

# St Matthew's News

The Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath



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## Sunday Service Times

### *Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July*

10:30<sup>am</sup> *Whole Parish Worship*

### *All Other Sundays*

9:30<sup>am</sup> *Formal Service*

11:15<sup>am</sup> *Less Formal Service  
(with children's groups)*

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[www.edgeleyandcheadleheath.org.uk](http://www.edgeleyandcheadleheath.org.uk)

## Summer!

As I'm writing this a month in advance of you reading it, I hope it **isn't** over! At the moment it is beautifully warm and sunny, and has been for a whole week.

I don't know about you, but I am always full of hope as the long summer break from school approaches. Hope that the weather will be all it should be, rather than what it all too often is. Hope that the children will be entertained, rather than bored within a week. Hope that the long list of jobs I've been saving up will get done, rather than still be hanging over me come September.

The weather may or may not be wonderful. The children may or

may not get through the long break without driving me or each other bonkers. The list of jobs may or may not get dealt with successfully.



Lucy Brewster

Whatever happens, or doesn't, God has a plan for each one of us. Whether we are young or old, we can all be part of His plan.

We might be able to give up a whole week to help with Holiday Club. Maybe we can buy a few extras for the Foodbank. We might be housebound but able to pray for others. Whatever our circumstances, we can all be part of the real hope God offers to us and our community.

**Jade Shaw** and **Roy Higham**, two members of our congregation, were confirmed by Bishop Robert at St. Thomas' on the 11<sup>th</sup> June. Thanks to all of you who went along to show your support. What a great evening it was.



# What's News!!

## "Sign" of the Times

As part of our welcome at St Matthew's, we offer a signed service on the last Sunday of the month for our friends in the deaf community. After interest from a number of sources, Karen Bailey and Pam Robinson decided to run four (very) informal sign sessions at the vicarage.

The focus was 'signing in church' for people with little or no previous signing experience. We initially sought permission from Gail Robinson (Lay Chaplain for Deaf & Disabled People), and after her agreement set about planning the sessions. We were keen to introduce church signing alongside some basic deaf awareness and basic conversation.

Through informal group work and songs we have learned to



welcome people, say the Lord's Prayer and the Grace, offer each other the Peace, and obviously (in church) ask folk if they would like a cup of tea!

The sessions have proved inspiring to all involved, and have given us all a sense of achievement. We regularly had around fourteen people attending: some from our church (well done, Claire and June), some from churches in the area and others from the local community (thank you, Twitter!) One lady has now joined our congregation especially for the signed service.

If other people are interested, we may run these sessions again in the future - just let Karen or Pam know! **Karen Bailey**



**The Peace of the Lord be with you**

## Introducing David Brown



I was born and raised in Wythenshawe. My favourite toy was a metal sprung rocking horse. I wanted to be a pilot. My favourite subject at school was History - I've always had a passion for the past.

I came to faith when James was born and I wondered how God the Father could sacrifice His Son. I have come to church in the parish for 26 years & started because James' godmother Marjorie thought it was about time her godson went to church! My role in Church is Reader, to help people along their personal journey with God as best I can.

To relax I oil paint. I like watching sci-fi and reading factual and sci-fi books.

I always wanted to visit the Holy Land – and I just did! My dream competition prize is another week in Galilee.

The last thing I would 'give up' is talking to people. If my house was on fire, the one thing I would save is my Bible. I would like to be locked in a church with my wife Pam and Jesus.

I would like to be remembered for being a friend to people - indifference to the needy makes me angry, as does our inhumanity to each other. In my family life, my lack of patience at times also makes me angry.

The person who has had the greatest influence on my life is my wife Pamela. The event which had the biggest influence was the birth of our first child...and our pilgrimage.

If I could recommend just one Bible passage to a friend it would be *Jesus wept*, because in those two words are expressed Jesus' utter love and compassion for mankind and his sense of loss, when just one of His children is lost.

I feel closest to Jesus when I am helping people, or on a hillside somewhere.

**NEW DATE for the Pub Quiz**  
Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 7:30<sup>pm</sup> for 8<sup>pm</sup> @ Ye Olde Vic, Edgeley.



## MORE NEWS!

### The Food Bank

Thank you for all of your donations to the food bank -



everything has been gratefully received. Please continue to support this work, particularly over the school holidays - remember that children who would normally receive a free school lunch will now be at home for several weeks.

Feel free to donate sweets and crisps, as well as baby supplies (nappies, baby milk, baby food) and toiletries. **Pam Robinson**

### Quote...Unquote

I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Saviour of the world is communicated to us through this book.

**Abraham Lincoln**

If you know your **social media** and you want to be involved, the Communications Team is looking for someone to take over the Facebook and Twitter accounts. For more information, please speak to Linda in church or email [cosgriff linda1@gmail.com](mailto:cosgriff linda1@gmail.com).

### Community and Social Team

As we move closer to our Summer Fair and Heritage Days, I thought I'd write a few words about my Team. Holding an event like the *Summer Fair* is a good way to raise money but - more importantly - it is a great way to meet and get to know our local community. Some faces are becoming very familiar - it's lovely to see families returning for new events. Some have even come along to our services and become part of our church family.

To every person at St Matthew's who has made someone feel welcome through a friendly smile, or a cup of tea, **thank you**. Everyone is encouraged to get involved in our events - there is always a lot to do! So please, don't be shy - speak to **Pam Robinson** about getting stuck in.

But our team is more than just raffles and tombolas: we want to get to know each other as well. Watch out for social events over the next months: including in July, we battle it out in a Pub Quiz. August sees us enjoying a curry together; and let's not forget our ever-popular Harvest Supper in October. Details will be on the notice sheet. Come and join in!

## What's On This Month

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July

2-4<sup>pm</sup> Mothers' Union Deanery  
Fund Raising Event @ St Matt's

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

1pm Socially Yours  
7:30<sup>pm</sup> PCC @ St Matt's Vicarage

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July

10:00<sup>am</sup> Holy Communion  
7:30<sup>pm</sup> Pub Quiz @The Old Vic  
No Home Groups tonight!

Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July

9:30<sup>am</sup> Toddle Time @ St Matt's  
7<sup>pm</sup> Choir Practice

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July

8:30<sup>am</sup> Prayer Breakfast  
10<sup>am</sup> Saturday Café

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July

10:30<sup>am</sup> Whole Parish Worship  
At communion  
we offer prayer for healing  
Lead and Preach: David

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

8:30<sup>am</sup> Home Group  
1:30<sup>pm</sup> Socially Yours

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July

10<sup>am</sup> Holy Communion  
7:45<sup>pm</sup> Home Groups

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

7:30<sup>pm</sup> Mother's Union  
(Sue from Stockport Without Abuse)

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July

9:30<sup>am</sup> Toddle Time @ St Matt's  
7<sup>pm</sup> Choir Practice

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July

10<sup>am</sup> Saturday Café

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

9:30<sup>am</sup> Holy Communion  
Lead: Julie ~ Preach: Lucy  
11:15<sup>am</sup> Morning Worship  
Lead: Heather ~ Preach: Lucy

Magazine Articles Due

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July

10<sup>am</sup> Home Group  
1:30<sup>pm</sup> Socially Yours

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July

10<sup>am</sup> Holy Communion

Concert with  
iSing POP St. Matthew's School  
and Innervation Trust

7:45<sup>pm</sup> Home Groups

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

9:30<sup>am</sup> Toddle Time @ St Matt's  
7<sup>pm</sup> Choir

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July

12<sup>noon</sup> Summer Fair

*Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July*

**9:30<sup>am</sup> Holy Communion**

*Lead: Davids ~ Preach: David*

**11:15<sup>am</sup> Holy Communion**

*Lead: Sue ~ Preach: David*

**200 Club – Subs Due**

*Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July*

**1:30<sup>pm</sup> Socially Yours**

*Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July*

**10<sup>am</sup> Holy Communion**

**7:45<sup>pm</sup> Home Groups**

*Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July*

**9:30<sup>am</sup> Toddle Time @ St Matt's**

**7<sup>pm</sup> Choir Practice**

*Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July*

**10<sup>am</sup> Saturday Café**

**1:30<sup>pm</sup> Wedding**

*Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July*

**9:30<sup>am</sup> Teen Breakfast Club**

*@ St Matt's Vicarage*

**9:30<sup>am</sup> Holy Communion**

*Lead: David ~ Preach: Peter*

**11:15<sup>am</sup> All Age Signed Service**

*Lead: Julie ~ Preach: David B<sup>rown</sup>*

*Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July*

**9:30<sup>am</sup> Holiday Club Prep**

*@ St John's Methodist*

*Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> to*

*Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug*



**Holiday Club**

*@ St. John's Methodist Church*

**10<sup>am</sup> for School years 1-6**

**5<sup>pm</sup> for School years 7 & 8**

*Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July*

**1:30<sup>pm</sup> Socially Yours**

*Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July*

**10<sup>am</sup> Holy Communion**

**7:45<sup>pm</sup> Home Groups**

## ***Looking Ahead***

*Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August*

**8:30<sup>am</sup> Prayer Breakfast**

*Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August*

**10:30<sup>am</sup> Whole Parish Worship**

*Lead & Preach: David*

*Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August*

**7:30<sup>pm</sup> Mothers' Union**

*Summer Supper*

*Details correct at going to press.*

*Check our website, Facebook,  
Twitter for changes and info about  
events in and around the parish.*

**June Funeral ~ Freda Dranfield**

**June Baptism**

Dylan Whiteside, Elliot Marsh,  
Oscar Cook, Lillianna Fox,  
Maddison Wickens