

St Matthew's News

The Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath



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Sunday Service Times

Sunday 5th May

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

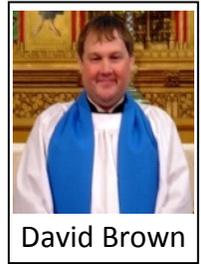
Renewal...

By the time you read this, Pam and I will have stood before the site of *The Cross* within the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.

There we will have **renewed** our commitment to serving Christ. To get to that point we will have walked along the *Via Dolorosa (The Way of the Cross)* - physically, spiritually and in what we have gone through in life to have brought us to that point.

Equally as important though, both to God, and to Pam and I, is that we will have **renewed** our commitment to each other at *Cana*, when

we **renew** our wedding vows to each other in celebration of our 30th wedding anniversary in June this year.



David Brown

I say equally as important because I do firmly believe that God wants us to commit to each other just as much as to commit to Him. It is through loving and caring relationships with each other that we truly honour God our Father. We were created to be interconnected with each other.

Peace be with you all.

Our New Website Now Online!

www.edgeleyandcheadleheath.org.uk/

We have a new website! It is fresh, exciting and easy to use. We encourage you to take a look at some great resources on the site, including photos, stories, links, leaflets and lots, lots more!



Please let us know what you think, using the Contact Us page. Or speak to Pam Robinson or Linda Cosgriff in church.

What's News!!

Feeding the Food Bank

Life can be hard, and for some families, it can be a decision between paying a fuel bill or buying food. More and more families are in crisis, turning to food banks to help them meet their most basic needs. ***We are now in a position to help those families and the food bank!***

Families in crisis need to be referred to the food bank, where they will receive food for three days, appropriate to the size of size of their family.

St. Matthew's has  become an official referring agency (with David and Julie J being authorised agents). We can now directly help the most needy people in our parish.

We all have a part to play!

The food banks are in daily need of food to replenish their stocks. A collection box is going to be placed in church every Saturday and Sunday, for anyone to put in their donations, starting the first weekend in May. A shopping list will be available, as there are specific items which the food bank needs. When the box is full, the donations will be taken to

the food bank. This collection will be advertised to the local community, so that they too can be a part of this great work, by bringing food during our *Saturday Café*. **Please support this vital work! Every little really does help.** Information, including the shopping list, is also available on our new website, under *Your Community > Community Corner > Feeding the Food Bank*.



Wednesday 15th May:
7:30^{pm} for 8^{pm} @ the
Old Vic, Chatham St.
Bring a friend. ☺

Thank You! Over Easter we collected £62 towards the Mothers' Union *Make a mother's day* appeal; and £125 for Christian Aid.

Did You Know? the words **fear not** appear 366 times in the Bible - one for every day of the year, including leap years.

Errors & Omissions: The poem in April's issue, *Laud The Lord*, was written by Linda Cosgriff.

Introducing Karen Perry

I was born in St. Mary's, Manchester and moved to Cheadle Heath 26 years ago when I married Darren. Blessed with two children, Daniel, 23, and Amy, 19 years old. When Daniel was born in 1989, I couldn't wait for us to attend St Augustine's church (nearest to us). God had given us a wonderful gift. I was confirmed there in 1991. In 1992, F. John recommended that we attend St Matthew's – *what a warm welcome we received*.

My duties in church are: Welcomer (have a nosey who is turning up!), member of the PCC and Communications team (collate articles for the monthly Magazine), keep up to date various rotas, and soon to be a licensed server.

Best childhood present was a twin pram and doll that I received for Christmas. My favourite subject at school was English and when I grew up I wanted to be an air hostess, but people convinced me I was too short. I bet Air Lingus or Ryan Air would have employed me!

I love to eat chocolate and watch Corrie. I enjoy *Line Dancing* and I am a member of an Eastern

European Dance Group named *Opanka* (Romanian for *shoe*) for 35+ years. I love to listen to the elderly - we have so much to learn from them. I volunteer for the *Abled Project* who befriend the elderly and the disabled (see me for info). I would like to be remembered for making a difference!



My mum is the greatest influence in my life. She can turn her hand to most things and is always willing to lend a hand - she is a fabulous cook, too!

I have been locked in church: once accidentally, helping with the flowers; someone soon came to our rescue. Another time, one January, *no heating I might add*, the Sunday school and leaders were involved in a sponsored sleepover for Wellspring. The children were very impressive, expressing their views/ideas on the homeless and they made and slept in cardboard homes. It proved to be an eventful night!

From the Bible, I would recommend John 14:1-4 - it gives so much comfort to know there is always a place for us. I feel Jesus is always with me.

MORE NEWS!

Breakfast Club is for young adults (YA) in school Years 7 and above. We don't specify a "too old" limit so far, and I can't see that changing. We meet during the first service on the last Sunday of every month, with the exception of Easter month; and December, when it is between Christmas and New Year. We eat cereal and toast, and have tea, coffee and fruit juice available.



Nothing is expected of those who attend except that they will eat (and even that has been known to not happen... Rebecca once forgot and had breakfast before she arrived). We prefer it if they join in the discussion that follows food, although toast is usually still going during the discussion.

The original idea was to allow the YA to decide which way the group would evolve and, although not much has changed so far, we've had some of them step forward to lead the discussion, which involved picking the topic from a book and asking the questions.

As a YA group we mostly have adult helpers picked from the Leadership team, rather than adults associated with the younger children. We try to treat them in a more grown-up style.

Full wakefulness is not generally required, in the children or the adults (good job really). *Oh, and sometimes there is jam, if they want it.* **Jon Adams**

They're Back!

Wonderful Church Bulletins!

Give thanks for church members with typewriters. The following actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

The Fasting & Prayer Conference

includes meals.

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This mornings sermon
'Jesus Walks on the Water.'

Tonight's e sermon '
'Searching for Jesus.'

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Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

What's On This Month

Wednesday 1st May

10^{am} Holy Communion

7:30^{pm} Signing @ St Matt's Vicarage

7:45^{pm} Home Groups

Friday 3rd May

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

7^{pm} Choir

Saturday 4th May

8:30^{am} Prayer Breakfast

10^{am} Saturday Café

Sunday 5th May

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship

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

Lead: Sue - Preach: Janet

1^{pm} & 1:45^{pm} Baptisms

3^{pm} Confirmation Prep

@ St Matt's

Tuesday 7th May

8:30^{am} Home Group

1:30^{pm} Socially Yours

Wednesday 8th May

10^{am} Holy Communion

7:45^{pm} Home Groups

Thursday 9th May

7:30^{pm} Mother's Union

@ St Matt's

Friday 10th May

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

Saturday 11th May

10^{am} Saturday Café

Sunday 12th May

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: David/Lucy - Preach: David

11:15^{am} Baptist Service

Lead: David Br - Preach: David

3^{pm} St Augustine's Window Dedication, Llandudno

3:30^{pm} Melanesian Brothers & Sisters Celebration & Farewell Service @ Chester Cathedral

Magazine Articles Due

Monday 13th May

1:30^{pm} Stockport Sling Meet & Library @ St Matt's

Tuesday 14th May

8:30^{am} Home Group

1:30^{pm} Socially Yours

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

Wednesday 15th May

10^{am} Holy Communion

7:30^{pm} Signing @ St Matt's Vicarage

7:30^{pm} Pub Quiz @ the Old Vic

Friday 17th May

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

Saturday 18th May

10^{am} Saturday Café

Sunday 19th May

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: David - Preach: Janet

11:15^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: David - Preach: Lucy

200 Club – Subs Due

3^{pm} Confirmation Prep-St Matt's

Tuesday 21st May

8:30^{am} Home Group

1:30^{pm} Socially Yours

Wednesday 22nd May

10^{am} Holy Communion

7:30^{pm} Signing @ St Matt's Vicarage

7:45^{pm} Home Groups

Friday 24^h May

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

7^{pm} Choir

Saturday 25th May

10^{am} Saturday Café

Sunday 26th May

9:30^{am} Teen Breakfast Club

@ St Matt's Vicarage

Sunday 26th May

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead:David/Heather - Preach: David

11:15^{am} All Age Signed Service

Lead: Heather - Preach: David

Tuesday 28th May

8:30^{am} Home Group

1:30^{pm} Socially Yours

Wednesday 29th May

10^{am} Holy Communion

7:30^{pm} Archdeacon's Visitation

@ St George's, Poynton

7:45^{pm} Home Groups

Friday 31st May

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

2^{pm} Holiday Films @ St Matt's

Vicarage

7^{pm} Choir

Looking ahead

Sunday 2nd June

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship

Lead: Julie - Preach: Heather

Tuesday 11th June

Deanery Confirmation Service

April Funeral

Elsie Blackett, Millie Shenton

April Baptism

Daniel Beal

All times and events in this magazine were correct at time of going to press