

St Matthew's News

The Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath

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Sunday Service Times

Sunday 7th & 21st April

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship

All Other Sundays

9:30^{am} Formal Service

11:15^{am} Less Formal Service
(with children's groups)

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www.edgeleyandcheadleheath.org.uk

New Beginings...

In spite of the snow that we've been experiencing recently, which would suggest that we are still in the grip of Winter, 20th March marked the official start of Spring.

A time of new beginnings, not only in the natural world with the sprouting bulbs and budding trees, but also in the Christian year. We have the move from the self examination of Lent (which whilst good, appropriate and beneficial could lead to despair if prolonged too long) into the promise of new life that we celebrated at Easter - death defeated, sins forgiven, hope restored.

We all need fresh starts, new beginnings, slates wiped clean. We all need to know that the mistakes of the past need not dictate the direction of our future. We all need the hope that for us there is still good to come - possibilities.

It's that hope (and I don't apologise for using that word

several times already in these paragraphs) that keeps us moving forward. It's



David the Vicar

that hope that lifts us from cynicism and a negative outlook on life to a belief that good is out there to be experienced and shared.

It's that hope, that is at the heart of the Christian Gospel and our calling, that gives meaning, that makes sense of the puzzle of this life.

As we move through this season of Easter to the promise of God's empowering at Pentecost, my prayer for all of us is that we will know for ourselves that new start that only God can give. That as the world changed forever that first Easter Day, so our lives will never be the same again.

Introducing Irene Hinde...

I was born in Stockport and moved to Edgeley when I married Jack in 1957, a widower with two children, Kath and Peter. Jack died 21 years ago after many years of suffering. The hardest decision I ever had to make was to request Jack's consultant to withhold treatment and let nature take its course.

As a child, I didn't have many toys but did receive a Christmas present which was a book by Enid Blyton, *Island of Adventure*. I read it many times. My favourite subject at school was Domestic Science because I longed for a clean, comfortable home. When I grew up, I wanted to be a landgirl but that didn't happen. I did enjoy working on an allotment with my Dad. My dearly loved Dad was the greatest influence on my life.

I came to faith when Dad, who I loved dearly, died. F. Bob Read called to prepare Dad's funeral. I was embraced by such an overwhelming experience of love. I've come to church in the parish for 31 years as I wanted to explore and know this love more and I was confirmed 30 years ago in St George's.

My roles in church are: prayer chain, prayer ministry, healing team, *Cursillo*- Lay Rector, home communions, flower team leader and member of the choir.



Irene Hinde

I love salad and anything with ginger. I enjoy walking, canals and gardening. I like watching nature programmes and *Emmerdale*. I would love to fly over the Grand Canyon. At present, I am reading *It's Always the Children* by Anne Watts. It's about her life and involvement with Save the Children charity.

If my house was on fire the one thing I would save is me, as I am the only living thing.

I would like to be locked in church with Benny Rothman, who led the mass trespass onto Kinder Scout. I find it upsetting that there is no respect in the community; and that the world is full of greed and wastes food while millions starve. I would like to be remembered for being me.

From the Bible I would recommend Psalm 46:10, *Be still and know that I am God* because,

as it says in the book of Job (11:7), *Can you discover the limits and bounds of the greatness and*

power of God? I feel closest to Jesus when I am still, within myself.

What's News!!

St Matt's Is All A-Twitter!

Are you on Facebook and/or Twitter?

Have you signed up to the church pages? why not?



We need your support and in return we'll help you. Lost your notice sheet, magazine, engraved clergy invitation? Check our Facebook page everyday - it tells what's happening in the parish.

Need inspiration? We post a daily thought, (*having first asked God to provide it*). It may be a verse from Scripture or a famous quote or a simple message.

You'll never know if you don't **Like us**. We have almost 400  followers on Twitter from around the globe - people want to know what God's church is doing here in Edgeley and Cheadle Heath! **Come and join them**. It's easy to use - like sending a text to the internet.

Or check the website: you'll find links to the notice sheet and

magazine, as well as the calendar for future events. The recent Lent course worksheet was uploaded each week for those who couldn't attend the groups. You'll also find the latest news and information about various activities in the church.

In the next few weeks, we're launching a brand new website!

Whether you are part of the digital generation or not, it is really important that people can find us online. A few enthusiastic people have been busy behind the scenes, creating a new, user-friendly site, which will tell our community all about our church, when we are open, all the great things we do to celebrate our love for Jesus through worship and fellowship together. Sign up; support your church; tell your friends - it's free and easy.

Website:

edgeleyandcheadleheath.org.uk

Facebook:

facebook.com/ParishEdgeleyCheadleHeath

Twitter:

twitter.com/ParishEdgeleyCH

MORE NEWS!!

Building Project Update

Progress with the building project may be invisible, but it is continuing. Discussions with the DAC and our architect have brought us to



the point where our plans are almost finalised. We'll be applying for planning permission for a new building for church and community use to the north side of the church, but extending about 5 yards forward of it, with a welcoming cafe/foyer area at the front. The plans for the church interior (a more open space that can be used flexibly, a crèche, a more open and welcoming entrance, better lighting etc) are also close to being decided, and the PCC has approved the principle of beginning this part of the project as soon as we have funds for it.

The recent public consultation, in which so many of you took part, was very successful and has provided useful evidence of the need for the new facilities to support our applications for planning permission and funding. St Mark's has now been put up for sale by tender, so it is likely

that before the end of the year we will have some funds with which to begin the project.

If you would like to know more, please speak to me or to any other member of the *Building our Future Group*. **Mike Taylor**

Laud The Lord

When you complain, don't take your Father's name in vain because you're agitated, irritated, annoyed or at a loss.

His name is etched into the cross in the blood He shed for you - the least that you can do is let your *Oh, God!* be *O, God* as you fall before Him on your knees. Let wrong words cease.

Chuckle Away!!

An airliner flew into a violent thunderstorm and was soon swaying and bumping around the sky.



One very nervous lady happened to be sitting next to a clergyman and turned to him. 'Can't you do something?' she demanded angrily.

"I'm sorry, ma'am," the reverend said gently, "I'm in sales, not management."

What's on this month

All Groups start from 9th April

Tuesday 2nd April

Spring Harvest begins
(article next month)

Wednesday 3rd April

10^{am} **Holy Communion**

Friday, 5th April

2^{pm} **Holiday Cinema**

@ St Matt's Vicarage

Saturday 6th April

10^{am} **Saturday Café**

Sunday 7th April

10:30^{am} **Whole Parish Worship**

*At communion we offer
prayer for healing for you
and those for whom you care*

Lead: Peter ~ Preach: DavidBr

Monday 8th April

1^{pm} **Stockport Sling Meet &
Library @ St Matt's**

Tuesday 9th April

8:30^{am} **Home Group**

1:30^{pm} **Socially Yours**

Wednesday 10th March

10^{am} **Holy Communion**

7:30^{pm} **Home Groups**

Thursday 11th April

7:30^{pm} **Mother's Union**

@ St Matt's

Friday, 12th April

9:30^{am} **Toddle Time @ St Matt's**

7^{pm} **Choir**

Saturday 13th April

10^{am} **Saturday Café**

Sunday 14th April

9:30^{am} **Holy Communion**

Lead: Sue ~ Preach: David

11:15^{am} **Baptism Service**

Lead: Lucy ~ Preach: David

Magazine Articles Due

Tuesday 16th April

8:30^{am} **Home Group**

1:30^{pm} **Socially Yours**

7:30^{pm} **Ministry Group Leaders**

Meeting @ St. Matt's Vicarage

Wednesday 17th April

10^{am} **Holy Communion**

7:30^{pm} **Home Groups**

7:30^{pm} **Signing in Church**

Friday 19th April

9:30^{am} **Toddle Time @ St Matt's**

7^{pm} **Choir**

Saturday 20th April

10^{am} Saturday Café

Sunday 21st April

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship

Lead: David ~ Preach: Sue

12:15^{pm-ish} APCM

200 Club – Subs Due

Tuesday, 23rd April

8:30^{am} Home Group

1:30^{pm} Socially Yours

7:30^{pm} Induction of the

Rev Andrew Lythall as Vicar
of St. Alban's and **St. Thomas'**

Wednesday 24th April

10^{am} Holy Communion

7:30^{pm} Home Groups

Friday 26th April

9:30^{am} Toddle Time @ St Matt's

7^{pm} Choir

Saturday 27th April

10^{am} Saturday Café

11-2^{pm} Table Top Sale in Church

Sunday 28th April

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: David / Rita ~ Preach: David

**11:15^{am} All Age Baptism Service
with Signing**

Lead: Julie ~ Preach: David

Tuesday, 30th April

8:30^{am} Home Group

1:30^{pm} Socially Yours

Looking ahead

Wednesday 1st May

7:30^{pm} Signing In Church

Saturday 4th May

8:30^{am} Prayer Breakfast

Sunday 5th May

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship

Lead: Sue ~ Preach: Janet

Tuesday 14th May

7:30^{am} PCC @ St Matt's Vicarage

Wednesday 29th May

7:30^{am} Archdeacon's Visitation

@ St George's Poynton

March Funerals

*Ronny Gurbutt, Geoff Wright,
Bernard Lohbach, John Tompson,
Tom White*

March Baptisms

Isabelle Gatley, Rachel Gorton