

St Matthew's News

The Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath



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Sunday Service Times

Sunday 4th August

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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Joy *May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.* **Colossians 1^{:11-14}**

I'm going to be 60 in a few months which is strange because I only feel 18 in my head! Family have started asking me what I'd like for my birthday. When I was younger I would have had a list as long as your arm which would mostly include clothes, books and records (they were flat black things that used to be our iPods) and I can still remember the great joy of waking up on my birthday and tearing open the longed for presents. But at my great age, I find I don't really need anything

Hot Lunch! Curry at the Chilli Massalla, Castle Street, August 4th, 12:30^{pm}. £8.95 per person for a five-course meal. Sign up in church. Money collected on the day. Don't like curry? No problem! Speak to Pam Robinson for details. Image: [adamr](#), FreeDigitalPhotos.net

(if you discount some new thermal underwear) and so my list is full not of things that I want but people I'd like to spend time with.

I wish I'd been able to find joy in simpler things for more of my life; it would have saved debt and some heartache. I'm grateful that I can now. A very wise friend once told me that the word JOY stands for **J**esus, **O**thers, **Y**ourself. That we can know true and lasting joy when this is the order of priority in our lives. It's worth thinking about, isn't it?

Everything passes, even dearly loved friends and family, and the gifts and events that seemed so important at the time become just memories. What lasts, even in the darkest days, is the real joy we can know because of Him who rescued us. This is the joy I pray you know. God bless.



Rev Sue Mayo

What's News!!

Parish Pub Quiz

There's only one rule - I am right.
So spoke our landlord, host and quizmaster Steve Brannan as he introduced the Parish Pub Quiz night in early July as he started the evening's proceedings.

Armed with pints of ale - and the odd lime and soda (for it was a school night) the 21-or-so would-be *Mastermind* contestants did battle for the glory of winning.

Regular house groups had been deliberately suspended to let as many people as possible take part.

The evening was a great success. The church proved it can be a part of the community as the teams (bolstered by a strong contingent from Wimbledon Drive) enjoyed an evening of fellowship.

Here's to the next one!
Mark Baxter



The winning team

What We Do: *the Pastoral Ministry*

Currently this team comprises: Julie Johnson, Grace Anderson, Margaret Bryant, Sue Levene, Audrey Mannion and Rita Waters.

Members aim to know who is who in our congregation and Home Groups. This leads to taking note of who is missing and following up by phone, e-mail or home visit.

In addition, we visit church members in their home situation in order to grow in friendship and Christian fellowship, as we listen to their stories and pray with them. Julie has oversight of those ministering and receiving Home Communion.

We may not always speak to those we already know over coffee or at church events: we make welcoming newcomers our priority. We would like to see this naturally observant and actively caring style of pastoral ministry become part of everyone's Christian commitment, with the request that you tell Julie who you are in touch with regularly, so the Team can identify where the gaps are.

Team Talk

Here's what's happening in the ministries this month:

Social and Community ~ We have had a team meeting to plan the summer fair; it was lovely to have extra volunteers coming to the meeting too! We are encouraging everyone from church to get involved and we have been encouraged by the response so far.

Our last big events were the *Pub Quiz* on 3rd July and Summer Fair on 20th July. Look out for a Curry Lunch in August! I

It has been lovely working with the *C&YP* team in planning the summer activities, and great to hear that the *Prayer* team will have people available for prayer during the fair.

Pastoral ~ Due to some mobility issues Julie has not been doing her usual round of visits, but phone and text is a wonder! It is noted that there is a growing fragility in some of our regular church members.

We are encouraged to see other than named team members taking natural pastoral care - and then telling Julie.

The team would like prayer from church members for more observational pastoral care; followed by action and communication!

Children & Young People ~ The team's busiest time is approaching for CYP as we provide a family activity *each week of the holidays* to anyone in the parish:

Holiday club - for 5-11 and, for the first time, 11-12 year olds.

Swim parties on Mondays. A **cinema** afternoon.

A trip to **the seaside**.

Obviously, we are going to need help: we need more adult helpers for the older holiday club. We need people to make tea and coffee for after the pool parties (they don't need to go in the pool). We need folk to help us on the coach trip.

Most importantly, we need an army of people to pray for all our events; for the people leading them; and for the children and families who will be attending. When we do take time to listen, God inspires us. It was His idea to try holiday club for older children, so we are stepping out in faith...

Prayer ~ The Prayer Ministry team met at the beginning of the month. We are looking to find some new things for the 'candle' table for the children. Irene has found some toys and a sticker book; Di will look when she has the time to go into town.

We hope to have a *Healing Prayers* place at the Summer Fair and/or Fun Day.

We need someone to research topics for the World Prayer Map.

We are looking for extra members for our Team, and also looking to expand the Healing Prayer Team.

Communications ~ Karen had to step back from the team due to health issues. She is greatly missed! Arthur has kindly agreed to post St Matthew's events to the Deanery website. As this is a new venture, that still leaves Linda working alone. Help is desperately needed and, if you don't feel able to work electronically, prayer is invited on the team's behalf.



First Aid Training

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Thanks to a grant from the *Edgeley and Cheadle Heath Community First Funding*, we were able to run two first aid training sessions for our local community. Expertly delivered by Jo-Anne Moore of *First Aid Stockport*, the training gave vital lifesaving skills to over 20 people.

One of the mums who attended the course said, *'This was a great course, especially because it was provided within the community and at an affordable price. A good way to learn vital knowledge and also meet others from the community.'*

David said, *'We are delighted to be able to run this subsidised training, particularly for parents and carers of young children. Nobody wants to be faced with life-threatening situations but if it happens, it's good to know what to do.'*

This was a fantastic course, fun as well as informative. It was great to see so many people from our local community take part and boost their confidence when dealing with potentially tragic circumstances.

Pam Robinson

What's On This Month

Home Groups

are now on the Summer Break, back in September

Tuesday 30th to
Friday 2nd Aug



Holiday Club

@ St. John's Methodist Church

10^{am} for School years 1-6
5^{pm} for School years 7 & 8

Friday 2nd
7^{pm} **Choir Practise**

Saturday 3rd
8:30^{am} **Prayer Breakfast**
10^{am} **Saturday Café**

Sunday 4th
10:30^{am} **All Age Whole Parish**
At communion
we offer prayer for healing
Lead and Preach: David

12:30^{pm} **Curry @ Chillli Massalla**

Monday 5th
1^{pm} **Stockport Sling Meet & Library**
4:45^{pm} **Swimming Party**
@ Avondale

Tuesday 6th
1:30^{pm} **Socially Yours**

Wednesday 7th
10^{am} **Holy Communion**

Thursday 8th
7:30^{pm} **Mother's Union**
Summer Supper

Friday 9th
7^{pm} **Choir Practice**

Saturday 10th
10^{am} **Saturday Café**

Sunday 11th
Magazine Articles Due

9:30^{am} **Holy Communion**
Lead: David ~ Preach: Lucy

11:15^{am} **Baptism Service**
Lead: David ~ Preach: Mike Taylor

1^{pm} **Baptism Service**

Monday 12th
4:45^{pm} **Swimming Party**
@ Avondale

Tuesday 13th
1:30^{pm} **Socially Yours**

Wednesday 14th
10^{am} **Holy Communion**

Friday 16th
9:15^{am} **Day trip to Rhyl**
7^{pm} **Choir**

Saturday 17th

10^{am} Saturday Café

2^{pm} Wedding

Sunday 18th

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: Julie ~ Preach: David Brown

11:15^{am} All Age Holy Communion

Lead: Julie ~ Preach: Heather

200 Club – Subs Due

Monday 19th

4:45^{pm} Swimming Party

@ Avondale

Tuesday 20th

1:30^{pm} Socially Yours

Wednesday 21st

10^{am} Holy Communion

Friday 23rd

7^{pm} Choir Practice

Saturday 24th

10^{am} Saturday Café

Sunday 25th

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead and Preach: Peter Jennings

11:15^{am} All Age Signed Service

Lead and Preach: Julie

2^{pm} Wedding

Tuesday 27th July

1:30^{pm} Socially Yours

Wednesday 21st August

10^{am} Holy Communion

Friday 30th August

7^{pm} Choir Practice

Saturday 31st August

10^{am} Saturday Café

Looking Ahead

Sunday 1st September

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship

Lead: David Preach: Sue

Saturday 7th September

8:30^{am} Prayer Breakfast

Sunday 8th September

The Venerable Ian Bishop

Archdeacon of Macclesfield

is preaching at both services


July Funeral ~ Tracy Beaumont

July Baptism

Dylan Kirby-Richardson,
Stanley Banks, Scarlett Child

July Wedding

Paul Jacobs to Deona Harrison

 **Sing POP** What a great night we had
on Wednesday 17th July.

The children of our School filled
the church with enthusiastic singing
ably lead by Amanda, a tutor from
the *Innervation Trust*.

Pictures to follow on our website.