



Cheadle
PARISH

In Touch

June 2024

Parish Social Day!

On Saturday 6th July we will be holding a Parish Social Day. This will include a walk, a bring and share meal and a ceilidh. This will be a great opportunity to spend time together in fellowship and getting to know one another better. Do come along if you can, whether that is just for one part of the day, or all three events. More information and details of how to sign up will follow shortly. For now, just put the date in your diary!



Working together

The Upper Room Café is continuing to grow links with the community. We work alongside lots of local groups and organisations in our local area.

Currently we are working with The Sea Shell Trust, Pure Innovation and The Growth Company to provide volunteer opportunities. We also have work experience placements from teenagers in various local high schools.

We have groups of people socialising after library book groups, Slimming World and local exercise classes. We have people who work regularly using the café as a base. There are charities that use our facilities to host talks and drops in sessions and courses – including Visiting Angels, Supportability and Spreading Smiles

Barclays bank and Stockport Post do regular Drop In's to support the local community giving advice and listening to peoples stories. The GP surgery has held patient information sessions here too.

We provide refreshments and hospitality to many of the church groups that meet in The Upper Room.

Please pray for our links with the community through the café and that they would see God at work. There is a place for all at The Upper Room.

Spotlight on Pastoral Care

As Co-ordinator of the Pastoral Care Team at St Mary's I have been asked a couple of times recently how pastoral care functions within the church community so I will give a very brief synopsis of who the team is and what we do to support all members of the congregation. I know that St Cuthbert's are privileged to have Ruth Ormiston leading their pastoral work too.

Team Members at St Mary's -George Crowder, Stan Tomalin, Brenda Lowe, Vera MacLeod, Alanna Vine, Ken Tysoe, Liz Woods and myself.

What we do – The team meets as a group on a monthly basis to pray for and to share the needs of those who are struggling in either physical or other ways – this could be by visiting those in hospital, those who are in care homes, those who are less agile and unable to get out from their homes – we provide Holy Communion on a regular basis and always at the main Christian Festival times for those who want it and even if communion is declined we undertake a visit to share a Bible reading and prayer to encourage fellowship and help them to know they are not forgotten even though they are not sitting in the pews regularly.

However – There is more that is done to pastorally care for one another and in different ways – Think of homegroups, men's and ladies events, The Bridge, youth and children's work, Restored Lives, bereavement visits, the hard of hearing group, one to one conversations either in homes or maybe in the Upper Room Café, the welcome teams, the minglers, the prayer team and those on the prayer chain, those who make tea and coffee after services and meetings both in church and in the Upper Room and the marvellous work done by the staff and volunteers in the café and those in the church office who support those who call in or phone up

What can I do? It can be seen that pastoral care is not just the work of the team but it is also a personal responsibility that each one of us has to care for those that come across our paths on a daily basis so do pray about your response and become part of God's plan in supporting one another – please get in contact if you would like to discuss things further

- Graham Lowcock



Save the Date!

Cheadle Parish Church Weekend Away

13th - 15th June 2025

Quinta Christian Conference Centre



Ladies Coffee and Cake evening

**THE UPPER ROOM
TUESDAY 4TH JUNE
7-8:30PM**

To ladies young and old and every age in between. Come and join us for informal chat, fellowship, hot drinks and cake!

No need to pre-book, just put the date in your diary and pay on the day in the cafe for what you would like

Hope to see you there!



Stories of Hope

We are continuing Stories of Hope on Tuesday mornings (in the Café) and Wednesday evenings (at St. Cuthbert's) right through to the end of July and more are welcome to join us, even on an ad hoc basis. We look at encounters Jesus had with people during His ministry and ask what we learned about Him and what an encounter with Him might look like for us now.

The groups are specially designed around those who have questions about Jesus and for those who want to grow in their faith, by getting to know what Jesus said and did better. It doesn't matter if you or a friend don't know what or where the New Testament is, we can help with that and are very welcoming! Please keep praying for these groups. The harvest is plentiful. We have seen the Holy Spirit moving in people and are excited to see the groups encountering God's grace, some for the first time. Using Stories of Hope is an easy way for you to share Jesus with a friend or a work colleague.

Please contact the office if you - or that friend - want to join us, or to visit one of the groups to see how it works.

-Dave and Iris Challis

CARE election website

Following the Prime Minister's announcement of a July 4th election, CARE has launched a dedicated election website, engaGE24. This is full of content from policy primers to video interviews with Christian MPs and much more. Their heart behind this campaign is to equip the UK church to engage effectively with this election. You can find the website here:

<https://www.engage24.org.uk/>

engaGE24
a project of CARE

Can you help?

We are trying to brighten up The Upper Room entrance and make it look more inviting. If you have any realistic artificial flowers or greenery sat in cupboards or vases that you no longer want and would be willing to donate to us we'd love to make use of them. Just drop them into the café or leave in the Tower room at the back of church. Many thanks.

Jesus is my Captain, Brother, Rescuer and Friend

What do you think when you read this header "Jesus is my Captain, Brother, Rescuer and Friend"? Do you think, oh no military talk, that's not for me! I like the brother bit, I don't need a Rescuer because I am good, but I need a friend. So, we see the things we like and turn away or dismiss the things we don't like.

As a man in my 50s I have lived through the back end of the Cold War, Falklands War, Gulf War, Iraq War, War in Afghanistan, and the years of the IRA and now the Ukraine - Russian war that is going on right now. So, war is still around us and its scars can still be seen. And for a few people these scars are for life or have cost them their life.

Church Army founder Wilson Carlile was a businessman that travelled round Europe around the time of the Franco - Prussian war (1870 - 1871), and like a lot of people at that time lost most of his money due to the impact of war. This time was known as the Long Depression (1873- 1896). Wilson whilst training to be a vicar in London saw the slums of Westminster and started to help the people of the slums with food and drink, reading and writing and training them to in turn go out and help. It was out of this work Church Army was set up in 1882. Or to put it another way, "An army of ordinary people", being trained to show and talk about the love of Jesus and recognise him as captain of our lives.



So going back to the heading "Jesus is my Captain, Brother, Rescuer and Friend", some may recognize this title as one of the CODEs from CVM (Christian Vision for Men) and you would be right. "Codelife" is a modern way of looking at the Beatitudes set out in Matthew chapter 5. The Code is set up by men for men. With this in mind, I would like to invite you to a Men's Breakfast on Saturday 13th July starting at 9am, at the Micker Brook Pub, Cheadle, to share some food and conversation together with our fellow brothers from the local area, with a view to perhaps making it a regular event, looking at some of the CVM/Church Army material, to help us men in our faith journeys. It will cost around £7.

I will need to advise the pub of numbers if a large party, so to book, please can you message: "Breakfast" (It would be helpful to add your name and church too) to me on 07923457573.

God Bless

- Phil James

Dates for June

Saturday 1st - Hard of Hearing Support Group, 11.30am in the Upper Room, Ashfield Room

Tuesday 4th - Ladies Coffee and Cake Evening, 7-8.30pm in the Upper Room Café

Wednesday 5th - Monthly Prayer Meeting, 8pm in the Upper Room

Saturday 8th - Cheadle Board Room, 9.30am in the Upper Room

Saturday 15th - Men's breakfast, 8.30am at the Upper Room Café

Saturday 15th - In Stitches, 9am at St Cuthbert's

Saturday 15th - Cheadle on the Green, 10am - 4pm

Thursday 20th - Prayer for our country and the world, 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

Thursday 20th - St Cuthbert's Men's Drinks, 8pm

Tuesday 25th - Open Doors Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

Dates for July

Wednesday 3rd - Monthly Prayer Meeting, 8pm in the Upper Room

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

Saturday 6th - Parish Social Day

Saturday 13th - Cheadle Board Room, 9.30am in the Upper Room

Thursday 18th - Men's breakfast, 6.45am in the Upper Room Café

Thursday 18th - Prayer for our country and the world, 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

Thursday 18th - St Cuthbert's Men's Drinks, 8pm

Saturday 18th - In Stitches, 9am at St Cuthbert's

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

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7.00 PM | 29-06-2024
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Renew Stockport is a growing network of churches and Christian faith based projects working together for the renewal of Stockport.

Assistant Producer/Presenter

Trans World Radio is seeking an enthusiastic individual with vision and passion to join their creative team seeking to develop life-changing Christian radio.

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www.twr.org.uk/vacancies

Closing date: Monday 17th June 2024

CHEADLE ON THE GREEN

Supporting Our local Charity
FOREVER 19
The Emma Cosgrove Foundation
GRANTING WISHES FOR TEENAGERS WITH CANCER

FAMILY FUNDAY

lots of local Craft stalls
Where's Scotch Bob Family Game, with Prizes & Trophy
Cheadle School of Dancing
Food & Drinks
Music & Entertainment
Amazing Raffle Prizes
from The Emma Cosgrove Foundation

Strawberries and Cream £1.00
Face Painting
Jar Bola
Plants
Wi cakes

SATURDAY 15TH JUNE, 2024
10AM-4PM ON THE GREEN
CHEADLE, STOCKPORT, SK8 2BD
STALLS JUST £15.00 ALL DAY
TO BOOK A STALL, PLEASE EMAIL CAROLYN AT
SKCHEADLEGREEN@GMAIL.COM

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Every Member Ministry

When was the last time you read Romans 16? If you have a minute, open it now in a Bible or on your phone and scan through. Count how many individual people Paul sends greetings to.

There's Priscilla and Aquila (and the church at their house), Epenetus, Mary, Andronicus and Junia, Ampliatus, Urbanus and Stachys, Apelles, those in the household of Aristobulus, Herodion, those in Narcissus' house, Tryphena and Tryphosa, Persis, Rufus and his mum, Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas and others, Philologus, Julia, Nereus and his sister, Olympas and others...

And these are just the names of the people Paul sends greetings to. He also mentions Phoebe, who delivered this letter, and the people who are with him: Timothy, Lucius, Jason, Sosipater, Tertius, Gaius, Erastus and Quartus.

A mixture of people – men and women, probably slave and free, Jew and Gentile – all of whom Paul knew by name and cared deeply about. Real people who were engaged in the life of the early church and who's praises he sings in Romans 16.

Behind each name is a great story of God's grace. We don't know them all, each person had somehow met Christ, been adopted into his family and was now working hard as a member of his church in Rome, seemingly spread across various households and families.

This is how it should be. The church is not an impersonal machine driven by the vicar. We are a collection of individuals with names and stories and gifts, drawn together according to God's will and purpose.

Can I encourage you to look at your church family next Sunday, whether that's Cuthbert's or St Mary's, and just pick out those you know who give of their own time, in order to serve the rest of us. I think you'll be amazed at how many you can count. Take some time to thank God for them. Tell them that's what you're doing – go and say hello and encourage them in their service, as Paul does here.

Maybe you're not currently involved in church life in this way. If God has brought you into his family, he HAS given you gifts in order to serve the church in your own unique way. What are your gifts? If you're too humble to figure that out, ask a friend!

Pray about it. When I look around Cheadle Parish I don't just see people using their gifts, I see the potential for so much more, in people who (I think) often just don't realise how talented they are.

Let's be encouragers of one another, and help each other to fan these gifts into flame, for the good of our churches and local community, and the glory of God.

Rev Ian Chidlow
Associate Minister (St Cuthbert's)



Mission Slot - Spotlight on Africa

This month sees three visits to Cheadle from different mission partners who are normally based in Africa – Rick Creighton St Mary's Crosslinks Partner who is a lecturer at the Evangelical theological seminary in Jos will be at St Mary's preaching at both services on the 16th, Dean and Paula Finnie long established mission partners of St Cuthbert's will be at their morning service on the 30th and also visiting St Mary's in the evening to share with us an update on their work and plans. Adam and Nomfi Tomalin mission associates will also be back in the UK from mid June so they can be actively involved with Josh and Francesca's wedding which will be held at St Mary's in July and also have discussions with Crosslinks about the possibility of becoming full partners with that organisation.

Please pray all these opportunities will give us all a wider perspective on "God's work in God's world"

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