

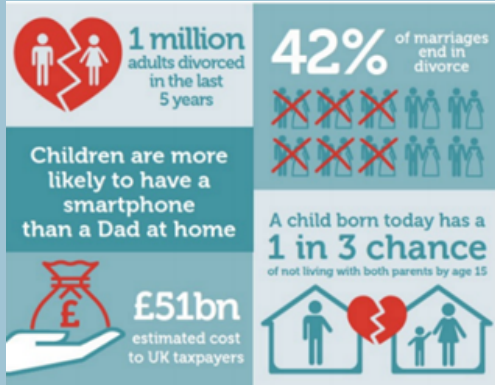


Cheadle
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In Touch

May 2024

Restored Lives Cheadle is Here!



These recent statistics are a sobering thought for us in today's society, especially as we contend with the challenges presented by Covid.

For all those who have experienced separation and divorce it is easy to wonder what the future is going to be like and whether things can ever get better.

Restored Lives Cheadle, beginning on Tuesday 14th May from 7pm until 9.30pm, at St Cuthbert's Church, Cuthbert Road, Cheadle, is an opportunity to meet with those who have gone through this experience personally, and learn how to recover from the breakdown of a serious relationship.

The eight-week course will offer support and teach skills which will help to give hope for the future.

Each evening will begin with a light meal of soup and bread and there will be refreshments throughout.

The cost of £7 per week (£45 for the whole course), includes all eight sessions, a simple meal each week, and all course materials (We do not want this to be a barrier so if cost is an issue, or you have any other questions, please contact us as support may be available. All enquiries are treated confidentially)



To book a place on the course go to <https://stmarysheadle.churchsuite.co.uk/events/bws9pfzj> or scan the QR code. For more information or to discuss the course further, contact Mark & Helen at restoredlives@headle.org.uk

How YOU can help:

• **Pray:**
We would love you to Pray for us, our team and the guests who attend throughout the eight weeks.

• **Promote:**
We would also love you to share the course with anyone you know who would benefit from attending. There is still time to book by either going to the Restored Lives events page via the link above or the church website or scanning the above QR Code. Although it would be helpful for us in planning to know who will be coming, guests are able to come and book on the night.

Heartbroken? Who cares? We do.

Restored Lives Cheadle is an 8 session course that offers support and skills to help you recover from the breakdown of a serious relationship.

Explore all the issues with a non-judgemental and supportive group local to you.

NEXT COURSE
TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024
7.00 TO 9.30PM
St Cuthbert's Church, Cheadle
restoredlives@headle.org.uk

Jess's Leaving

Jess has been a member of the café team for nearly two years and is moving onto ventures new. We want to say a huge Thank You to her for her contribution to The Upper Room Café. Jess started the Arts ministry and has been a champion of local artists. We wish her all the very best for the future.



APCM - Wed 8th May

Wednesday 8th May at 7.30pm is the APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) in the Upper Room. It's our chance to gather together and celebrate God's blessings to us over the last year and look forward to what we believe He is calling us to in the next one. It's also when we elect our church wardens and members of the PCC (Parochial Church Council) who work with George our rector to achieve the goals of our Vision and manage the charity's assets. Please attend if you can and pray for those standing to these important offices. The church's annual report will be available both before the meeting and on the evening.

The Buzz 2024 – Sound Holidays

At the end of May, it is time again for some of our leaders and children to head off to The Quinta, Christian Conference Centre for 'The Buzz' holiday week.

This year the 'The Buzz' will run from Tuesday the 28th of May until Friday 31st of May for loads of fun, games, and activities.

The theme for the is 'The Case of the Empty Tomb' and the children will be detectives investigating Jesus' death and resurrection from Luke chapters 23 & 24.

18 years ago Mark was one of the founders of the holiday, as part of Northwest Youthworks' focus in bringing children from like-minded churches together. He continues to be one of the overall leaders of the holiday and this year is being joined by Ian Ashworth, as a leader from St. Mary's.

We are sending 3 boys and 5 girls, and it would be great if you could pray for every aspect of the week, and especially for both our leaders and children to have a fantastic week, stay safe and learn loads about Jesus.

If you would like to know more about the week, please either have a chat with Mark or email him on mark.tomlinson@cheadle.org.uk



For Prayer

Christopher Poole is on The Message School for Evangelism team and this term they are involved in the following mission events.

6-12 May - Netherlands

18 May - Mini mission with Soul City (one day)

21-26 May - Westwood (Oldham)

4-7 June - Pennington, (Leigh, Wigan)

9-13 June - Kensington (Liverpool)

Please could you pray for the team:

- for strength in proclaiming the Gospel;
- for unity amongst the team for different trials and challenges;
- for safety.
- that God will move in people's lives.



Clive Luty

Clive Luty joined Saint Mary's in 1990 and was involved in several areas within the church for many years. He moved to live in Ireland a few years ago and now has Parkinson's disease and is living in a nursing home in County Mayo. We are going to visit him in August for a few days and would like to take with us photographs of people who knew him. If you remember Clive please could you let us have a recent photograph of yourself or let us know when Sue can take your photo!

Thank you, Kim and Sue Southgate

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Bright Start Creche

When I was expecting my first baby and just starting maternity leave, I was invited to attend a women's bible study then meeting in one of the women's homes. This study group had already been going for a good number of years and thirty-six years later the group still meets on a Thursday morning. The group now meets in the Upper Room and for many years a creche has run along side the bible study group.

At one time, the mums attending the group organised a rota and looked after the children each week themselves. However, about twenty-five years ago Annette Roe retired as the head of a nursery school and asked if she could run a creche. And so Bright Start began. Annette gathered together a group of faithful ladies to help her look after the children and to deliver varied activities, including crafts and fun things to do, but primarily to teach the youngest of our children about Jesus.



Every year, Annette would also organise an Easter party and the children were encouraged to invite their friends and this became an exciting opportunity to tell both the children and their carers about Christianity.

The creche has continued to run through-out this time and a huge number of children have benefited from it as well as the mums who have been enabled to attend the bible study each week. We are very grateful for all that Annette and her team have done throughout this time of faithful service.

Sadly, many good things must come to an end. The number of children attending the creche has dwindled over the last couple of years – mostly from parents returning to work or more children attending nursery and pre-school. Our last two little people have now started school, so the creche will be stopping (at least for the time being). The ladies are still intending to be in the Upper Room on a Thursday from 9.45 am onwards and will have craft activities available for any children coming into the hall with their carers to use the café and play equipment.

However, this is the end of the formal creche facility so I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Annette and her team for all that they have done to serve the children and parents of our church over the years.

- Trish Wells, Women's discipleship worker

PS If you are a woman aged 18 to 90 plus you are very welcome to join us in the Upper Room on a Thursday morning to read the bible and encourage one another. The studies start at 10am for an hour (ish!). We are currently looking at the book "Real Change" and new people are always welcome.

Dates for May

- Wednesday 1st - Monthly Prayer Meeting**, 8pm in the Upper Room
- Saturday 4th - Hard of Hearing Support Group**, 11.30am in the Upper Room, Ashfield Room
- Wednesday 8th - APCM**, 7.30pm in the Upper Room
- Saturday 11th - Cheadle Board Room**, 9.30am in the Upper Room
- Tuesday 14th - Stories of Hope**, continues in the Upper Room Café, 10.45am weekly
- Tuesday 14th - Restored Lives Course** starts, 7pm at St Cuthbert's for 8 weeks
- Thursday 16th - Men's breakfast**, 6.45am in the Upper Room Café
- Thursday 16th - Prayer for our country and the world**, 7.30pm at the Southgate's house
- Thursday 16th - St Cuthbert's Men's Drinks**, 8pm at the Wobbly Stamp
- Saturday 18th - In Stitches**, 9am at St Cuthbert's
- Tuesday 28th - Open Doors Prayer meeting** 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

Dates for June

- Saturday 1st - Hard of Hearing Support Group**, 11.30am in the Upper Room, Ashfield Room
- Wednesday 5th - Monthly Prayer Meeting**, 8pm
- Saturday 8th - Cheadle Board Room**, 9.30am in the Upper Room
- Saturday 15th - Men's breakfast** at the Upper Room Café
- Saturday 15th - In Stitches**, 9am at St Cuthbert's
- Saturday 15th - Cheadle on the Green**
- Tuesday 25th - Open Doors Prayer Meeting**, 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

Cheadle Civic Society AGM...

Please join us on Wednesday 15th May in the Upper Room, Back Massie St, Cheadle. SK8 1DW
Doors open at 6.30pm.
Meeting starts at 7.30pm.

Special Guest Speaker:
Mr Norman Redhead.

Free entry for existing members.
£10 for non-members and new members.
for more details email:
editor@cheadlecivicsociety.org



THE WORD ONE TO ONE TRAINING

Equipped to share

10.00am - 12.30pm

Saturday 18th May 2024

St Andrew's Church Cheadle Hulme,
Cheadle Road, SK8 5ET



John MacKinnon
Director of Evangelism,
The Word One to One

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Mental Health Workshop

"Walking with Christ, with depression" May 18th at St Mary without walls Handbridge. Key note speaker is Bishop Sam and there will be a selection of workshops. 9-30 - 3-30
No cost and free lunch
Book via the CDN web-site or contact Tricia Berry 0161 485 3250

Mission Slot - GFA World

Following on from the St Mary's monthly prayer meeting please continue to pray for GFA World. Pray that more monies will be received to enable the construction of the new Mission Hospital in Rwanda to be completed as quickly as possible and that the right equipment might be obtained to use in the hospital to serve patients - The hospital will also require staffing so pray that both clinicians and support staff might be recruited to provide excellent care to all who attend the hospital. Pray for more Nationals to be recruited and trained to serve the peoples of North Africa where the number of Christians are very much in the minority - pray that these newly trained recruits will be well equipped to plant new churches in the future. Here in the UK please pray for additional staff to be recruited to serve in their offices based locally here in Manchester. Pray for JP Dao the Chief Executive as he co-ordinates operations and Natasha Fraser who is one of our mission partners working as their Medical Missions Co-ordinator

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In Christ's Service

I'm still in my first few weeks as Rector of Cheadle, and I have been overwhelmed by the welcome I have been given from the church family and the community. I have already witnessed many of the activities and groups that operate across the parish, and I am immensely encouraged by what I have seen. So many people are generously using the gifts and opportunities God has given them to be a blessing to others.

I feel a sense of honour and privilege in playing my part, serving you as your rector. I admit that, as I survey all that is going on in the parish, I find that overwhelming too. But I rejoice in the Lord and I'm convinced that he has called me here. I'm delighted that he has too, because Cheadle Parish is an extraordinary place to serve Christ and his people. Getting to know staff colleagues and all those who serve in the parish, I am aware of so much competence and commitment and yet grace and humility in Christ's service.

For all of us who look to Jesus as our saviour, we are called to serve him as our Lord. I love to hear how God has worked in the lives of his people to energise, equip and empower them in his service in different ways. That could be a community facing role in the Upper Room Café, or teaching the Bible to children, or working in the background to keep the substantial administrative function of the parish up and running, or offering a listening ear to those in distress. And so much more.

As I begin a new ministry in Christ's service, I can't help reflecting on my own story of salvation and calling. As I notice how many families have been part of the church family for generations, I thank God that I was born into a Christian family. I was nurtured in my faith and immersed in scripture from birth.

At the same time, we are grieved that there are so many who don't know Christ, and we can never give up on them. We are blessed with the security of eternal hope, but we are also charged with the urgency of gospel mission.

I began my Christian service in youth and children's ministry, and that has always been part of my ministry life. My first career was in civil engineering, but I spent nearly as much time doing youth ministry as I did doing my day job. Then, my church leader asked me to think about full-time ministry, which took me to Oak Hill College and then to ordained ministry.

It's not just a new phase for me, it is a new phase for my family, for Kath and for our children. Our last church was in an area dominated by housing association estates, and did not have Bible teaching heritage. Over 13 years the church became a close-knit, gospel-hearted family of disciples. Not only that, but God gave us community partners that connected the church family to the lives of the people in the town, through schools, street festivals and social care. Coming to Cheadle is a big change for us all and will take some getting used to, as we become part of a different community in a new church family. Once again, I'm pleased to say that the church family here has opened their arms to welcome us all, and I want to thank you.

It's not just a new phase for my family, however, it is a new phase for the whole parish family. And not just because there's a new rector. I believe God is at work in a variety of ways, bringing refreshment, renewal and opportunity. But I also believe he has work for us to do together. I hope you are excited about that and I ask you to join me in prayer for guidance, wisdom and protection as we take the next steps together in Christ's service.

Rev George Crowder
Rector



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