



Cheadle
PARISH

In Touch

August 2024

St Cuthbert's Fun Day!

It's that time of year again: On the 8th September, St Cuthbert's will be in the Diamond Jubilee Park (next to the Wobbly Stamp) for our Fun Day. We'll have face painting, bouncy castles, games, food and maybe even some Zorbing!

The fun begins at 12noon and lasts until 3pm, although there will be a short service in the park with songs and prayers at 11.15 if you'd like to arrive early and join in with that. Everybody is welcome, it's totally free. It would be lovely to see some people from St Mary's there as well, to engage with our community as a parish together.

Please tell your friends about this, spread the word and most importantly pray:

- For the organisation of it
- For good weather
- For growing relationships between church and community in Cheadle
- That God would be glorified in what we do together

If you are able to volunteer to help out with this event please let us know!



The Upper Room Café will be providing free meals to children every day throughout Stockport's School Holidays. Children's Activity Zone will be open from 11am-2pm Tuesday to Thursday during August Beginning 6th August 2024



New for Summer 2024 - Special "Sunday" Filling the Gap during August!

Meet in St. Mary's Church building at 10am for the first part of the church service then we'll head over to the Upper Room for all the usual Filling the Gap activities!



in conjunction with
TRANSFORMING LIVES TOGETHER



Christmas Market, 7th December - Save the Date!

We're delighted to announce that we are re-launching our Christmas Market. We know this is something that is much loved in our local community, so we want to put it back in the calendar. There will be some slight differences to previous Christmas Markets, because we want to make it more manageable, but it will be a great event for all ages

Please save the date and, if you can, please offer to help when the time comes. It will be great fun serving our community together and showing and sharing God's love in a way that everyone appreciates.



Be Still and Draw Closer to God

Our Monthly Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 7th August - 8pm to 9.15pm in church - will be another "Be Still" Service with gentle contemporary worship songs and time for quiet contemplation on Bible passages focusing on drawing closer to a holy God in unity. The theme of the service will be 'SPIRIT AND JOY'

These services aim to help us to not just know about God, but the joy of knowing and meeting with Him. The Prayer Ministry team will be guiding us through this time of meditation. As we do this, we will be asking God to speak to us about our own response.



Within this reflective service you can expect to have time to connect with God on your own, to worship Him with others, and an opportunity at the end to receive prayer and/or to pray for the healing of others.

"Be still and know that I am God"

- Mike Lowe

Summer Reads - Book Reviews



Time Well Spent – Colin Webster

Do you struggle with your devotional life? Are you too busy, too tired, too distracted to get into your Bible on a regular basis and spend time with God?

Many of us would say we know we need to set aside time for our Bibles, but we just don't know how or when. We know it's important to spend time with our Father in this way, but we can't seem to get it done. So we feel guilty!

Time Well Spent is an honest book. It's not a book that beats us up and tells us to do better. Instead, it encourages us with practical advice about what daily devotions actually involve, how to avoid distractions and why spending time with God is so awesome.

The book is split into seven chapters, with a section of short, helpful studies at the end. The chapters explain what a 'quiet time' actually is, how to structure your quiet time (if you need advice), introduce us to Jesus' quiet time (!) and give us tips around how to actually make this happen in our own day to day, such as creating prayer lists or using certain phone apps to help focus us. The studies at the end draw together what the previous chapters have been saying, and give you an opportunity to try out what you've learned. I'd recommend time well spent to anyone who hasn't done this sort of 'daily devotion' thing before, but also to those who've been trying to do this for ages and just want a bit of encouragement in the right direction.

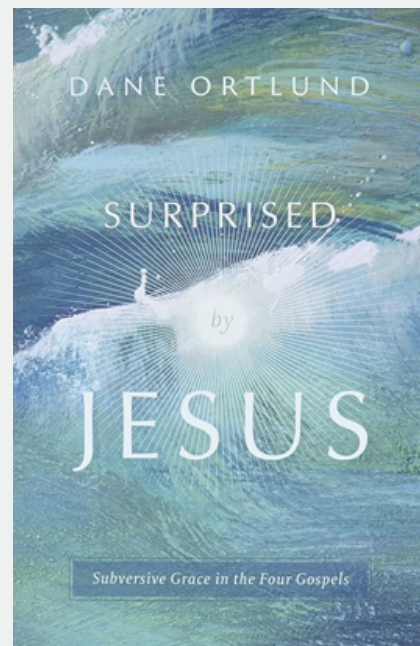
Surprised By Jesus – Dane Ortlund

Anything written by an Ortlund is sure to be worth a read, and this is no exception. Some of you may remember Dane's book, 'Gentle and Lowly', which took the evangelical world by storm in 2020. 'Surprised by Jesus' is just as heart-warming, challenging and full of joy.

The book is about what Ortlund refers to as God's 'subversive grace' in the gospel accounts. In each of the four gospels, he contends, the message and mission of Jesus is deeply surprising to those around him (and, of course, to us!) I won't spoil these surprises here – you'll have to grab a copy for yourself. But safe to safe each time we encounter Jesus in the gospels, his grace turns our rules and regulations-based morality upside down. His mercy is scandalous. His grace is offensive. His love is poured out on sinners like us.

'Surprised by Jesus' is split into four parts. Unsurprisingly, each part deals with gospel account about Jesus, and the particular surprise of his grace in that account. In chapter one we meet the Pharisees as they clash with Jesus' desire for a heart response, not just a cold law-keeping. In chapter two, we are surprised by Jesus' mission to become a criminal and carry his cross for sinners. In chapter three, Luke shocks us with the revelation that Jesus came to make outsiders insiders! Jesus' chosen community is not what we would expect it to look like. Who's in and who's out? Finally, in chapter four, we have the biggest twist of all – the Creator became a creature for us. Who is Jesus? Is he really God with us and what does that mean for us?

This is a brilliant book. I would highly recommend it, especially if you struggle with grace and feelings of inadequacy or lack assurance that God really cares for you. Pick up this book, make some time to read through it, and let God remind you of who he is, for you



- Ian Chidlow

St Cuthbert's Old School Nursery

At St Cuthbert's Old School Nursery, we aim to provide a happy, safe environment, with a Christian ethos for children aged between 2 years 9 months and 5 years. Children of all faiths and cultures are welcome and a special needs policy is in place. We are open Monday 9.00am to 12noon and Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9.00am to 3.00pm. Our terms usually coincide with that of local schools.

The Nursery is run by ten members of staff, and volunteer helpers. All staff are qualified to the appropriate level and undertake extensive regular training. A rigorous Child Protection Policy is in place. Our work is overseen by a Trustees Management Committee, made up of representatives from St Cuthbert's Church, the local community, staff and parents.

We offer a wide range of learning experiences both indoors and outdoors to challenge and engage each individual child. This is incorporated through adult led activities and child-initiated play. The children's progress and development is observed and shared with parents/guardians formally and informally throughout the year. We have a quiet room for small group and sensory activities and for other professionals to use to work with individual children.

Please pray for:

- Numbers of children to increase
- Staff wellbeing – it is a challenging job!
- The Trustee Committee in their decision making and governing



Dates for August

Wednesday 7th - Be Still Prayer Meeting, 8pm in St Mary's Church

Saturday 10th - Hard of Hearing Support Group, 11.30am in the Upper Room, Bulkeley Room

Thursday 15th - Prayer for our country and the world, 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

Thursday 15th - St Cuthbert's Men's Drinks, 8pm

Tuesday 27th - Open Doors Prayer Meeting, 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

For all fantasy football players!

Congratulations to Jason Pullen who very convincingly won our fantasy football league last year.

It's now all set for the new year. Everyone is welcome to join in. The code for the St Mary's league (joint with St Cuthbert's) is 8oma2g (8 with an alpha 'o' not a zero). Choose your team and enjoy the challenge!

If you need help contact anyone in the office, or Caroline Salisbury at St Cuthbert's



Anti Human Trafficking in Thailand

For those who remember Ian and Lesley Ashworth's eldest, Dave, or who are interested in Anti Human Trafficking work in Thailand, Dave and his wife, Jenny, are doing a 6 month short term mission from October. They are looking to gather some prayer support for what will be emotional and challenging work. If you're interested, please come to their information evening at Ian and Lesley's house - refreshments will be served.



Jenny and Dave Ashworth

Information evening about Anti Human Trafficking work in Thailand

7:30 pm on Thursday 5th Sep 2024

9 Lynton Park Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 6JA

What is human trafficking?
What can we do about it?

What anti-trafficking work is
going on globally and in the UK?

How can we pray?

Dates for September

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

Sunday 8th - Sunday School groups start back

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

Thursday 19th - Men's breakfast, 6.45am in the Upper Room Café

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

Thursday 19th - St Cuthbert's Men's Drinks, 8pm

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

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



INVITATION

THE UNPRECEDENTED OPPORTUNITY IN WORLD MISSION

The world's unreached areas. Challenges facing missionaries today. Remarkable things the Lord is doing. The part we have to play.



Saturday 10th August



10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Ashfield Room
The Upper Room Cafe
11 Wilmslow Rd
Cheadle, SK8 1DW
(park in [Massie Street](#)
[West Car Park](#))

RSVP to:



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Mission Slot - GFA World

We are praying for GFA World again this month - many will know that their founder and leader K P Yohanan has died recently after he was knocked down in the USA. Please pray for his successor as he settles into the role. J P Dao the UK director is holding another information meeting in the Upper Room on Saturday the 10th August in the morning from 10am - this is a precursor to a day conference which the organisation will be holding on Saturday 28th September at The Life Centre in Sale entitled "Renew your passion" further details can be had from their office Tel 01244 668029. There is also a You Tube video sharing more info see <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5mhkfHJFkeE>

One of the speakers will be KP's son Bishop Daniel Yohanan who will also be preaching at St Mary's on the 29th September there are leaflets about the conference on the Mission table in the Brereton Chapel.



Who I am in Christ

I came across this list whilst ambling through the world-wide-web the other day and thought what an encouraging list it is. The greatest encouragement for me, though, is not just that all these things are true for Christians, but that they are true for all Christians. It doesn't matter how good, bad or indifferent at this faith stuff we are, they are true for us. It doesn't matter how often or how badly we mess up, they are true for us. All we need to do is keeping coming back to the One who tells us: 'come to me, all you who are weary and burdened....and I will give you rest for your souls' (Matthew 11:28,29). Isn't that great news?

I AM ACCEPTED...

John 1:12: I am God's child.

John 15:15 As a disciple, I am a friend of Jesus Christ.

Romans 5:1 I have been justified (declared righteous).

1 Corinthians 6:17 I am united with the Lord, and I am one with Him in spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 I have been bought with a price and I belong to God.

1 Corinthians 12:27 I am a member of Christ's body.

Ephesians 1:3-8 I have been chosen by God and adopted as His child.

Colossians 1:13-14 I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.

Colossians 2:9-10 I am complete in Christ.

Hebrews 4:14-16 I have direct access to the throne of grace through Jesus Christ.

I AM SECURE...

Romans 8:1-2 I am free from condemnation.

Romans 8:28 I am assured that God works for my good in all circumstances.

Romans 8:31-39 I am free from any condemnation brought against me and I cannot be separated from the love of God.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22 I have been established, anointed and sealed by God.

Colossians 3:1-4 I am hidden with Christ in God.

Philippians 1:6 I am confident that God will complete the good work He started in me.

Philippians 3:20 I am a citizen of heaven.

2 Timothy 1:7 I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power, love and a sound mind.

1 John 5:18 I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.

I AM SIGNIFICANT...

John 15:5 I am a branch of Jesus Christ, the true vine, and a channel of His life.

John 15:16 I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

1 Corinthians 3:16 I am God's temple.

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 I am a minister of reconciliation for God.

Ephesians 2:6 I am seated with Jesus Christ in the heavenly realm.

Ephesians 2:10 I am God's workmanship.

Ephesians 3:12 I may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me.

Rev Stan Tomalin <><

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