



Cheadle
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In Touch

November 2024



Cheadle's Remembrance Day

Sunday 10th November 2024

Church Services of Remembrance:

St Mary's	10:00 am	Remembrance Together
St Cuthbert's	9:30 am	Morning Service
St Chad's	9:30 am	Remembrance Day Mass
Trinity	9:45 am	All-Age Remembrance
Trinity	10:50 am	Remembrance Service

if you're unable to join the service at Cheadle Green

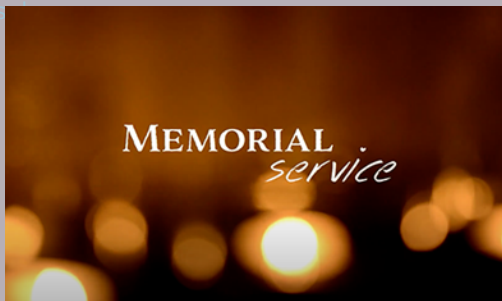
Community Parade & Service at the Cenotaph:

10:20 am	Parade assembles at Massie Street Car Park.
10:45 am	Parade leaves led by Northenden Pipe Band, Veterans and uniformed organisations.
10:55 am	Act of Remembrance at the Cenotaph including two minutes silence and last post at 11am.

A COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL AGES

Memorial Service

We will be holding our annual Memorial Service at St Mary's for those who have lost loved ones on November 10th at 3.00pm - If there is a family member or friend that you would like to remember by having their name read out along with those who have had services conducted by Cheadle Clergy then please



submit their names to the church office as soon as possible. The service is open to all and please do come and join in if you would like to.

Scottish Ceilidh!



Saturday 16th November
7.00 - 9.30pm, The Upper Room

Join us for a night of Scottish dancing!
Entry is free and refreshments will be provided
Everyone welcome!

Ladies Coffee and Cake evening

**THE UPPER ROOM
THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
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!



3 course American meal ● 7-10pm
Upper Room Café ● Sat 30th Nov
BYOB ● Musical Entertainment



SUPPER CLUB

With An After Dinner Speaker



**£25
LIMITED SPACES
SIGN UP BY TUES 26TH**
FOR ANY QUERIES CONTACT
CHURCHOFFICE@CHEADLE.ORG.UK



Suffering Church Sunday

On Sunday 17th November, we will be remembering our brothers and sisters in faith around the world who suffer for being followers of Jesus – having a chance to hear some of their stories as well as to pray for them. We will be welcoming a speaker from Open Doors, Francis Hanley, to both our morning and evening services that day.

Mission Slot - Adam and Nomfundo Tomalin

As many of you will know, Adam is coming to the end of his three year theology course in December. For some time, he and Nomfundo have been considering their future service in south Africa and there is an opening for them in Kwa-Zulu Natal (KZN) working with churches there to develop their youth ministry. This area of South Africa is not as “Christian” as other areas and would be a real mission field for them. They will also need to greatly improve their knowledge of the Zulu language.

In order to do this and to secure funding, Adam and Nomfi applied to Crosslinks to become full mission partners. Praise God – their application has been accepted and they are beginning the process of joining Crosslinks who will support them and assist them with such practical things as insurance, budgeting and finance and prayer support.

As one of Adam's sending churches, St Mary's do want to support Adam and Nomfi and (subject to PCC approval) we hope to take them on as full mission partners in 2025. Timing is a problem as Crosslinks will require payments or pledges for the next three years before Adam and Nomfi can be formally commissioned by them. Adam is talking to the Bishop in KZN to make an interim plan for funding and church partnership so that they can begin the work in January. The first year will be mostly language learning and looking at strategy, but no doubt there will be plenty of practical things to do as well!

Please pray:

- Praise God for the partnership with Crosslinks
- Praise God for the support of the Bishop of KZN
- Pray for the ongoing practical discussions with Crosslinks
- Pray for the finances to be raised soon
- Pray for Adam to finish his course well and pass his final exams
- Pray for the safe arrival of their baby girl due in the spring



'Filling the Gap - Children's Activity Time'

Review of October Half Term 2024

Did you manage to get to the Upper Room Café during October half term? If you did you will have seen how God has been continuing to work through our Café ministry, and especially with the children's work. After our previous successes in establishing a 'Children's Activity Time' on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday morning, between 11am and 2pm, to support the Cafes 'Filling the Gap' initiative, October was as busy as we have seen previously.

One of the joys and blessings for myself and the team has been to see so many parents, grandparents and carers returning from previous sessions and for the relationships we began to build continue to grow. It is so encouraging to see people returning again and again and to see the ease in the conversations being struck up with the team. To be able to deliver an initiative like 'Filling the Gap' requires the support of so many people and again we have had a fantastic team, helping with the table top games, encouraging children in doing the various craft activities and joining in with the singing and Story Time activities. They have also been wonderful in getting alongside and chatting with parents, grandparents and carers.

I would also like to thank my JUICE Puppet team for their help with the songs, especially those members who are new to puppets and for whom this Filling the Gap session was their first public performance. Well done.

I am now looking towards the next sessions, which will be in February half term and the next development I am working on is developing and increasing the number of Story Tellers for the Bible-focused story time slots.

Again, thank you so much for your prayers, but please would you continue to pray for this important ministry to our community, not only for myself, Sarah and the team of volunteers we have, but also for the Café staff and volunteers, who have done such an incredible work.

If you would like to know more or would like to join our team of volunteers for the future, or would like to consider developing the skills to present a Bible-focused slot, please let me know by chatting to me or emailing me - mark.tomlinson@cheadle.org.uk or Sarah Holmes - holmes_sarah@hotmail.com

Below are a number of praise and prayer items for us as a church:

Praise God for:

- the number of children we have seen at FtG during October half term
- relationships we have built with a number of adults - parents, grandparents and carers
- the team of helpers who have helped to deliver this initiative so far
- The JUICE Puppet team members who faithfully served

Pray for:

- a continued impact in our community throughout the year
- Parents, Grandparents & Carers to continue to use the Upper Room Café
- The training of team members, in developing their involvement and roles, during the 'Children's Activity Time'

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement.

Mark Tomlinson

Children's Outreach Worker



FILLING THE GAP
CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY TIME

BIBLE STORIES **CRAFTS**

PUPPETS

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

The Upper Room Café will be providing free meals to children every day throughout Stockport's School Holidays.

Storytime, Games & Craft activities 11am-2pm on Tuesday to Thursday throughout October half term

GAMES

THE UPPER ROOM CAFE in conjunction with **TRANSFORMING LIVES TOGETHER** **Cheadle**



Part time job vacancy at Nazarene Theological College

Nazarene Theological College is looking to appoint a Campus Housekeeper who will be responsible for ensuring the campus is a place of hospitality, accessibility and welcome. This is a part time post - 25 hours a week (5 hrs per day, Monday to Friday) and based on the College campus in Didsbury.

You can find further information including application documentation on their website <https://nazarene.ac.uk/employment-and-volunteers> or contact Kennis Lam, Nazarene Theological College, Dene Road, Didsbury, Manchester M20 2GU. (Email: klam@nazarene.ac.uk) for further information.

Closing date for applications: Friday 8 November 2024

Interview: 13 and 14 November 2024

Start Date: 2 December 2024 or as soon as possible after that

Dates for November

Saturday 2nd - Hard of Hearing Support Group, 11.30am in the Upper Room, Ashfield Room

Wednesday 6th - Monthly Prayer Meeting, 8pm in the Upper Room

Thursday 7th - Ladies Coffee and Cake Evening, 7pm in the Upper Room Cafe

Saturday 9th - Cheadle Board Room and Market, 9.30am in the Upper Room

Saturday 9th - Northern Women's Convention, at King's House Conference Centre

Sunday 10th - Remembrance day

- Parade from Massie Street, 10.45am
- Memorial Service, 3pm, at St Marys

Saturday 16th - In Stitches, 9am at St Cuthbert's

Saturday 16th - Scottish Ceilidh, 7pm in the Upper Room, Moseley hall

Sunday 17th - Persecuted Church Sunday

Wednesday 20th - The Big Read, 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's

Thursday 21st - Men's breakfast, 6.45am in the Upper Room Café

Thursday 21st - Prayer for our country and the world, 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

Thursday 21st - St Cuthbert's Men's Curry Night, 7.30pm

Sunday 24th - Baptism Service, 6.30pm at St Mary's

Tuesday 26th - Open Doors Prayer meeting 7.30pm at the Southgate's house

Thursday 28th - Christmas Wreath Making, 1.30pm and 7pm at the Upper Room Café, sign up [here](#)

Saturday 30th - Supper Club, 7pm at the Upper Room Café, sign up [here](#)

Dates for December

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

Saturday 7th - Victorian Christmas Markets, 11am-4pm

Friday 13th - Carols in the Cafe, 11.30am

Saturday 14th - Cheadle Board Room, 9.30am

Saturday 14th - Starters and Followers Christmas party

Saturday 14th - St Cuthbert's Ladies Meal

Sunday 15th - Blue Christmas, 5pm at St Cuthbert's

Tuesday 17th - Carols in the Cafe, 11.30am

Wednesday 18th - The Big Read, 7.30pm at St Cuthbert's

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 - Nativity and Carols in the Park, 3pm at Jubilee park

Sunday 22nd - Family Nativity Service, 10am at St Mary's, 10.30am at St Cuthbert's

Sunday 22nd - Carols by Candlelight, 6pm and 8pm at St Mary's, 6.30pm at St Cuthbert's

Tuesday 24th - Christingle, 3pm and 5pm at St Mary's, 4pm at St Cuthbert's

Wednesday 25th - All-age Christmas Celebration, 10am at St Mary's, 10.30am at St Cuthbert's

NWGP Conference 18th January 2025

Tickets are now on sale for the Partnership Annual Conference with Adrian Reynolds. He will be speaking from Ezra on the theme of "God's Builders in God's Building: Sharing in the Mission Heart of God".

A great opportunity to meet and share with other Christians from around the North West. Early bird tickets available until 17th December. More details and ticket bookings through <https://www.northwestgospelpartnership.com/event/annual-conference/> or contact Phil Wells for more information.



Cheadle Christmas Markets

Thank you to everyone who has already signed up to help with the Christmas Markets. We are still in need of a few more volunteers to help on the refreshments and games stands in the church yard. Please sign up [here](#) if you are able to help.

This event is such a great opportunity to bless our community and invite them to celebrate Christmas with us. As the publicity is shared over the next few weeks, please be inviting your friends along and pray that God would be at work through all that we do

For more information, please speak to Maddy or contact the office.



Evangelism and Delight?

I wonder how often many of us would use those two words in the same sentence? The most common response that I get to people hearing the word 'evangelism' is probably one of 'well, I'm certainly not an evangelist'. But is that entirely true?

Let me explain by dividing things up into what I want to call "capital-E-Evangelist" and "small-e-evangelist". What I mean by "capital-E-Evangelist" are those people who really do seem to have been blessed with what the New Testament calls the spiritual gifting of the evangelist (see Ephesians 4:11) – those for whom speaking about the gospel seems to come so naturally; those who seem to be able to speak to people about the Christian faith so eloquently and with such clarity; those who seem to have (what seems to many others) an almost unnatural boldness and courage in speaking to others. If many of us were to use such a definition and then say 'I'm certainly not an evangelist' then I could see why.

But what about the 'small-e-evangelist'? My suggestion is that, actually, we are all small-e-evangelists in some form or another. Why do I say that? Well, think of a topic that you love speaking about; a topic that, even given half a chance, you're in there and would happily chat away about it for half an hour without any problem whatsoever. For some it's their beloved football team; for others it's their family; for others it's a particular hobby that they have. I would dare to suggest that there is at least one topic that all of us take great delight in and would be delightedly happy to talk about with anyone and everyone.

Do you see what I've done there? I've managed to bring the words 'evangelist' and 'delight' back together. The point is that we are most naturally 'small-e-evangelists' about those things we delight in. So here's a provocative thought..... are we reluctant to talk more about God because we don't delight in him as we ought? Of course, in saying that, I recognise that it's never as simple as that. There are all sorts of reasons why we are reluctant to speak about the things of faith to others – usually to do with fear: fear of getting tongue-tied; fear of getting it wrong and looking foolish; fear of being laughed at (or worse). All of which is true. But is it also true that we don't feel the need to speak about God more because he doesn't delight us much?

In the 17th century, a group of clergymen gathered to put together a summary of what Christians believe and why. It became known as the 'Westminster Confession'. And what was the first question they wanted to answer? 'What is the chief end of man?' (forgive the slightly outdated language – it was the 17th century). I wonder how you would answer that question? Their answer began 'the chief end of man is to glorify God....' – no surprise there, but it continued: 'and to enjoy him forever'. Now there's an interesting phrase. The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever. Apparently, 'enjoying God', or if I may put it this way 'delighting in God', is meant to be a top priority in a Christian's life. But do we consciously, deliberately spend much time delighting in God?

Of course, such a question raises all sorts of other questions. What does it mean to delight in God? How do you delight in God? And I realise that I'm running out of space! So let me leave it hanging, if I may. We tend to talk about the things that delight us. So do we need to cultivate, in our lives and in the life of our church, more of an atmosphere of 'delighting in God'? And, if so, how do we go about doing that? Let me leave that one for you to ponder. And do get back to me if you have any thoughts.....

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