyday life.

If you have any thoughts, observations or ideas, please let Jon or Liz know in the office. We are going to have to consider new ways of working and relating to our community.

If you want to begin making plans for re-starting any group or activity that was operating pre COVID, please speak to Rob, Stan or Jon initially as we try and work out how things can happen.

Our income has been affected by the pandemic, so it is important that any expenditure is cleared with the PCC as we are operating a revised budget.



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Arts Ministry

The café are hosting some wonderful artwork by a Andri Soteri-Proctor. Her pictures of animals are beautiful. Why not pop into the café to have a look?

For more information about Andri check out our website www.cheadle.org.uk/news



Dial in to services



To listen to the service live on a Sunday morning at 10.30, please phone one of the following numbers; 0203 481 5240 or 0131 460 1196 or 0203 051 2874 or 0203 4815237 You will then be asked to enter the Meeting ID number which is: **962 1869 3957**. The call will be charged at your normal rate for a national call. If people are able to set up access from a mobile phone the following numbers, once programmed in will automatically connect you to the stream; +442034815240,,96218693957#

Or +441314601196,,96218693957#

RECORDED – To listen to a recording of the latest Sunday morning and Weds midweek services from a phone line. Please dial **01615094143**. Please then select 1 for the latest Wednesday midweek service from St Cuthbert's or 2 for the Sunday service from St Mary's. This is a local rate (Manchester) number. If want further information or need any help setting this up, please call *Jon Drayton* on the office number 0161 428 8050 or his mobile 07973 134815

For The Bereaved

Please pray for everyone who is mourning the loss of a loved one especially at this difficult time of isolation.

Also for your prayers ...

Rose Betts
Sean Clegg
Peter Fraser – ongoing treatment
Tom Harper
Merylyn Haslam
Norman & Sheila Jones
Aileen & Tom Latham - ongoing health issues
Sean McCausland - ongoing care
Alma Mealand—ongoing care
Peggy Mountford - ongoing care
Mary Robertson
Andrew Smith - ongoing care
Sylvia Tomlinson—ongoing health issues

The Collect

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Weekly Prayer Meeting

Why not join us for prayer at the St Mary's weekly prayer meeting, **8.00pm every Wednesday evening via Zoom.**

If you don't have internet access, you can call in from a mobile phone or landline.

To join the Zoom prayer meeting;

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7860701560>

Meeting ID: 786 070 1560

One tap mobile,

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Meeting ID: 786 070 1560

PERSECUTED CHURCH: Central African Republic

WORLD WATCH RANKING 25 The Central African Republic (CAR) is a majority-Christian country; of the 4.8 million people who live there, 3.6 million are Christians, making up 75 per cent of the population. The Central African Republic has been embroiled in conflict since 2013 and most of the country is occupied by armed militia groups, responsible for a range of human rights abuses. Christian leaders who have publicly denounced the violence have been threatened and church buildings have been burned and ransacked. In the video above, young boys Jeovani, Steven and Dieu Fera talk about how Open Doors supporters helped them recover and find joy again after they lost legs in a terrible bomb attack on their church.

Christians have been caught in the middle of the fighting between Seleka, an Islamic extremist group, and Anti-Balaka, a group made up of animists and nominal Christians, and have become targets for both sides. The conflict has resulted in the displacement of thousands of Christians who have been forced to live in camps and have lost their homes and livelihoods. In many of those circumstances they were attacked because they are Christians.

Pastor Zoundji has been living in a tent for six years now – for the most part, without even the bare essentials, like soap. Muslim Seleka forces looted his home and ransacked his town, forcing him and the Christians there to flee into the wilderness. Returning home is not currently possible. And he has around 200 Christians under his care as part of a church he leads, all of whom are internally displaced persons (IDP) like him.

An IDP camp may look like an impossible place for the gospel to flourish, and yet Zoundji feels called to preach the love of Jesus no matter the cost. "We know we must announce the Word," he says. "In hard times, we shouldn't be looking back."

Please keep praying for your brothers and sisters in CAR. Your gifts and prayers make an enormous difference to those following Jesus no matter the cost.

A Short Review of 'The Glories of God's Love' by Milton Vincent

"God did not give us His gospel just so we could embrace it and be converted. Actually, He offers it to us every day as a gift that keeps on giving to us everything we need for life and godliness."



In a recent curates' Zoom meeting with Bishop Mark, he urged us to 'school your souls'. What he meant by this was that as we're forced to spend more time alone than we'd like, it becomes increasingly important to remind ourselves of the truths of the gospel. To preach to ourselves, if you like. We do this in certain hymns ('Tell out, my soul' – who is the singer speaking to here?!) and David models this in the Psalms:

**Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Saviour and my God. (Psalm 42:11)**

This book is a brilliant help as we school our souls together. If you're looking for something clear, short (80 pages) and that will focus you on Jesus and his love, this is the book for you! Vincent is convinced that all of us, whether we have only just believed or believed for decades, are in need of the gospel. Daily. Because of the way we're wired, and the messages we hear in the world around us, we need constant reminding that we are saved and made like Christ ENTIRELY BY THE GRACE OF GOD. In Vincent's own words, "There is no better antidote to feelings of guilt, despondency and exhaustion in the Christian life than remembering that we aren't saved by our own efforts, but by grace."

I know what you're thinking: "I know that already!" So do I, but how quick are we to forget?! I know I wake up most mornings wondering about what I need to do, rather than rejoicing in what's already been done for me. I'm often halfway through my shopping list of prayers before I even remember to say thank you for the new day (try Psalm 118, especially v24). Vincent is right that we need reminding of the good news, daily, to combat our natural urge to fall back into the 'I need to earn this' mind-set.

Split into 4 sections, Part 1 (just under half of the book) covers the question of why it is so important to remind yourself of the good news each day. In Parts 2 and 3, Vincent very helpfully provides both prose and poetic versions of his summary of the gospel story, complete with Bible references. Depending on which you prefer, why not try rehearsing one of these to yourself each morning – what a great way to start the day! If you don't have time for that, print them out and stick them on the fridge or above your desk.

Part 4 is called 'Surprised by the Gospel'. This is the story of Vincent's own realisation, through reading Romans 5, of the amazing grace on offer to him every second of every day. It's well worth the price of the book on its own, and is a brilliant chapter to finish on.

I would wholeheartedly recommend this book to you as we slowly emerge from lockdown. I pray that it surprises you afresh with the lavish and unstoppable grace of God for you, and that it inspires you to love the Lord even more over the months and years to come.

Ian Chidlow, Curate

St.Mary's On-Line

All live meetings via WWW.ZOOM.US

Soundbites & Mid-Week services via
www.youtube.co.uk

Links for services on our website—
www.cheadle.org.uk

Sun 13th September – 10.30am LIVE On-Line
St Mary's Cheadle Sunday worship <https://cheadle.org.uk/youtube> or <https://cheadle.org.uk/facebook>

St Cuthbert's 10.30am service can also be viewed from Youtube: search 'st cuthbert's cheadle'

Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri Soundbites Daily
Inspiration for each day—Link via our YouTube.co.uk and search 'st marys cheadle'

Monday—Saturday 8.30am On-Line Daily Prayers—join us live On-Line from St Mary's Cheadle linked together via Zoom—id 786 070 1560

Wed 16th September 12noon Midweek service (Weekly) from **St Cuthbert's**—Join us online at 12 noon for our mid-week service accessible via YouTube.co.uk and search 'st cuthberts cheadle'

MONTHLY Prayer meeting 8pm ON-LINE LIVE Prayer Meeting from St Mary's Cheadle — via Zoom to prayer for the Church, our community and wider world. Meeting Id: 786 070 1560

4th Tuesday each month—Open Doors monthly prayer meeting. Please email Sue Southgate—sue.southgate@uwclub.net for details of the Zoom meeting or contact the church office .

Go to www.cheadle.org.uk for links to all these events and for more information—or please call the office

Online Giving

If you would like to make an online donation at any time to St Mary's you can use this QR code. If you have any questions please contact: churchoffice@cheadle.org.uk or call us on 0161 428 8050



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