

St Matthew's News

The Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath



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Sunday Service Times

Sunday 4th October

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship

Sunday 25th October

11:15^{am} All Age Service

All Other Sundays

9:30^{am} Formal Service

11:15^{am} Less Formal Service

(with children's groups)

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World Mental Health Day

Saturday 10th October is *World Mental Health Day*. Latest figures from WHO indicate that up to one in four people will experience some kind of mental health problem in any one year.

Mental health issues cover a wide spectrum and are often dealt with in complete silence; those who suffer often try to hide their illness from friends, family and colleagues, because of the dreadful stigma that still surrounds it, particularly in the workplace.

For those who care for loved ones suffering mental health issues, it is often heartbreaking to watch the devastating effects on their lives; often finding themselves unable to help, except to simply be there.

Medical treatments are not always effective in treatment and bring other problems. Often, at best the illness can be managed but at a cost, due to side-effects of medications. Thankfully, gone are the days of locking sufferers away, but many people are still left isolated by society and shunned, living as virtual prisoners.

There is a real fear of sufferers of mental illnesses; a fear of the unknown. As Christians, we need to follow Christ's lead, show his

compassion and, where possible, be brave enough to engage with sufferers and their families by encouraging open discussion without the fear of gossip. For many sufferers it is a real fear of being treated differently that prevents them from opening up about their illness.



David Brown

We can all offer a listening ear. We can accomplish more through prayer and tea and talk than you could ever imagine. So let's love one another as we are called to do, without fear and prejudice.

Love, David Brown



**It's Time to Talk
...to God?
...to each other?**

**World
Mental Health Day**

Monday 12th October 2015

Service at St Cuthbert's Church,
Cheadle at 7:30^{pm}

**The service will include worship,
prayer, testimonies, a talk and a
question-and-answer session**

Please Note: There will be no signed service in October.

Opening the Doors

September is always a busy month, with both our *Heritage Open Day* and *Family Fun Day* taking place. These events are a wonderful way to invite our community in and to have interesting conversations with our neighbours.



We had new faces this year, including live music, blood pressure checks and a chance to chat to local councillors. One visitor remarked that this was 'a great showcase for St. Matthew's.'

This year, we had visitors from as far as Bury to tour the church and view the parish records; and we were delighted to welcome St.



Prayer was at the heart of both of these events and it was lovely to see the many prayers and candles lighting up the prayer tree.

Matthew's School Year 2 class, who enjoyed learning about the history of the church and some of the things we do here. They made a 'joyful noise to the Lord,' dressed up in robes, had a quick snack and then worked in groups to complete a quiz. Ms Harris said, 'The children loved it and we really enjoyed coming over to say hello and learn more about our church.'



Thank you to everyone who helped once again to make these events a huge success.

Quotes from St. Matthew's School children about our fun day...

'It was great - there were lots of fun activities to do.'
Rhys Y6

'The hot dogs were delicious!' Katie Y6

'I liked the police booth and chatting to the police man.' Nikita Y6

'It was great chatting to the different people there.' Amelia Y6

'It was a pity it rained but I did get to play skittles outside which was fun.'
Maddie Y6

The rain may have poured down but the people still poured in to our *Fun Day*! This event is a way of connecting church, local people and community support groups together.

Inside the Doors

The Year 2 class from St Matthew's really enjoyed a trip to church to learn more about Heritage Day and the church itself. The children spent some time talking about items such as the altar and font and why these are important to us.



Year 2 were very busy in church and Pam showed us lots of different things: they particularly loved using the instruments to make some joyful music. The children also really enjoyed looking carefully at the stained glass windows and the images they could see in them. They even had the chance to design their own stained glass window whilst having juice and a biscuit.



Pam kindly showed the children the clergy robes and before heading back to school, some children had the opportunity to dress up in them. We had a fantastic morning in church and are already looking forward to our next visit! Thank you. **Beth Harris**





St. Matthew's 'let their light shine' achieving their best results for many years!

After several year of instability, St. Matthew's primary school is now going from strength to strength. Staff and Governors are delighted with achievement which in many areas is now in line and even exceeding national expectations.

2015 results show that at the end of Key Stage 2, 100% of children had made at least two levels progress in reading, 93% in writing and 93% in maths. Children in the Early Years Foundation Stage achieving 'good level of development' also exceeded national figures, as did Key Stage 1 reading at level 2B+.

Jackie Band, the Principal, attributes the improvements to a senior leadership team who have a shared vision and are passionate about improving outcomes for pupils and a stable, highly skilled and determined teaching team.

The future looks bright!

Rough Sleepers

Chelwood Baptist Church is running a training session on how to help and support homeless rough sleepers in Stockport.

CBC would like to share their knowledge so that people are better informed and equipped to deal with the many situations they encounter.

The event will be held on Monday 12th October, 7-8^{pm} at Stockport Baptist Church, Thompson Street (off Greek Street), SK3 9DR. Please email linzie@chelwoodfoodbankplus.org or telephone 486 0043. Please book so that CBC has an idea of numbers attending.

Operation Treacle

Will you help support a stall for the church on Alexandra Park, Tuesday 27th October, any time between 2^{pm} – 7^{pm}?

This is part of a large community event with emergency services and local businesses. See Pam Robinson for details.



Stockport Deanery's Christian Aid Community Partnership

October sees the launch of a two-year project to which the churches of our Deanery have committed for Christian Aid. We aim to raise at least £5,000 between us in two years (about £350 per church); the EU will then fund match at 5:1, which makes a total of £30,000. It will make a huge difference to people living in poverty.

The project we have chosen to support is: *To increase the access to reproductive health information and services to vulnerable women in (specified areas of) Southern Ethiopia.*

The clergy in Stockport are firmly behind this initiative, which will not only enable us to support a deprived community in Africa, but will also bring us together in prayer and action as we remember our common calling to live as Christ's disciples in the world.

Andrew Lythall



Here are some events to look out for:

Gareth Davies Jones is a singer-songwriter in the troubadour tradition. He sings songs with a deep humanity at their heart.



He will appear in concert to celebrate the launch of Stockport Deanery's Christian Aid Community Partnership. **Friday 9th October, 7:30^{pm}, St Alban's Church, Offerton. £5.**

Includes refreshments

There is also an associated photography exhibition at St Alban's, documenting life in Haiti following the earthquake there.



I Witness: images of hope from Haiti, 3rd - 10th October. The church will be open 10 - 11^{am}, Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Art Trail

An original of the Holman Hunt painting Steph and Graham have discovered, in the church porch, is housed in Manchester Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester M2 3TL Telephone number: 0161-235-8888.

William Holman Hunt painted several originals (I think four), one of which is in Manchester Art Gallery. If you are going specially to see that painting it is worth ringing the gallery first as it is sometime loaned to other galleries for special exhibitions. **Lois Haslam**

Flower Fund

Loving birthday anniversary memories of Colin from Audrey and family.



Smile Corner

At the end of a Sunday service, a minister told his congregation, 'Next week I plan to preach about the sin of dishonesty, with some rather telling illustrations. To help you prepare for this I want you all to read Mark chapter 17.'

The following Sunday he asked for a show of hands from those who had read the chapter as he requested. Most of the hands were raised. The minister smiled and said, 'Since Mark has only sixteen chapters. It is clear that I need to proceed with my sermon.'



God was talking to one of his angels. He said, 'I have just created a 24 hour period of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?'

The angel said, 'Yes, but what will you do next?'

God said, 'I think I'll call it a day.'

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What's on this Month

All events (except Home Groups) in church unless otherwise stated

Weekly

Monday

6:30^{pm} Brigade

Tuesday

8:30^{am} Home Group

1:30^{pm} Socially Yours

Wednesday

10^{am} Holy Communion

7:45^{pm} Home Group

Friday

9:30^{am} Toddle Time

7:00^{pm} Choir Practice

Saturday

10^{am} Saturday Café

Other Events

Saturday, 3rd

8:30^{am} Prayer Breakfast

10^{am} Saturday Café with Police Surgery

Sunday, 4th

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship

with Holy Communion & Healing Prayer

Lead: Julie ~ Preach: Karen Beal

12:15^{pm} Sunday Lunch

Thursday, 8th

7:30^{pm} Mothers' Union: Linda Cosgriff – reading poetry from her first collection

Saturday 10th

10^{am} Comfortable with Computers

10^{am} Mother's Union –

Branch Fund Raising Day

Sunday, 11th

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: David ~ Preach: David

11:15^{am} Morning Worship

Lead: David & Lucy ~ Preach: David

1, 1:45 & 2:30^{pm} Baptism Services

Saturday 17th

11^{am} Craft Fair

Sunday, 18th

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: David ~ Preach: Sue Mayo

11:15^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: Julie ~ Preach: Sue Mayo

200 Club – Subs Due

Tuesday 20th

7:30^{pm} PCC in the Vicarage

Sunday, 25th

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: Peter & David Brown ~ Preach: Peter

11:15^{am} All Age Service

Lead: David Brown ~ Preach: Heather

Ahead to November

Sunday, 1st

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship

with Holy Communion and Healing Prayer

Saturday, 7th

8:30^{am} Prayer Breakfast

Wednesday 11th

7:30^{pm} Pub Quiz at The Olde Vic

All details correct at time of going to press
Please speak to group/event leaders for more information; or check the website and Facebook page.

September Baptisms

Emily Griffiths, Daniel Hodgkins, Jamie Walters, Jenson Shepherd

September Weddings

Dean Taylor and Chelsea Barry

September Funerals

Graham Kinder, Barbara Bartlett, Marian and Alan Wilson