



Cheadle
PARISH

In Touch

June 2025

Parish Weekend Away

13th - 15th June 2025

This month we go on our Parish Weekend Away to Quinta. Our main sessions will be on the theme on Unity In Christ, looking at Ephesians 2 with guest speaker Ross Mungavin. Our children and youth work will also be on the same theme with their sessions being led by Lucy Slavin and Gareth Davies.

Here is some more info on our guest speakers:



Ross Mungavin: Leading our teaching

Ross is currently the Associate Minister for the Blackstaff Mission Area - three churches working together to reach the lost and build the church for God's glory in South Belfast. Ross is married to Emma, and they have three boys (Ben, Alex, and Tom). He spent 10 years in youth ministry in England before going home to NI, and is looking forward to bringing God's word to us this weekend.

Gareth Davies: Leading our Y7-13 sessions

My name is Gareth Davies, and I have been involved in church ministry since 2009. Although I have undertaken a variety of roles, my biggest passion is seeing children and young people learn more about Jesus, and having their lives transformed as a result. Next Monday, I start a new role as Pastor at a community church in Biddulph, so your prayers would be appreciated for that. This weekend, I will be joined by Jenny, Becky and another Becky, three wonderful servant-hearted people who I know will be a real blessing to the young people.

Lucy Slavin: Leading our Age 3-11 sessions

Lucy has done 10 years of children and families ministry for St Peters church. She is part of a 3 year old church plant called The church at the Barn in Rock Ferry -that's their official title as they have recently become part of A.C.E which is very exciting. We meet out of a sport hall called the Barn which is attached to Rock Ferry Primary school..

Lucy has been married to Slav for 13 years and they have two children Oscar 12 and Phoebe 9 as well as two cats, two adult corn snakes and currently 23 baby snakes. She is currently a nanny for two families whilst having a short break from ministry while the church she is part of grows financially.

Lucy says "it is a great pleasure and a privilege to be here to teach and pray for your little ones. I pray God uses me to help grow their love and faith in Him. Ian Chidlow some of you may know is married to Jodi who is my little sister, so I will enjoy this weekend even more as I get to spend time with her and her church family."



The Buzz

The Buzz was established as a camp back in 2006, as part of the work of the Northwest Partnership children's and youth section and has grown ever since. It took place at the end of last month from Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th May for schools years 3-6.

This year the camp has expanded and was delivered at two separate venues at the same time, Quinta Centre, Shropshire and Dallam School, Milnthorpe.

As a Parish we sent 5 leaders and 5 children to Dallam and 2 leaders to The Quinta. Please pray for them all, that they would have had fun, learnt lots about God and continue to deepen their relationship with him



Restored Lives

'Finding hope after hurt'

Dear all, we wanted to share some feedback about our recent Restored Lives course.

Our last course completed just prior to Easter and a brilliant group of people met weekly as part of St Mary's & St Cuthbert's Restored Lives course 2025. This is designed for anyone navigating the painful path of separation or divorce. With a mix of honest conversations, helpful story sharing, videos and more coffee and cake than strictly necessary, we created a space where people are safe to breathe, laugh, cry, share emotions, be signposted to professional support and start to move forward with hope. The course is based on the model from Holy Trinity Brompton and their support of us and provision of up to date materials and professional advice is priceless.

The feedback has been incredible reflecting God's compassion and healing power working through the team. People told us they felt more hopeful, less alone, and reassured that there is life after a broken relationship. The chance to share with others going through similar changes really helped. We pray that our interactions will reflect God and point those who don't already know him to Christ.

One person put it beautifully, "I came in feeling stuck and left feeling like I had found my feet again."

We have seen the truth of Romans 8 verse 28 come alive through the course, especially with the dedicated team who support in many ways from leading groups, catering, listening to people, greeting and hosting throughout and beyond the period of the course. We especially want to thank Nick & Georgina Frost for their delicious Moroccan themed buffet on our last celebration week.

'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.' **Romans 8:28**

Even in the pain of brokenness, God is gently at work bringing healing and new beginnings.

We will be running the course again commencing Tuesday 13th January 2026. If you or anyone you know would find it helpful, please contact us. We also provide ongoing support between courses, through meeting up over coffee and walks throughout the year and would be happy to organise a meeting up. Our restored lives email is restoredlives@theadle.org.uk or chat to us at Church.

Everyone requesting support is very welcome to come, just come as you are.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supports the ministry from hands on with the course, to praying and encouraging us behind the scenes. Your involvement is invaluable.

God Bless,

Mark and Helen TOMLINSON
Restored Lives Course Leaders



The Upper Room Café

The Upper Room Café is our parish Church and Community Café. We have around 50 volunteers from ages 16 to 86. We work with lots of community groups and charities. We have work placement students from Pure Innovation, the Growth Company and Seashell Trust. We have volunteers from St Mary's, St Cuthbert's and other local churches.

The Upper Room Café is a place where people can encounter God, Jesus and the church in a comfortable and safe place. We seek to meet spiritual needs as well as physical ones. We daily see God at work and have conversations with people from our community exploring faith and life issues. Around 80-85% of our customers are from the local community.

Please pray for our staff team as we reach our community for Jesus. Becki Bell and Beci Boyd (co-managers), Hector Molina (chef) and Sonya Dai (shift supervisor).

Come and support our café events. We have regular themed events and activities to build bridges and enable conversations with customers and volunteers. We have a Fiesta Family Fun day coming up on Saturday 28th June, celebrating Hector's Latin American heritage and showing that God loves the whole world. We are also hosting monthly community breakfasts.

Let's build friendships and relationships with each other. Jesus often sat and ate with people. Oh yes.....we serve great food too! New Summer Menu starts 1st June!! Open Monday to Saturday, 9am - 3pm.



Community Breakfast

Invite your friends, family and neighbours to share breakfast together

9.30AM - 12PM

SATURDAY 31ST MAY

SATURDAY 21ST JUNE

SATURDAY 26TH JULY

Cooked breakfast £9

Continental Breakfast £7

Includes breakfast tea and filter coffee

Full cafe menu available also





Fantasy Football

Congratulations to Jo Davids who won the St Cuthbert's and St Mary's fantasy league this year! A well fought fight! Thanks to everyone who took part. Anyone is welcome to join in next year.



Hospitality Sunday

What is it for?

Not for me.

I'm shy.

Why?

So, so, wrong! We went to the first one and had a great time. In a big church like it can be easy to feel unwelcome, unnoticed, missed. But Hospitality Sunday is a great way to meet people you don't know in a relaxed environment and to have easy conversations and get to know each other a little bit better. Nothing is "expected" of you. Our hosts were very welcoming and the food was great. We would recommend that everyone give it a go, we definitely think you will enjoy it.

Belinda Byers



Gift not Gain

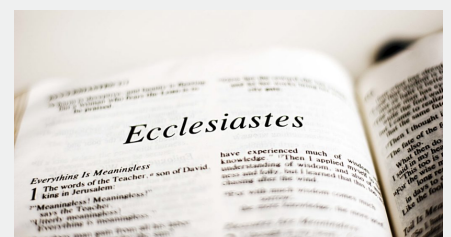
I have loved Ecclesiastes ever since I first studied the book on a weekend away while at university. It stood out to me because it felt so different to anything I had ever read in the Bible before, and yet now I see glimpses of it everywhere throughout scripture. It remains my favourite book in the Bible and I return to it often.

I find something deeply comforting in the reality check that it provides. The teacher is brutally honest about how life is under the sun, bursting bubbles that we live in without even realising. Yet, as depressing as it might seem on the surface, there is something very freeing about what the teacher has to tell us.

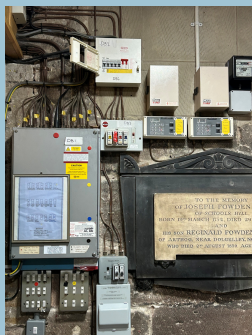
Again and again we are reminded that life is a gift from God and that everything we have is given by him for us to enjoy. If we strive to gain wealth or wisdom or success as a means to an end, we will find it is ultimately futile. Tomorrow isn't guaranteed and we can take nothing with us from this life, so the best way to live is to find joy in the things that are in front of us - our food, our work, our friends and family. We can enjoy these good things for what they are, without trying to gain anything from them.

There is nothing to be gained from this life under the sun, but in the words of Paul 'to live is Christ, to die is gain' (Phil 1:21). Eternity with God is the only thing to be gained, but that is not something we have to work to achieve, or could achieve for ourselves. It is also a gift from the one with whom we will get to enjoy it forever. So, in the words of the preacher who inspired me, let us live life as reverent receivers, not restless achievers.

If you have not heard the evening sermon series on Ecclesiastes or want to listen back to it you can find it on the church website [here](#). I would also highly recommend the book *Living Life Backwards* by David Gibson.



Maddy Prescott



Proposed rewire and central heating upgrade to St Mary's church

You may not be aware that the electrical wiring installation in the church building is inspected every 5 years to make sure it's safe and fit for purpose.

Last time this was done, towards the end of last year, the report said that the system has deteriorated so much since the previous inspection in 2019 that it is vital that the building be rewired as soon as possible, so quite a big project!

This type of work was last done over 40 years ago. Many have noticed that it's not only the supply cables that are starting to fail, but light fittings are too in several areas of the church. The safety controls, fuses, switches etc. are also not in very good shape and will be upgraded as part of the work.

Added to this, we know that the gas heater that powers the warm air heating in the church is now obsolete. The Church of England is aiming to be carbon neutral by 2030, and the diocese will almost certainly not allow us to install another gas fired heater. This will mean moving to electrical power, which will have a significant impact on the rewiring plan for the building whatever type of heating solution we decide to install.

On the recommendation of our church architect, the PCC have appointed consultants who specialise in this type of work. They are currently working with a small group from church looking at this on behalf of the PCC. They have been asked to draw up a proposal for rewiring the church, installing a new more functional and efficient lighting system and replacing the central heating unit. This will allow us to make the church more flexible when in use and economical, reducing our utility costs and carbon footprint. There will be a large cost to carrying out the work and as part of the aim to reduce our carbon footprint and save costs, we are also considering installing PV solar panels on the main roof (because of the design of the roof these would not be visible from the ground).

We are currently awaiting some idea of the likely costs from the consultants, but we know the costs are going to be large. We do want to provide for this historic building now and for the future and enhance its ability to be used for worship and other suitable events. Our aim is to make the building as available and attractive as possible for our local community yet maintain it as a place where people can meet with our Living God. The PCC have a lot to consider in order to discern what the best solution is, and we are praying about how the works can best be funded. Please pray for wisdom and guidance for all those involved in making these decisions.

When we have more information, we will share it with the wider congregations. If you would like to know more, or have some thoughts about these things, please speak to me or George.

Jon Drayton (Operations Manager)



National Parliamentary Prayer Breakfast

Tuesday 24 June from 7:45-9:00am

Over 600 MPs and church leaders will be meeting in Westminster Hall, and the event will be livestreamed to allow even more people to attend. Please sign up to join the event online. The Breakfast is a great opportunity to pray for our parliament, government and politics, and to reflect on the relevance of the Christian faith to our public life.

'God in the public square?' is the theme this year and the main speaker is John Lennox, Emeritus Professor of Mathematics at Oxford University. Music and singing will be led by the acclaimed hymn writers and GRAMMY nominated artists, Keith and Kristyn Getty. The livestream is free to attend, but you must register via Eventbrite in order to receive access which you can do [here](#)



Dates for June

Wednesday 4th - Monthly Prayer Meeting, 8pm in the Upper Room

Saturday 7th - Hard of Hearing Support Group, 11am, in the Ashfield Room of The Upper Room

Sunday 8th - Hospitality Sunday

Tuesday 10th - Mission Partners Prayer Meeting, 8pm at the Parikh's house

Thursday 12th - Men's Pub Night, 8pm

Friday 13th-Sunday 15th - Cheadle Parish Church Weekend Away

Saturday 14th - Cheadle Board Room, 9.30am in the Upper Room

Wednesday 18th - The Big Read, 7.45pm at St Cuthbert's

Thursday 19th - Prayer for our country and the world, 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

Saturday 21st - Men's Breakfast, 8am in the Upper Room Café

Saturday 21st - In Stitches, 9am at St Cuthbert's

Tuesday 24th - Open Doors Prayer meeting, 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

Saturday 28th - Ladies Breakfast, 8.30am in the Upper Room Cafe

Saturday 28th - Fiesta event, in the Upper Room Cafe

Dates for July

Wednesday 2nd - Monthly Prayer Meeting, 8pm in the Upper Room

Saturday 5th - Hard of Hearing Support Group, 11am, in the Ashfield Room of The Upper Room

Saturday 5th - Men's Walk

Tuesday 8th - Mission Partners Prayer Meeting, 8pm at the Parikh's house

Thursday 10th - Men's Pub night, 8pm

Saturday 12th - Cheadle Board Room, 9.30am in the Upper Room

Sunday 13th - Hospitality Sunday

Wednesday 16th - The Big Read, 7.45pm at St Cuthbert's

Thursday 17th - Ladies Meal, 7pm

Thursday 17th - Prayer for our country and the world, 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

Saturday 19th - In Stitches, 9am at St Cuthbert's

Tuesday 22nd - Open Doors Prayer meeting, 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

Thursday 24th - Men's Breakfast, 6.45am in the Upper Room Café

Visit of Rick Creighton

St Mary's will be welcoming back mission partner Rick Creighton who is a lecturer at JETS the theological seminary in Jos Nigeria. He will be sharing some news of



what he and the family are doing and preaching at both the morning and evening services on Sunday June 8th - Rick has visited the parish on several occasions and is always worth hearing and learning from. He will also be taking part in the Hospitality Sunday lunch so you never know you might be sharing lunch with him too!

1 Tim 4 1-2 "We pray for those in authority..."

STOCKPORT PRAYER BREAKFAST

WEDNESDAY 11TH JUNE 2025

7.30AM - 9.00AM,

ST MARY'S IN THE MARKETPLACE

At the commencement of this new Civic Year we will pray for the council; elected members and officers

- 7.30am, a light breakfast and opportunity to network
- 8.00am, welcome and programme commences
- 9.00am, finish and an opportunity to network for those who don't need to rush off.

Please save the date and extend the invitation to your friends and colleagues - all are welcome.

REACH STOCKPORT

There is no charge for breakfast, but for catering purposes if you are able please email 'info@reachstockport.org' and let us know if you and guests are planning to attend

The Christian Institute

Wednesday 4th June 7.45pm-9pm

Chorlton Evangelical Church M21 9FG

There is a Christian Institute meeting in Manchester in June on the theme Grace and Truth. Topics will include assisted suicide, gambling and conversion therapy.

For more details contact CI office
0191 2815664 or
info@chorlton-evangelical.org



The Intentional Pint

The Rector of Cheadle suggested that I write about some of my experiences in the pub, and I don't need to be asked twice. I have a Macallan 15 in my hand as I write this. If you don't know what that is, ask the Rev George Crowder and get ready to learn.

I've always enjoyed a pint or three. But more than that, I have always enjoyed the atmosphere you find in a good pub. There's a sense of community.

This won't be a super-spiritual letter on evangelism. I'm not primarily in the pub to convert people, I just really enjoy it. Did you know Christians are allowed to have fun and get to know people without treating them as statistics to bring into church? I think God often calls us to do what we love, and in the process speak about the One we love, and leave the rest with him.

Be ready to give a reason for the hope you have – that's it. Having said that, I have often been gifted the opportunity to speak about Christ over a pint with a stranger. There are too many stories to tell here, since arriving in Cheadle in 2019. But I will tell one, leaving out the names for obvious reasons.

This one happened in The Printers Arms (the site of my greatest pool table victory over Sam Mealand).

I got into a conversation with a bloke at the bar. Talked about work, family etc. After a while, he told me that a family member had recently brought up the topic of Jesus, apparently out of nowhere.

I asked him, "Has anyone ever told you about what Jesus did and why he's important?" He said, "No."

I didn't do anything special – I simply told this man the good news that Jesus died for our sins and was raised for our justification (Rom. 4:25), and he broke down crying at the thought that God might forgive him. We ended up having a long chat about the gospel, and prayed.

These interactions happen all the time. But I'm not here to tell you that you need to go and get a pint and wait for God to amaze you. Maybe you do like a drink, and this has encouraged you that great conversations are out there.

But maybe the pub isn't for you – that's totally understandable. In that case, find the place where you can do what you love, and take opportunities to tell people about the One you love. Get outside those church walls and carry some hope into the world, and see what God does with the people who cross your path.



Rev Ian Chidlow
Associate Minister (St Cuthbert's)

Mission Partners



As part of St John's Lindow Parish Church's 150th anniversary celebrations, Mission Partners Bible Encounter Trust have been invited to stage their "Fisherman's Tale Story Trail". This is one of the many activities that have been going on this year. Please pray for Julie Fraser and the team of volunteers who will be assembling/dismantling the trail and for those sharing the stories during the period 23rd June to 4th July.

Please pray for sufficient volunteers to come forward to help and their safety during this time. Pray too for all the children from local schools as well as any one else who comes along to the Trail that they will see afresh new truths about Jesus.

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