



Cheadle
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In Touch

April 2024

Induction of Revd George Crowder



The induction of our new rector Revd George Crowder will take place at the 6.30pm service on Sunday 14th April. Bishop Mark will be taking the service and there will be refreshments served in the Upper Room afterwards.

The service will also be livestreamed on youtube. You can watch it via this link <https://youtube.com/live/LZJAvwIDY60?feature=share>

APCM - Wed 8th May

What is the APCM? It's the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. No clearer? Once a year the church holds a meeting that used to be called the Annual General Meeting. This is when we celebrate what God has done for us in the past year, look ahead to what we believe he is going to do in the coming year and elect members of the church to the post of Churchwarden and PCC member. The PCC members are part of our governance structure, and act as trustees because we are a registered charity. It's a really important role, as the PCC has to support the rector in his ministry here and discern what God is saying to us as a church. Each year there are spaces on the PCC to which members of the church can be elected.

Please pray about this to see if God is calling you to this role, or if you know of someone you believe He may be calling. If you want to know more about what's involved, please speak to Stan Tomalin, Steve Mealand or me.

- Jon Drayton, Operations Manager

The Upper Room Café

The Upper Room Café is such a special place where we are the face of the church to our local community throughout the week. There is always something happening - we even hosted a French Monet painting class as part of the Cheadle Spring Festival!

There is a wide variety of weekly events happening in the Upper Room from Dementia Drop In on a Monday morning and The Bridge friendship group on a Friday afternoon. It's been our privilege to have 'Stories of Hope' running for the 6 weeks leading up to Easter- an opportunity for those in our community to encounter the Bible.

The Upper Room Café offers a warm welcome to all. We serve our church and community and share the love of Jesus. We have built connections with many regular customers from our community, many whom would not enter the church buildings. Through our Pay-It-Forward

scheme we are able to feed those who genuinely have so little they are hungry. It's an exciting place to be. Why not get involved and see what God is doing! There is a place for all in The Upper Room.



Electoral Roll

In readiness for the APCM on we are updating the Electoral Roll. To be eligible to vote at the meeting, you do need to be a member of the church which is legally determined by your name being on this roll. If you are not yet on the roll, but would like to be, you need to complete an application form. This can be found online [here](#) or there are paper copies at the back of both churches. Forms must be returned to the Parish Office by 23rd April.

- Trish Wells, Electoral Roll Officer

Stories of Hope

Our two groups looking at encounters with Jesus in the gospels (The Lost Son, The Woman at the Well etc) have come to an end for this term. Focused on those who are new to the Bible or want to go deeper, there were good encounters with Him as we looked at what these stories told us about God/Jesus/Holy Spirit, people, and personal challenges and promises found in the story. Thank God for what He's shown those who came about what it means to follow Jesus today.

We hope to look at some more stories over the next couple of months and we welcome church members to join us who want to learn the method and share these stories in a non-threatening way. Bring a friend who is interested in finding out more about Jesus! Because it's not a course, you can come at any point for as long as you want. More details to follow.

Dave & Iris Challis

St Mary's Finance Update

What a great God we have! We have had a fantastic response to our requests for people to consider how they give financially to the church here at St Mary's. Pledges for regular giving have gone up a whopping £41,225, this is a 14.25% increase!

- **51 households have pledged to increase their regular giving**
- **9 new Households have pledged to give regularly**
- **12 households have made one off gifts**

We want to say thank you on behalf of the PCC for your willingness to support the mission of the church here in Cheadle.

There is still a gap in what we need for this year's expenditure and what we believe our income will be. However, as a result of this fantastic response, the PCC have agreed to approve a deficit budget for this year. **Our income is projected to be £523216 with expenditure of £552062. The difference of £28847 will be financed from the PCC's reserves.**

We should continue to consider how God is calling us to use the resources he gives us, individually and as a church.

The PCC decision allows everything we hope to do in sharing the Good News of Jesus to go ahead and secures the current employee posts for the rest of this year. Please continue to pray, both in thankfulness and for God to fill this gap in our finances before the end of the year.

Praise God

Sarah Parikh and Rob Navesey, Churchwardens

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



Our Cafe Team is made up of both staff and volunteers. The cafe is currently open Monday-Friday, 9am-3pm. Each week we are serving more people, in order for us to keep serving our community, we need to expand our team. If you are interesting in volunteering with us, please speak to a member of the Team to fill in a volunteer application form.

Volunteer roles:

- Taking orders
- Making drinks
- Serving
- Dishwasher
- Food prep
- Baking



The Vibe - Help Needed

We have a growing waiting list of young people for the Vibe 2024. We would love for them to be able to join us but **we need more leaders and helpers in the kitchen to make this possible.**

Holiday: The Vibe 14-18 year olds

Date: 28th July - 3rd August

Venue: Lancaster School



Please be praying for people to volunteer

The leaders, chefs and kitchen staff are all volunteers from churches around the North West, some may be from your church. Please do be thinking if you, or someone you know, would:

- be a suitable leader or assistant leader
- be able to help prep, cook and serve meals (no planning or oversight needed)
- benefit from serving and being trained through camp

Don't worry if you've never been on camp before, there is full training and everyone is very friendly.

If you would like to be part of the team of leaders, assistant leaders or kitchen assistants helping at The Vibe then please get in contact with us, at admin@soundholidays.org.uk

If you are not comfortable working with older teenagers, but would be interested in helping out at different camps, Sound Holidays also run a camp for 11 - 14 year olds at The Quinta also 28th July to 3rd August. Plus the Buzz runs from May 28th - 31st this year - also at the Quinta and led by our very own Mark Tomlinson. So, if either of these alternatives would suit you, check them out. For more information speak to Amy Killingbeck.

If you would prefer a conference type experience rather than a full camp, then why not try out the Keswick Convention. This runs over three weeks starting 13th July 2024 and the Convention are looking for volunteers for both the children and youth work for each of the three weeks. There are also opportunities for the Welcome Team or in hospitality. Keswick Ministries writes:

Could you join the volunteer team at Keswick Convention this summer? By God's grace, a wonderful team of over 650 volunteers help make the Convention happen each year.

Part of the joy of serving on this team is to join a family of believers using the many different talents that God has given them to serve others and bless the wider church! You will also spend time enjoying the Lake District and Bible teaching. Accommodation, meals and expenses are provided. You can also volunteer part-time if you are already attending the Convention itself.

Whether your skills are in serving kids and youth ministry, being hands-on with event operations, or serving part-time in the café, there are many different teams you can help serve with.

Find out more and apply by going to
keswickministries.org/volunteer



**Keswick
CONVENTION**

PS If you would like to serve on the camps but are concerned about the cost of doing so, there may be some discretionary funding available. Please apply by email initially to Jo Davids at jo.davids@cheadle.org.uk

Dates for April

Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th - Holiday Bible club, 10am-12.30pm in the Upper Room

Saturday 6th - Hard of Hearing Support Group, 11.30am in the Upper Room, Ashfield Room

Saturday 6th - Spring Ceilidh, 7pm in the Upper Room, Moseley Hall

Tuesday 9th - Stories of Hope, starts in the Upper Room Café 10.45am for three weeks

Saturday 13th - Men's Breakfast, 8am at Ladybridge Lacrosse & Cricket Club, SK8 5NZ

Saturday 13th - In Stitches, 9am at St Cuthbert's

Sunday 14th - Induction of Rev George Crowder, 6.30pm at St Marys, followed by refreshments in the Upper Room Café

Tuesday 16th - Barclays Online Advice Drop In, 10am in the Upper Room Café

Thursday 18th - St Cuthbert's Men's Drinks, 8pm at the Wobbly Stamp

Friday 19th - The Forge Bowling, 7.15pm at Parrswood entertainment centre

Saturday 20th - Cheadle Board Room, 9.30am in the Upper Room

Tuesday 23rd - Open Doors Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

Thursday 25th - Men's Curry Night, 7pm at Vedaa, SK8 1AL

Dates for May

Wednesday 1st - Monthly Prayer Meeting, 8pm

Saturday 4th - Hard of Hearing Support Group, 11.30am

Wednesday 8th - APCM, 7.30pm in the Upper Room

Saturday 11th - Cheadle Board Room, 9.30am

Thursday 16th - Men's breakfast, 6.45am in the Upper Room café

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Home Insurance

Ecclesiastical Insurance is the company the PCC use for all our insurance needs here in Cheadle Parish. They are offering a special home insurance deal to celebrate their 130th year. When a new customer takes out a home insurance policy, Ecclesiastical will donate £130 on their behalf to a church or cathedral of their choice.

Ecclesiastical are part of a large charitable foundation called the Benefact Trust. They give all their available profits to charities and other good causes. They provide excellent service for us, they are especially well qualified for supporting churches and they have a clear ethical approach to business. If you're not already insured with them, why not ask them for a quotation for your home insurance renewal?



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Cheadle Deanery News



Please pray for our neighbouring parish of St James in Gatley as they begin a period of interregnum after their vicar Matthew Carlisle moves to Manchester diocese to serve as vicar of St Mary's in Davyhulme and St Clement's in Urmston just after Easter. Please also pray for all those who will be supporting the parish in Gatley during the vacancy period.

All Hallows are celebrating their 60th anniversary as a separate parish on the 14th – Give thanks for all that they are doing as they reach out to the community in that part of Cheadle and Cheadle Hulme with the Good News of Jesus



Prayer for our Country, our World

The world we live in is frequently described in the media as an increasingly dark place with unprecedented disasters and events occurring worldwide. Jesus said that we are to be salt and light in our dark world and we are instructed to pray for our leaders. On the third Thursday of each month, we will be praying for our country and our world from 7.30 to 9 pm. Please let us know if you can join us.

Kim and Sue Southgate 486 9389



Caretaker/cleaner vacancy

We are looking to recruit someone to join our team who will help ensure the Upper Room building continues to be available every day to our church and local community. The role helps ensure the Upper Room is available to support the ministry of Cheadle Parish church.

The ideal candidate will be highly motivated, able to work independently as well as with other members of the staff and volunteer teams.

Experience of working in commercial caretaking is desirable, being willing to work hard and adapt to the unique operating patterns of The Upper Room building is more important.

They must be supportive of the church's Christian ethos.

Hours: 15 pw Monday—Saturday

(some flexibility in working hours will be available)

Salary: £9360 per annum

Closing date: Tuesday 29th April

For an application pack please contact: **Cheadle Parish Office**

churchoffice@cheadle.org.uk

0161 428 8050

Book Review: The Cross of Christ, by John Stott

With Study Guide

A slightly different notice sheet letter this week. I've been re-reading Stott's classic and thought, since it's Easter, that this would be a good time to recommend it to anyone who's yet to experience his brilliant treatment of this unique event in history.

J.I. Packer wrote of The Cross of Christ, 'No other treatment of this supreme subject says so much so truly and so well.' High praise!

It's not a short book - let's get that out of the way first. It isn't a quick read, nor should it be. The Cross of Christ is the sort of book you need to spend some time on, digesting it slowly as you go and, hopefully, being led to praise and worship as Stott brings you face to face with the grace, power, and love of God in Christ.

The book is split into four sections, with a brief conclusion on the influence of the cross at the end and an additional study guide added in by David Stone.

Stott takes us on a journey beginning with the centrality of the cross in the mind of Jesus. He argues persuasively that

the idea of substitution (Christ dying in our place) is right at the centre of the cross. There are many angles from which to view the cross (e.g., a statement of God's love, or the victory of Christ over evil), and Stott does explore these achievements, but maintains that substitution is the key. Finally, Stott exhorts the church to live in the shadow of the cross and explains what this will look like as we take up our own cross together.

Each section is absolutely crammed full of Biblical references, so you never have to wonder 'where has he got this from' - he leads you to the chapter and verse so you can read it for yourself and follow along. Stott also deals very patiently with objections to Biblical teaching on the cross, showing clearly how these objections miss the mark and take away from the glory of God at the same time.

I would recommend this to anyone who wants to discover more about the importance and impact of the cross, Christian, or not. It takes some effort to work through, but it is one of the most worthwhile books you will ever read.



Ian Chidlow
Associate Minister (St Cuthbert's)

Mission Slot - Adam and Nomfi Tomalin



This month we remember Adam and Nomfi Tomalin who are presently Study Partners with Crosslinks in Cape Town South Africa

They have asked if we could pray for them as Adam completes his degree course at George Whitfield College at the end of the year - he is looking towards exploring the possibility of becoming a full time Mission Partner with Crosslinks and working in a new location to build on his Zulu language skills and experience. In the meantime please pray for Nomfi as she continues to enjoy her Pastoral Counselling course at South Africa Training Seminary.

At the beginning of the year they moved to a new church - Christ Church Khayelitsha which is on one of the largest townships in Cape Town - this has brought about new challenges of learning different dialects/language for Adam - pray that these will grow over the coming months so that they can serve the church even more fully.

They have plans to return to the UK in the summer for Josh's wedding to Francesca and are looking forward to catching up and sharing their plans with folks here in Cheadle face to face then.

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