

St Matthew's News

The Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath



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Sunday Service Times

Sunday 7th July

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

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 11th 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 - 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 3rd July, 7:30^{pm} for 8^{pm} @ 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.

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 1st July

2-4^{pm} Mothers' Union Deanery
Fund Raising Event @ St Matt's

Tuesday 2nd July

1pm Socially Yours
7:30^{pm} PCC @ St Matt's Vicarage

Wednesday 3rd July

10:00^{am} Holy Communion
7:30^{pm} Pub Quiz @The Old Vic
No Home Groups tonight!

Friday, 5th July

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

Saturday 6th July

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

Sunday 7th July

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship
At communion
we offer prayer for healing
Lead and Preach: David

Tuesday 9th July

8:30^{am} Home Group
1:30^{pm} Socially Yours

Wednesday 10th July

10^{am} Holy Communion
7:45^{pm} Home Groups

Thursday 11th July

7:30^{pm} Mother's Union
(Sue from Stockport Without Abuse)

Friday 12th July

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

Saturday 13th July

10^{am} Saturday Café

Sunday 14th July

9:30^{am} Holy Communion
Lead: Julie ~ Preach: Lucy
11:15^{am} Morning Worship
Lead: Heather ~ Preach: Lucy

Magazine Articles Due

Tuesday 16th July

10^{am} Home Group
1:30^{pm} Socially Yours

Wednesday 17th July

10^{am} Holy Communion

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

7:45^{pm} Home Groups

Friday 19th July

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

Saturday 20th July

12^{noon} Summer Fair

Sunday 21st July

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: Davids ~ Preach: David

11:15^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: Sue ~ Preach: David

200 Club – Subs Due

Tuesday 23rd July

1:30^{pm} Socially Yours

Wednesday 24th July

10^{am} Holy Communion

7:45^{pm} Home Groups

Friday 26th July

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

7^{pm} Choir Practice

Saturday 27th July

10^{am} Saturday Café

1:30^{pm} Wedding

Sunday 28th July

9:30^{am} Teen Breakfast Club

@ St Matt's Vicarage

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: David ~ Preach: Peter

11:15^{am} All Age Signed Service

Lead: Julie ~ Preach: David B^{rown}

Monday 29th July

9:30^{am} Holiday Club Prep

@ St John's Methodist

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

Tuesday 30th July

1:30^{pm} Socially Yours

Wednesday 31st July

10^{am} Holy Communion

7:45^{pm} Home Groups

Looking Ahead

Saturday 3rd August

8:30^{am} Prayer Breakfast

Sunday 4th August

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship

Lead & Preach: David

Thursday 8th August

7:30^{pm} 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