

St Matthew's News

The Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath



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Sunday Service Times

Sunday 17th November

10:30^{am} Whole Parish
Worship
with Bishop Peter

All Other Sundays

9:30^{am} Formal Service
11:15^{am} Less Formal Service
(with children's groups)

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My memory is not great.

With my bank account comes the option of telephone banking, but whenever I come to dial the number I can't remember my memorable name... *is it X or is it Y?* No matter how hard I try I can't seem to get my memorable date fixed in my mind... *it could be this or it could be that!* So every couple of years I'll go to the bank with my passport and utility bill in hand and ask them to reset the lot. But then (you've guessed it) no sooner have I walked through the door than I start to second guess myself... *did I say A or B? Or could it even have been C?* And so I have to leave it long enough for the staff to have forgotten this tall vicar dressed all in black before I start the whole process again.

My inability to retain a name and number only really effects myself - and Lucy. But some things are important to remember because they not only effect individuals, but groups and society.

*Details correct at going to press.
Check our website, Facebook,
Twitter for changes and info
about events
in and around the parish.*

In November we are encouraged to remember a number of things. The beginning of the month is a traditional time to remember those who have died. The feasts of *All Saints* and *All Souls* encourage us to remember those who have lived lives that are an example of what a Christian should be and those who have been personally important to us.



David the Vicar

This year on the tenth and eleventh of the month we are encouraged to remember those who gave there lives in wars and conflicts, especially the world wars of last century.

Both of these events are important because they remind us of our place in a bigger story. They remind us that life is not just about the here and now, it's not centred around the individual and personal fulfilment. We are part of a bigger picture with a role to play to benefit the whole. Only as we remember this does the world become a great place to live.

History, Heritage and Happy Families

Over four days In September, we welcomed over 200 people to our church! Linking into the national Heritage Open Days, our merry band of volunteers welcomed people



to look at parish records of marriages and baptisms, dating back to the 1800s; explore our beautiful church with the purpose-made guide; and view photographs and booklets on our *memories table*.



On Saturday 14th September, we held our fifth Family Fun Day. Community groups from all across Stockport came to share the day, including, Scouts,

Guides, First Aid Stockport, Signpost for Carers, Parents in Partnership, Beechwood Cancer Care, Alexandra Skatepark

Association, Stockport Writers and the local fire brigade - to name but a few! We got *into the groove* with a dance display and *fought the flab* with a warm-up session with the Fit and Fab exercise group!



A special parish celebration service was held on the Sunday, with a well-earned bring and share lunch. A huge thank you to all involved in planning and running the events, we couldn't have done it without you! **Pam Robinson**

October Funeral

*Richard Lowe, Joseph Eccles,
Frank Donovan*

October Baptism

*Tom Adshead, Lilah-Mae Wilding,
Finley Madden, Lucy Duckworth*

Team Talk

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

Social & Community: A busy summer! We had a wonderful few days with the Heritage Open Days and the Family Fun Day - we had lots of positive feedback (available to read on the website or in church). We also held our first Craft Fair - sixteen stalls of local crafts.

We held a great Hot Pot Supper one Saturday night - a huge thank you to the team involved in organising the food, drink and quizzes!

We are now preparing for the Christmas Fair on Saturday 23rd November and, as always, we need as many hands as possible to make the day a success. Whether it's moving pews, selling bric-a-brac, serving coffee, tidying up or sticking a poster in your local shop, every little helps.

Children & Young People:

Our Youth on the Edge team have two events in the planning: a Bright Light party - our alternative to Hallowe'en - on 31st October, at Stockport Baptist Church; and Bubblegum

Christmas on 6th December. We are going to need another strong team around us for that one!

We are becoming a depleted group of leaders for Sunday Club, so prayer for our team and for the children who attend will be most welcome. And also prayer for energy!

Prayer: Prayer Breakfast, Intercessors and Healing Prayer are all going fine. The Book of Remembrance is completed. We are looking for a World Map researcher to change topics monthly; and we hope to have a place for Healing Prayer at the Christmas fair if we have the available people and space.

Communications: Linda will be taking an internet sabbatical for a period of 4-6 weeks in the near-future. Volunteers are desperately needed to update the website, Facebook page and Twitter feed. One volunteer for each activity would be perfect! The jobs are small in themselves. If you feel unable to offer practical help, prayer is invited. It would be a shame to lose our 484 Twitter followers because we had to shut down for a time.

Shining a Light on

Torch Trust(3) the Christian

organisation with a vision
for people with sight loss



Torch Trust has been working with blind and partially sighted people for 53 years. Based in Leicestershire, the organisation has an amazing history and an international reach. This time we hear about Torch groups.

A Home From Home

If you are blind or partially sighted, taking a holiday can be more trouble than it's worth! That's why Torch Trust runs a programme of specialist holidays, house parties and retreats for blind and partially sighted people. Most of these are based at Torch's own centre in Sussex, but there are a number of holidays at other venues.

From A Satisfied Customer!

I just wanted to thank you for letting me know about the swim/play sessions that St Matthews held at Avondale. Aaron had a ball! He loved it. For the first time he swam without me holding on to him and even took his armbands off. He did have a noodle to swim with but he's always been scared of going near them. We have even enrolled him on a course of lessons at Avondale so fingers crossed they go well. If you hadn't have told me none of this would have happened - so really wanted to thank you.

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The fully-equipped centre offers a wide range of full board, fully inclusive holidays. Some have a programme of activities and outings run by staff with expertise in working with people with sight loss; other breaks focus on a special interest such as gardening, computers, sports, walking or cooking. Every holiday has a guest speaker, with spiritual input an important part of what's on offer. The atmosphere of a Torch holiday is more like a warm extended family than an impersonal hotel, and many guests return year after year.

All the services Torch offers are open to people of any faith or none. To know more, or to ask for a current holidays brochure, email info@torchtrust.org or visit the website www.torchtrust.org. The Torch quarterly magazine is available on the table at the back of church.

Lin Ball

What's on in November

Friday 1st

9:30 Toddle Time in church
19:00 Choir Practice in church

Saturday 2nd

8:30 Prayer Breakfast in church
10:00 Saturday Café in church

Sunday 3rd

9:30 Holy Communion
Lead: DB & Heather ~ Preach: David
11:15 Holy Communion
Lead & Preach: David

Monday 4th

13:00 Stockport Sling Meet
in church

Tuesday 5th

8:30 Home Group
13:30 Socially Yours in church

Wednesday 6th

10:00 Holy Communion
19:45 Home Groups

Friday 8th

09:30 Toddle Time in church
19:00 Choir Practice in church

Saturday 9th

10:00 Saturday Café in church

Sunday 10th

Remembrance Sunday

9:30 Holy Communion
Lead: DB & Lucy ~ Preach: David

11:15 Morning Worship

Lead: Sue ~ Preach: David

Magazine articles due

Tuesday 12th

8:30 Home Group
13:30 Socially Yours in church
19:30 Induction @ St George's
of Rev Elaine Chegwin Hall

Wednesday 13th

10:00 Holy Communion
19:45 Home Groups

Thursday 14th

19:30 Mothers' Union
Mike Taylor, Poetry Please
in St Matt's Vicarage

Friday 15th

9:30 Toddle Time in church
19:00 Choir Practice in church

Saturday 16th

10:00 Saturday Café in church

Sunday 17th

10:30 Whole Parish Worship
with Bishop Peter

200 Club subs due

Tuesday 19th

8:30 Home Group

13:30 Socially Yours in church

19:30 Ministry Group Meeting
@ St. Matthew's Vicarage

Wednesday 20th

10:00 Holy Communion

19:45 Home Groups

Friday 22nd

9:30 Toddle Time in church

19:00 Choir Practice in church

Saturday 23rd

12:00 Christmas Fair in church

14:30 A Taste of Christmas
at St. John's

Sunday 24th

9:30 Teen Breakfast Club
in the Vicarage

9:30 Holy Communion

Lead: DB & David Br ~ Preach: Peter

11:15 All Age Signed Service

Lead: Heather ~ Preach: David

Tuesday 26th

08:30 Home Group

13:30 Socially Yours in church

Wednesday 27th to Sunday 1st

Christmas Tree Festival

from 12^{noon} @ St George's

Wednesday 27th

10:00 Holy Communion

19:45 Home Groups

Thursday 28th

19:30 Deanery Synod

@ St. Alban's

Friday 29th

9:30 Toddle Time in church

19:00 Choir Practice in church

Saturday 30th

10:00 Saturday Café in church

13:00 Wedding in Church

16:00 Advent Carol Service
with the *Cathedral Choir*
@ St. Mary's, Stockport

Looking ahead

1st December ~ Advent Sunday

10:30 Whole Parish Worship

Lead: David ~ Preach: Lucy

Tuesday 3rd

19:45 PCC @ St Matt's Vicarage

Wednesday 4th

19:30 Christmas Remembrance Service with Turners @ St Matt's

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