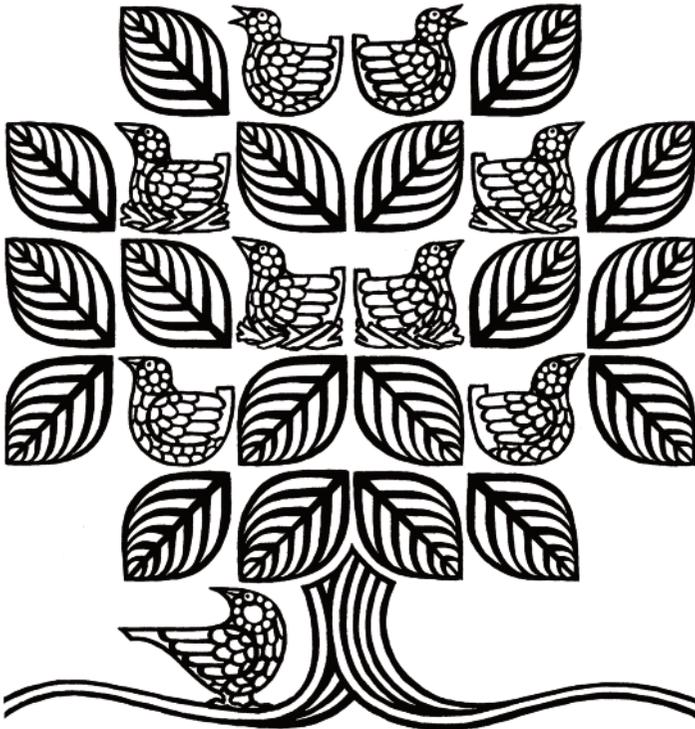


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# SAINTS ALIVE



The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed - it is the smallest of seeds,  
but when it grows, it is big enough for the wild birds to come  
and build nests in its branches.

Matthew 13:31-32

# ALL SAINTS

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Cheadle Hulme

# INFORMATION PAGE

## SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion.  
10.00am Parish Eucharist.  
6.30pm Evensong.

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

### Holy Communion

Tuesday 9.30am.  
Thursday 10.00am.  
Holy Days to be announced.

### Matins

Daily at 9.00am.



## CONFESSION AND SPIRITUAL COUNSELLING

By arrangement with the Clergy.

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR BAPTISMS, BANNS AND WEDDINGS

All enquiries to Rev'd Janet Bacon (485 3455).

## MOTHERS' UNION

Corporate Communion 10.00am on the 2nd Thursday in Church. Details of all meetings are in Saints Alive and weekly notices. See Notice Board.

## MENS' SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on the 1st Thursday, September to May, at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room.  
Chairman: Mr Bradley Torbitt (486 9387).  
Secretary: Mr Mike Parry (485 7886).

## FRIDAY CLUB

Fortnightly meetings on Friday evening usually in the Meeting Room at 7.30pm. Open to women of all age groups. Chairman is Lily Mitchelhill (485 5187) Secretary is Julia Ball (440 8647)

## GUILD OF ST RAPHAEL

The Guild exists to encourage the Church's ministry of healing, and the practice of regular intercession for the sick. The branch meets monthly to say an Office of Intercession: there is also a monthly Corporate Communion. For further information please contact: The Secretary: Pat Yates (485 4546).

## BIBLE READING FELLOWSHIP

Secretary: Mrs Julia Ball (440 8647).

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**Cubs:** (7th Cheadle Hulme) Meet on a Friday 6.30pm - 8.00pm at Thorn Grove.  
Andrew Thompson  
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**Beavers:** (7th Cheadle Hulme)  
Meet on a Friday 6.00pm - 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms. Mrs J. Metcalfe  
jacquie.metcalfe@cheadlescouts.org.uk

**Brownies:** (11th Cheadle Hulme)  
Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm at Thorn Grove.  
Jo Taylor  
brownow11ththeadleulme@yahoo.com

**Rainbows:** (2nd Cheadle Hulme)  
Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.00pm





# Vicar's Letter

Dear friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your prayers, good wishes and generous acts of kindness to Angela and myself over the past eight months; they have been a great comfort, support and help to us during my illness and treatments.

I daily give thanks for your prayers for my healing, which have been so abundantly answered. It was not long after the first course of treatment started that I began to improve and soon I felt better than I had done for over a year before! However the blessings did not end there. Despite the aggressive nature of the chemo-therapy and radio-therapy I received I was kept amazingly free from the unpleasant side-effects often associated with such treatments. The loss of most of my hair was a trivial matter for me, although Angela found it rather more trying as she had to frequently deploy the carpet sweeper wherever I had been sitting! However that is now over and, as you will have noticed, my hair is now growing back; although I have received numerous hints that I should not let it grow quite so abundantly as I did before. As I write we are now waiting for a final scan to confirm that the lymphoma has been cleared. Your continued prayers are therefore still much appreciated and, by the time you read this, they will, God willing, have become prayers of thanksgiving for His healing.

The physical healing that I have experienced has been wonderful and I have nothing but praise and admiration for the skill and compassion of the nurses and doctors at The Christie who helped to bring it about. However I have also been quietly aware, from the start, of another form of healing. This has taken the form of an inner feeling of calm, of being able to entrust myself to the Lord's care, confident in the knowledge that, whatever the outcome, it will be His will for me. It is my experience of this inner feeling that encourages me to continue in my prayers for others, even when the chances of physical healing appear so slim, as it provides the strength to face the future with calm confidence.

My experience has been that your prayers have been abundantly answered and I hope this will encourage you to continue to pray for "all who are troubled in body, mind or spirit", confident that the Lord will indeed answer those prayers.

With my most grateful thanks

Michael Aiers

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# Alone in Rome

During my last year at school I became the mentor of a young Italian who had been sent to this country to improve his language skills and become familiar with our British way of life. He was both cooperative and grateful for my efforts to help him both to improve his English *and* help him understand some of the many things which were completely “foreign” in his eyes.

When I came to the end of term he expressed his gratitude by inviting me to spend some of the month of August at his home. All I had to do was find my way across to Rome and everything would be provided. So, at the tender age of seventeen, having never been abroad before, I took the train to London, found my way across Paris, and arrived, travel-weary but all in one piece at Rome station.

What I had not understood, was that having safely seen me settled in, introduced me to the couple who ran the family’s apartment, he shook me by the hand and said “*arrivederci*”. He went off straight away to join his family who had moved into the mountains to avoid the discomfort of living in the city during the summer heat.

So I found myself in strange surroundings amongst people who apparently did not speak or understand a word of English. I realised that I had two weeks to fill before my fixed date-of-departure-*and*-return rail ticket became valid. Having taken stock of my situation, I told myself that if I kept my wits about me and kept in the shade as much as possible, I would get around this baking hot city come what may. So I purchased a basic English-into-Italian phrase book, a street map, and a guide book and ventured out into the streets of Rome.

It was hot. I had to hug the shadows and move from one shady bar to the next, clutching endless bottles of mineral water. Armed with my street map I found my way to the shelter of the cavernous interior of St Peter’s. I remember being most unimpressed. I could admire the walls covered in gilded mosaics, but as the centre of the Roman Catholic Church, the Universal Church, it seemed empty and lacked any sense of the presence of God.

I was there in the early years, just after the war had ended. I was spared being caught up with all the coach loads of sightseeing package holiday tourists who were to arrive in the years to come.

I did not have the place to myself, but I was filled with the sense that I was there very much on my own. This was about to change when some people I met, on realising I was English, went out of their way to introduce me to a family where the husband was an English ex-patriot. He welcomed me with open arms. It transpired that he was proudly “British”, and was delighted to have the opportunity to expound, yes, expound at some length, on the language he normally only used at his workplace.

His wife, and his son and daughter, hardly spoke any English, but instead of letting me go back to eat at the apartment, they insisted that I join them in *al-fresco* meals at their local restaurant. Here I was introduced to all their friends and acquaintances who declared that I was “typically” English.

Looking back over a space of seventy years I can truthfully say that if I had sat down with a professional travel adviser, I could not have planned a greater experience of what Rome has to offer to a free-lance traveller. Writing this piece has brought back so many memories, and I thank God that I still have the capability to revisit in my mind’s eye so many of the places, the events, and the people who made my visit to the Eternal City unforgettable. *Claud Metson*

# Bishop calls for churches to garden for mental health

The Church of England's lead bishop on healthcare issues, James Newcome, has backed experts' calls for churches to promote gardening for mental wellbeing.

A recent conference at Lambeth Palace to explore the links between mental health and gardening saw a fresh call for churches to use their green space to offer 'therapeutic gardening'.

Green Health Live 2, which brought together chaplains, public health experts and healthcare professionals, showcased innovative work being done by parishes to provide therapeutic gardening spaces – and encouraged

more churches to work with local mental health charities and medical professionals to do the same.

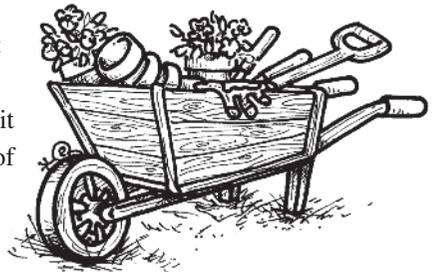
Last year a survey of clergy showed that mental health issues were at the top of the list of problems they were faced with in their parishes. Research makes clear that gardening can help to relieve the effects of depression, loneliness and a range of mental health issues, but many people, particularly in towns and cities, do not have gardens of their own. Churches often have space where a garden can be created to offer basic gardening experience, access to nature and companionship.

James Newcome, who is Bishop of Carlisle, said:

“Churches are places where people can find healing and community, so it is no surprise – but it is absolutely wonderful – that growing numbers of parishes provide spaces for therapeutic gardens.

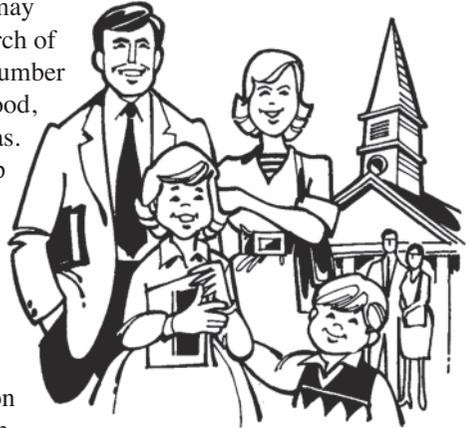
“We know that gardening is a powerful form of therapy, and when done with others it tackles

loneliness and social isolation. It's my hope that churches will fully embrace this great opportunity to make a valuable and vital contribution to supporting mental health in our local communities.”



# Church of England announces up to £155m investment in mission and ministry

Up to £155 million of additional investment may be spent over the next three years by the Church of England. The funds will aim to increase the number of people coming forward to train for priesthood, support cathedrals, and help disadvantaged areas. The spending plans for 2020 to 2022 will help build on the significant progress already made by the Renewal and Reform programme. The proposals include the Church of England's drive to recruit 50% more candidates for ordination, the programme of Strategic Development Funding for major growth programmes in the dioceses, and the expansion of the Church's programme of digital outreach.



Over the past two years there has been a 23% increase in the number of people starting training for ordination to the priesthood and the Church of England has embarked on a major programme to spread the Christian message in the digital sphere.

The proposals include:

Investment in recruiting and training new ministers – helping dioceses to meet the Church-wide goal of increasing the number of ordinands by 50%; and providing funds towards the costs of an increased number of curates;

Supporting dioceses in making strategic investment in change programmes designed to grow worshipping communities.

The continuation of specific funding to help dioceses to support mission in communities where income levels are low, places of greatest financial need.

The proposed plans include up to £155m to be made available for additional distributions in 2020-22 to support ministry growth including funds for:

Up to £63m for Ministry growth to meet the full additional costs of training ordinands.

Up to £45m of diocesan sustainability funding, mainly focused on providing funding for dioceses with financial difficulties.

Up to £20m for a social impact investment programme.

Up to £10m to help develop cathedrals' financial sustainability. Cathedral attendance across the country continues to see an increase and this investment will help to protect these buildings for future generations.



# Children with mental health issues turned away



Children and young people with mental health issues are being turned away from NHS services and up to 110,000 are missing out on treatment in a year, according to new figures by The Children's Society.

The report, 'Finding Help – Children, Young People and Families Navigating the System' is based on Freedom of Information responses from 26 mental health trusts across England. It estimates that up to 110,000 10-to-17-year-olds seeking help are being turned away because their problems were not deemed 'serious' enough. Worryingly, says the Society, is that it means that due to high treatment thresholds many young people may never have their needs addressed and are more likely to reach crisis point.

For those children with the most serious need NHS waiting times remain stubbornly high with children waiting the equivalent of a school term, an average 12 weeks (or 83 days), from referral to treatment when the current waiting time standard is four weeks. The report found that in some areas, children experiencing issues such as anxiety, depression and self-harm are having to wait much longer – up to 364 days from referral to first treatment.

The Children's Society is urging the government to make it a mandatory requirement for Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) to provide mental health support in every school and college in the country for children with low to moderate mental health needs, as well as support within the community through services like open access hubs and digital offers, to ensure young people are able to access support at an early stage.

## A guide to making our church more inclusive

How do you help those with disabilities to feel included in local church life? With a reported 99% of all churches having a disabled person in the congregation, it is not an idle question.

Now the charity Livability has issued some guidelines for the best way to get started. 'Recognise this will be a process, and a journey that you're on. A series of conversations with people in your church who are disabled would be an excellent place to start.'

Livability has produced a report, *More Than Welcome*, which is a guide to churches to be more inclusive. Read it at: [livability.org.uk/landing/more-than-welcome](http://livability.org.uk/landing/more-than-welcome).

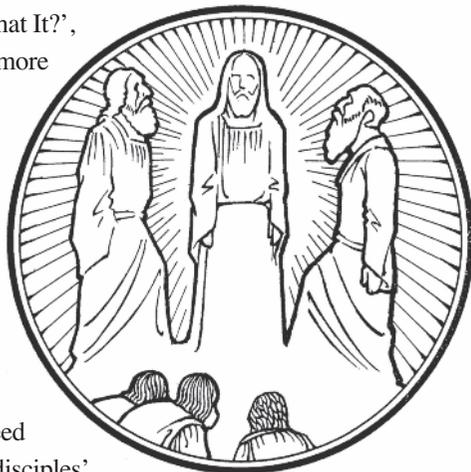
# The Transfiguration – seeing Jesus as He is

The title of Bob Geldof’s autobiography, ‘Is That It?’, will resonate with us, when we’re looking for more in life. On a deeper level, we want to see and hear more clearly what God is doing in our circumstances. Jesus’ transfiguration, which we remember this month, helps us to consider this (Luke 9:28-36).

Jesus was transfigured alongside Moses and Elijah, ‘As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning.’ (29).

To understand our circumstances, firstly we need to see Jesus as God wants us to see Him. The disciples’ eyes were opened to see Jesus’ divinity. The presence of Moses and Elijah confirmed Him as God’s promised Messiah. By foreshadowing the resurrection, this event powerfully calls us to entrust our lives into Jesus’ hands to experience His presence and power.

Secondly, if we are to make sense of our circumstances, we need to hear what God says about His Son. A cloud covered them and ‘a voice came from the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him.’ (35). God affirmed His love and call on Jesus as His beloved and chosen Son. Do we hear God speaking these same words to us? When we know that we too are loved and accepted by God, this transforms our understanding of our lives.



Whatever our circumstances, they can be transformed by what we see and hear. Open your eyes to see a transfigured world. Open your ears to hear a transfiguring voice.

Open your heart to become a transfigured life. ‘Christians should see more clearly, because we have seen Jesus. We are people whose vision has been challenged and corrected, so that we can see the world as it properly is.’ (Justin Welby).

*In the time of Jesus the mount of transfiguration was on the way to the cross. In our day the cross is on the way to the mount of transfiguration. If you would be on the mountain, you must consent to pass over the road to it.*

Henry Clay Trumbull

# Too high a price?

In June of this year we commemorated the 75th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in the knowledge that many of the veterans would not see another major celebration of that remarkable event. That brought an added poignancy to the proceedings.

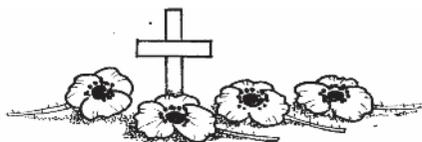
I'm sure that, like me, you were touched by what many of the veterans had to say.

'We're not the heroes,' they said, 'the heroes are those who died or were terribly injured. We survived and have had another 70 years. We are not the heroes.'

No one watching the TV coverage or reading the media could fail to be moved, however, by the stories of sacrifice and bravery they had to tell, a generation of men and women for whom sacrifice and duty were instinctive. I was asked recently, 'Do you think the present generation would respond in the same way, with such self-sacrifice?'

I guess no-one can answer that question, but it did make me think about the costly call to discipleship that is at the heart of Christianity. We follow one who freely laid down His life to save us from our sin. 'No-one takes my life from me,' Jesus said, 'but I lay it down of my own accord.' (John 10:18). The Saviour calls us to a similar costly obedience: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me.' (Mark 8:34)

Sacrifice is central to Christian devotion. We may not be asked to literally lay down our lives (although some are in other parts of the world) but we are asked to give God priority in our lives and to put His will before our own. This too can be very challenging and costly. Are we willing to pay the price?



## An appeal for additional Beaver (and Cub) leaders

At our recent Beaver and Cub AGM I felt it was the appropriate time to let everyone know that I will be leaving. It is now more important than ever that we try to find additional uniformed leaders, particularly for the Beaver section. No previous experience or skills necessary as training (on-line) is available!

Does anyone know of a family member, student, neighbour, work colleague, a retired person etc who would be able to volunteer and become more involved in helping with our Beaver Colony (maybe alternate weeks, or even once a month)? Not wishing to sound over-dramatic but it is now becoming a real possibility that without additional uniformed leaders 7th Cheadle Hulme Beaver Colony could eventually cease to exist... that would be such a shame, and a great loss of the introduction to the Scouting experience for local youngsters. I do hope that together we will find the leaders we (desperately) need to join our team! *Jacquie Metcalfe*

# Going to Uni this autumn? Or not?

This month thousands of school leavers will be anticipating with excitement the prospect of going on in October to what they insist on calling ‘Uni’. School is over, exams have been taken, required grades achieved, courses chosen and now the promised land of fun and freedom and a bit of study lies ahead.

But among them is a minority who, unknown to parents or even themselves, are anxious about it all. Will I settle into a new environment? Will I make friends? Or will I desperately fail my parents and family? Do I really want this?

By the end of the first year most students have come to terms with the highly individual nature of university life. Some will find adjusting difficult. Isolation and loneliness, as we all know, are extremely stressful. If the problems persist then professional help should be sought, perhaps through the university Student Health Team. Unrecognised, or hidden, this anxiety can have serious consequences.

What can parents and family do to identify and help those potentially isolated students? We can make ourselves available on the phone or internet – a familiar voice in a new setting. We can pray for them. We can make sure, on their home visits, that they actually talk about their new life – study, friends and leisure.

Answers may not come readily, but there is one point you can make that helps to put anxieties into perspective. If they have discovered that university life is not for them let them know that they can leave. They have a choice! Many are reluctant to do this because they are aware that parents have largely financed their education, and they have let them down. Assure them that is not so – love is not like that. If ‘Uni’ is not for them sit down together and look at the options. There is plenty of life outside of Uni!

## Bishop welcomes Government’s commitment to ‘net zero’ by 2050

The Church of England’s lead bishop on the environment has welcomed the news that the Government has set a stricter target on climate change.

The Rt Rev Nicholas Holtam, Bishop of Salisbury said: “The UK can be proud to be setting an example by making this commitment to address the global climate emergency. But commitment alone is meaningless unless it is backed up by relentless action, which must remain our priority in the coming decades.

“Climate change affects us all, but the world’s poorest are most vulnerable to extreme weather events. It is imperative for us as Christians to press for action to deal with these threats. Ours is the first generation to know the full scale of the risks posed by climate change and could be the last able to do anything meaningful about it.

“That is why committing to end our contribution to climate change here in the UK is so important.”

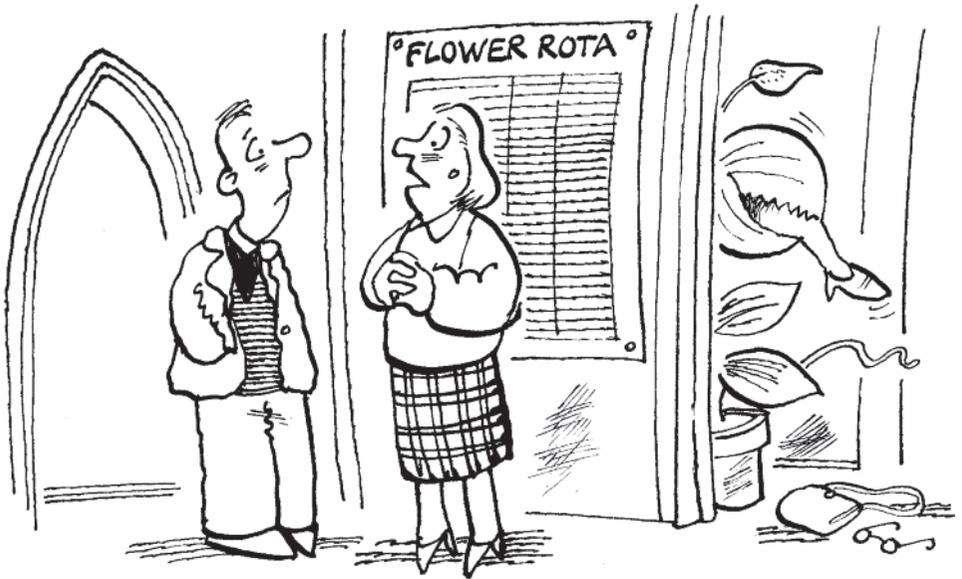
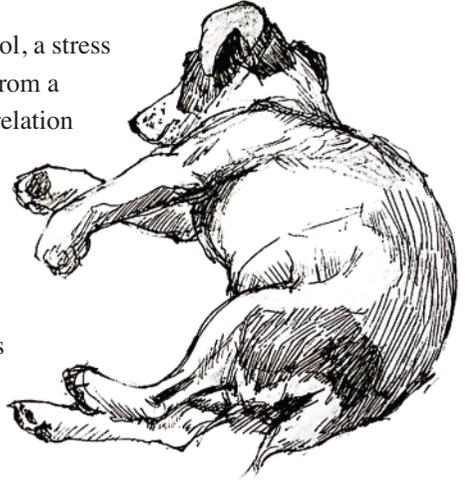
# When you are stressed, so is your dog!

The old adage that dogs take after their owners may be more true than we realise. A new study published in the journal *Scientific Reform* has found that when dog-owners suffer from on-going anxiety, so do their dogs.

Scientists measured the concentration of cortisol, a stress hormone, by taking a few centimetres of hair from a number of dogs and their owners. A direct correlation between the level of stress in any dog and its owner was found.

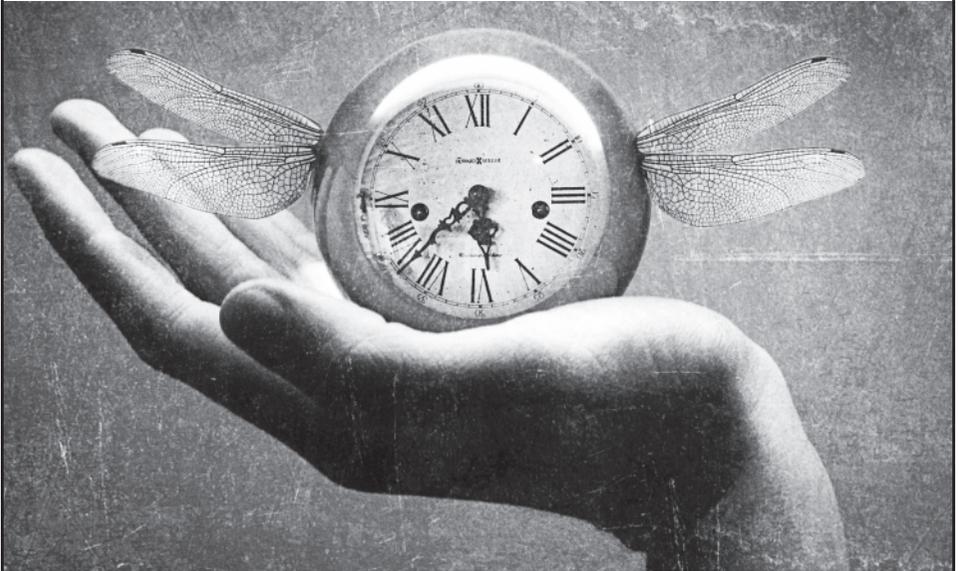
The dog's character was irrelevant, researchers said. Instead, "we found that the levels of long-term cortisol in dog and owner were synchronized. Owners with high cortisol levels have dogs with high cortisol levels."

In other words, owners' personalities have a huge effect on their dogs.



*...er Vicar, it's about that flower Mrs Brindle's brought back from her foreign holiday...*

# We Have Time On Our Hands



## Do you need company and someone to talk to?

Perhaps you don't see anyone from one week to the next. Or you are a carer who needs a bit of 'me' time.

We hope to create an opportunity for you to meet others who may feel like yourself within a safe, informal and relaxed atmosphere.

We are starting a small group, up to 6 people (any age). Meeting once a month on a Tuesday between 1.00pm - 3.00pm in Cheadle Hulme.

We will offer a relaxed environment where you could just chat and feel at ease. Everyone has something that they are good at and it would be great to be able to share your skills, knowledge and interests.

If you have any questions and are interested in joining us, please contact:  
**Mel on 0161 485 5486 or mobile: 07916 771224**  
**email: [mel@brohn.co.uk](mailto:mel@brohn.co.uk)**

# ‘Shall we not love thee, Mother dear?’

The Church responds with a resounding ‘Yes’ to that question, as we celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary on 15th August. An ancient name for this day is the transition of Mary – her crossing over to eternal life – or the assumption of Mary. But her story begins in the Gospels, in Nazareth and Bethlehem. At the Annunciation, Gabriel announces the good news to Mary. She becomes a mother and embarks on a journey that takes her to the temple in Jerusalem, a wedding feast at Cana, the Cross of Calvary, and the upper room of Pentecost. Through Christian history her story has spoken to people in every age and culture and land.



As we look at her life now, there are two qualities that stand out. The first is thanksgiving. Mary came from a people that realised the importance of thanking God, and her response to the good news is to raise her heart in the words of the Magnificat.

‘My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour.’ The second quality is trust. Rowan Williams has written that despite the years of controversy about the place of our Lady, we still need to hold out our hands to her for guidance and succour. “For at the very least she is the first person to put her trust in God who is shown in Jesus.” Through all that happened to her – the amazing news of Gabriel, no room at the inn, the worry over wine at the wedding – Mary ponders and trusts. To the servants at Cana, she says, “Do whatever Jesus tells you. It will be all right. You will see.”

Thanksgiving and trust: easy enough to see in our Lady, but perhaps more difficult to own for ourselves. Yet Mary assures us that with God all things are possible. Holding on to that faith, we can journey with her Son through life and death to eternal life.

# ‘I do’ is more likely to last for life



Newlyweds today are more likely to stay married than their parents were. It seems that young couples are taking the commitment more seriously than did their parents, with only 35% likely to divorce, as opposed to 44% in 1986.

The Office of National Statistics reports that couples who married in 1963 had a 28% chance of divorce. It peaked at 44% in 1986. The Marriage Foundation think tank believes that nowadays people are marrying more out of deliberate choice. “Couples in the Eighties and Nineties often did so because (of) social and family pressure before they were ready.”

## FRIDAY CLUB

*Friday 7th June 2019, 7.30pm 'Growing Pains' - Liz McConnell*

Our members enjoyed an evening of nostalgia as Liz McConnell spoke to us on the story of her childhood.

Born in the 1950's in Oldham, surrounded by cotton mills, she was a long-awaited addition to the family, welcomed by all except her brother who was not impressed by her arrival. The family lived in an end terrace house with a large backyard which her mother, a green-fingered gardener, kept ablaze with flowers. There were also two sheds in the yard, one for Coke and one for coal.

Liz believes she learnt to count to twenty at an early age by counting the bags of Coke and coal delivered by the coalman.

The yard also housed an outside toilet, but they were the only family in their street to have a bathroom containing a primrose yellow bathroom suite. The bathroom was always lovely and warm as it had a cylinder heated by the back boiler behind the living room coal fire, so hot water was always available. Unfortunately the bedrooms were so cold in winter she awoke to beautiful frost patterns on the windows. At 4 1/2 years old she started school, counting numbers and almost reading, thanks to the stories her parents had shared with her daily. Her main problem at school was keeping quiet, as she was always a chatterbox. Her identification picture on her coat peg, bag and the folding bed and blanket used for her afternoon nap for her first year in school was a yellow chicken. The 3R's were taught daily and like many of us she used the Janet and John reading scheme. It was a great shock to move to the junior school at the age of seven, gone were the brightly coloured chairs and tables, replaced by wooden school desks with ink wells and pens with scratchy nibs. There were separate playgrounds for boys and girls, the boys dashing around playing rougher games and the girls enjoyed skipping, hopscotch and handstands. Everyone except Liz had a third of a pint of milk just before playtime, this was usually warm as the crate had been stored under a radiator. Milk, hot or cold, did not agree with Liz so she was allowed to bring her own blackcurrant juice, much to the envy of her friends.

In the juniors there was homework every night increasing each year until the 11+ was taken. Her parents received regular reports on her progress and behaviour in school. She and her brother waited anxiously to see their parents' reaction to their reports which were usually favourable. There were 45 pupils in each class and discipline was firm - boys received the strap and girls were sent to stand in the hall, where they could be seen by all, for misdemeanours.

Television at home was BBC only, it played a big part in family life and when ITV arrived the choice in programmes was amazing in their eyes. However Saturdays were exciting, as Saturday morning was cinema morning. Liz was a member of the ABC minors club which gave her cheaper admissions to the cinema and a tin badge to wear with pride. She and her brother loved all the programmes from news items to cartoons and cowboys!



Liz admitted to being tomboy and occasionally her brother and his friends allowed her to join in their games. She loved their more dangerous games like sliding down the quarry side in an old tin bath or in winter making a long ice slide, having a snowball fight and climbing trees. Her mother was never told of these exploits otherwise they would have been stopped.

Nana and grandad lived two streets away and at the end of school grandad met her each day wearing his clogs and smoking his pipe. Liz told us of her adventures of shopping with Nana at the Co-op. Nana was a rather large formidable lady who demanded the best of everything so most of the shop assistants were in awe of her. Nana always made sure she received her 'divi' receipt. Nana, as was her mother, was a brilliant cook and Sunday lunch was always roast beef, vegetables and rice pudding for afters. Sunday school followed where Liz believes she learned much about life as well as religion.

Holidays were always spent at Mrs Williams B and B in Colwyn Bay and we were kept amused with holidays tales from activities on the beach to her adventures in the woollen pink bathing costume.

Liz passed her 11+ and entered the girls' Grammar School. This opened up new horizons for her, from meeting other girls of a different social class and teachers wearing gowns. Some of her memories of grammar school were far more discipline, a fierce headmistress, a uniform that must be worn at all times, no short skirts, a house system with points which could be gained or taken away for poor work and bad behaviour. There were many rules about talking to and meeting with boys from their grammar school next door as well as pressure to do well in GCE's.

Liz knew her future and left school with the correct qualifications for her to train as a pharmacist, her chosen career the life. Everyone enjoyed this wonderful trip down memory lane and Liz was thanked for a very enjoyable evening. *Ann Hewitt*

*Friday 21st June 2019 'From muck and music to Stones and Roses' - Raymond Smith*

Mr Raymond Smith, a man of many talents, came to tell Friday club members his life story. Raymond, a retired Lancashire farmer was the 5th generation of his family to farm land at White Coppice Farm in the village of White Chapel which is situated in the hills behind the Mormon church which is passed when driving on the M61.

In 1849, when his great, great grandfather arrived at the farm, White Chapel was a thriving village with a squire, cotton mill, school, chapel, village shops, tradespeople and five public houses of which only one remains today called "Who'd a thowt it." However, since the cotton mill closed, the village has declined and become more remote.

The busiest days now are the weekends when the majority of visitors to the area are hillwalkers.

Raymond has always lived on the farm and from the age of 14 played the organ at the local Methodist chapel. He was almost self-taught by watching his grandfather play each week. he eventually succeeded his grandfather as organist and choir master.

In time he produced with his choir, The Hillside Singers, a performance of the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical 'Joseph and his many coloured Dreamcoat'. He found he had a talent as a composer so he went on to compose four more shows: "Samuel"; "Frances"; "Small Women" and "Anni Domine". (*Continued on page 14*)

*(Continued from page 13)* The pressure of farming when the BSE crisis was its peak and milk prices slumped combined with the fact that his only son did not wish to follow him into farming encouraged him to sell all of his Friesian cows. He decided to create a new home from one of his large barns and a local builder took on the task of conversion so now his lounge used to be the milking parlour. His original farmhouse was sold to an Australian man, Chris, who is a skilled photographer and who has since produced beautiful photographs of Raymond's new garden. His new garden was created by using stone from the derelict mill on his land. Now his garden is beautiful with a lake, fruit walk, woodland, vegetable garden tended to by his wife and a rose garden with over 400 rose bushes all purchased from Fryers of Knutsford. He opened the garden to the public as part of the 'National Garden Scheme' and raised over £97,000 to charity.

He featured on the TV programme 'Look North' with Diane Oxberry when she visited his garden as part of a series on 'Gardens in the North West'. As a result of the television programmes visit, over 1000 people arrived to view his garden the following Saturday. He uses his home grown flowers to create the most wonderful flower arrangements and decorated the marquees for both his daughters' wedding receptions, as well as the church for one and Manchester town Hall for the other daughter's wedding. Now he arranges flowers at Blackburn Cathedral where he now worships.

The photographs of his garden and of wildlife taken by his neighbour were beautiful. Owls, kingfishers, woodpeckers nesting on his land as well as beautiful sunsets, winter scenes, misty dawns and reflections in the lake together with excellent commentary made the whole evening enjoyable. It is a shame that he has withdrawn from the garden scheme this year for many others would have loved to visit.

Raymond is a man of many parts - husband, father, farmer, organist, choirmaster, composer, builder, landscape designer, gardener, flower arranger and a skilled speaker. Everyone enjoyed the meeting and went home after refreshments with many happy memories. *Ann Hewitt*

### **Dates for Your Diary**

*22nd Aug* Corporate Communion for Friday Club at 10.00am ALL WELCOME

*There are no Friday meetings for Friday club in August. We start again on September 6, with a beetle drive at 7:30pm*

## Giving Thanks For Summer

Father, Creator of all, thank You for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight. Thank You for the beauty I see all around me and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy Your creation. Thank You for the increased time I have to be with my friends and family, and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw me closer to You this summer. Teach me how I can pray no matter where I am or what I am doing. Warm my soul with the awareness of Your presence and light my path with Your Word and Counsel. As I enjoy Your creation, create in me a pure heart and a hunger and a thirst for You. *Author Unknown*



# Could you champion mission in your church?

HOPE Together is recruiting Mission Champions who will inspire and equip fellow church members to reach out. Each Mission Champion will be resourced by HOPE Together to inspire others. Here's the 'job description':

Encouraging fellow church members to be involved in serving others in their community and making Christ known through their love and practical service.

Inspiring every church member on their own 'frontline' to consider how they can bring Christ to the place that they spend the most time, Monday to Friday: at the school gate, the office, their sports club... wherever they are most involved day to day.

Helping churches and church members to recognise a rhythm of mission through the church calendar at Christmas, Easter, Summer and Harvest. When a rhythm of mission is built into our church calendar it gives us wonderful opportunities for mission in our villages, towns and cities.

Adopting missional best practice. Over the last few years HOPE, the Evangelical Alliance, and many ministries and denominations have brought together examples of best practice for missional evangelism. These resources are freely available and can be used to resource and encourage church members.

Using training courses. There are a number of exciting and new video-based training programmes available, which can be used with small groups and more widely. These include Talking Jesus, which is an innovative, six-part video course that churches are finding makes a real difference to the way they share faith.

Motivating fellow church members to pray for their community, to speak about their faith with new confidence, to give of themselves in service, to give appropriate literature or other resources to their unchurched friends, and to practise hospitality, inviting unchurched friends to their homes, to events or to whatever would help them on their spiritual journey.

Imagine the impact we could have if one person in every congregation was taking these basic ideas and through their gifts and passion, seeking to make some of these more alive and real in their church.

Sign up on the HOPE Together website as a Mission Champion for your church and you will receive ideas, support and free samples of HOPE's resources to help you mobilise your church for mission. Visit [hopetogether.org.uk/missionchampions](http://hopetogether.org.uk/missionchampions)



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# Beer of ‘biblical proportions’



What kind of beer did people drink in biblical times, and what did it taste like?

Such questions will brew in the minds of real ale lovers, as they lovingly savour their favourite real ale each weekend. And now help is at last at hand.

For scientists in Israel have managed to brew beer using extracts of ancient yeast. Microbiologists in Israel, along with scholars from the Israel Antiquities Authority and Hebrew University, extracted microscopic specimens from several ancient beer jugs that dated as far back as 3000BC. They then cleaned and sequenced the full genome of every specimen. Finally, the result was handed to brewers as well as to a local beer export to produce the drink.

And the result? The Associated Press said the beer was “champagne bubbly and dry, with a hint of green apple.” Sort of a honey wine mixed with modern ale. Dr Ronen Hazan, from the Hebrew University-Hadassh School of Dental Medicine, added, “By the way, the beer isn’t bad.”

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For further details please contact Frances Pickett on 0161 439 8890.



## All Saints' Website and Facebook



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Please contact Sarah Ball on: [comms@allsaintsheadleholme.org.uk](mailto:comms@allsaintsheadleholme.org.uk) with any stories and updates.

Find All Saints' on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsCH/> and "Like" us to get notifications about our news and events.



## Church Open

There will be no Saturday coffee morning in August.  
The next one will be September 14th.



*When you feel that your life's in confusion,  
When your steps seem to slither and slide,  
When each road seems to lead to disaster,  
Remember - you do have a Guide.  
When you feel very small and forsaken,  
When you're fearful of terrors unknown,  
When you're lost in a land full of strangers,  
Remember - you're never alone.  
When your world seems o'ershadowed by sorrow,  
When you're hurt, or cast down by despair,  
Remember - there's Someone who loves you,  
Who will keep you throughout in His care.*



Margaret Ingall



## Saintly Fifth Columnists?

A Fifth Column is ‘any group of people who undermine a larger group from within, usually in favour of an enemy group or nation’. You can hardly accuse Christians of being Fifth Columnists, for we are urged to respect and pray for those in authority and St Paul claimed: “we give no offence in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed”. Yet the Lord’s Prayer itself is surely subversive. It commits us to pray that God’s Kingdom will displace the kingdoms of the world.

Intercessions – for nations, communities and individuals – express the same desire, which is for God to disrupt the status quo. They are all prayers for change. You could call them interventions, for intercessors face God and ‘intervene’ on behalf of others, combining a concern for their welfare with a desire for God’s will to be fulfilled.

Interceding is one of the functions of the ‘royal priesthood’ in the New Testament. In the Old Testament, the priesthood was limited to a small number of males of the Levitical tribe, who faced God on behalf of all the people of Israel. In the New Testament that concept of priesthood is subsumed by Christ Himself, enlarged to encompass the world and shared, collectively, with the whole body of Christians.

When Christians are at prayer, we join with Jesus in representing the whole of humanity before God. He is the High Priest who is always interceding for us. So praying is a bit like stepping on to an escalator, which is already moving in the right direction.

If you belong to a small Christian community in your neighbourhood, your role is all the more vital. Like a gram of yeast in kilo of flour, your influence can be out of all proportion to your size. When everyone else is dismal or rudderless, you offer hope and purpose. You think, speak and act as a member of the congregation of Resurrection believers.

When we meet as the Church, we act for ourselves and on behalf of our fellow-citizens, to offer through Jesus the worship which is their and our prime obligation. That may not seem like a revolutionary activity to you, but that’s how it is regarded in hostile countries. Christians everywhere are engaged in spiritual warfare; for some it’s a secular struggle, too.





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# Call for churches to act as safe havens in hot spots for serious youth violence

Churches were encouraged to offer a place of sanctuary for young people as part of efforts to combat knife crime and serious youth violence, in a key debate held at the General Synod last month. The Revd. Canon Dr Rosemarie Mallett, a priest in Angell Town, south London, urged parishes to consider opening their doors after school hours as safe havens for young people in hot spot areas for serious violence.

She said that churches could take a range of practical measures from providing knife amnesty bins to training for clergy and other leaders to protect young people potentially vulnerable to ‘county lines’ exploitation.

Dr Mallett is a prominent campaigner in combating knife crime, and also called for church leaders to be trained to support families and communities affected. She stressed the unique spiritual dimension churches can bring through prayer and pastoral support for communities affected.

Speaking ahead of the debate, Dr Mallett said: “We must work with other organisations to find the best way to support young people in our parishes and our schools. This isn’t necessarily about running youth clubs, in many cases this may simply be providing a place where they can go, relax and feel safe, especially during the period immediately after school hours when flashpoints can occur.”

Serious youth violence was one of the major issues discussed at the General Synod, the national assembly of the Church of England, when it met at York University in July.



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Some short, simple words to offer to God at the start, or end, of the day, and spare a thought for family or friends who might be suffering from ill health or are experiencing times of trouble.

*Gracious Father, my soul floods with joy for the blessings of life.  
May it be my privilege to be happy in them.  
Help me not to ask thee for anything which will cause loss to another;  
May I not delight in a lonely view,  
But as I see thy glory bring others to the vision also. Amen*



# Sharing Love

*Have you a song within your heart,*

*Have you a smile to share?*

*Have you a moment in the day*

*To show someone you care?*

*Have you the time to be a friend*

*And listen when they call?*

*Have you the courage every day*

*To step out, walking tall?*

*Have you a hope for all mankind*

*Whatever faith or creed?*

*Have you the strength to show the way*

*To those who are in need?*

*If you've a song, a smile, a hope,*

*A special dream or two,*

*You have discovered love, my friend,*

*And love discovered you!*

Iris Hesselden



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## AUGUST 2019 SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
10.00am The Parish Communion.  
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On the second Sunday of each month this will be our Family Communion and Parade Service.  
We serve coffee in Church after the service - please come and join us.  
6.30pm Evensong.

## WEEKDAY SERVICES

- Holy Communion:  
Tuesdays at 9.30am  
Thursdays at 10.00am  
Holy Days as announced  
Matins: Mondays, Wednesdays,  
Thursdays and Fridays at 9.00am  
*See the weekly news sheet for further details.*

## ALTAR FLOWER ROTA AUGUST 2019

- 7th Friday Club  
11th Mrs. M. Epps - In Memory  
of Husband Brian  
18th Mrs.P.Jackson  
25th Mrs M. Gray

*If you wish to discuss any aspect of church flowers including wedding flowers please contact Frances Pickett (0161 439 8890)*

*Lord, in spring we are reminded  
of the magnificence of Your creation,  
as the earth is covered in verdant green,  
with splendid splashes of color,  
and we witness birth everywhere,  
of animals bearing their young,  
of buds turning into leaves and flowers  
and our own moods being reborn  
with renewed energy and life.*

*Lord, in summer, we remember  
the warmth of Your love for us  
and the light of Your goodness.  
Both are everywhere for those who look.  
Thank You for butterflies,  
birds and wildlife for us to enjoy,  
water to swim in,  
and weather that frees us to romp and play  
while outdoor pleasures are at their peak.*

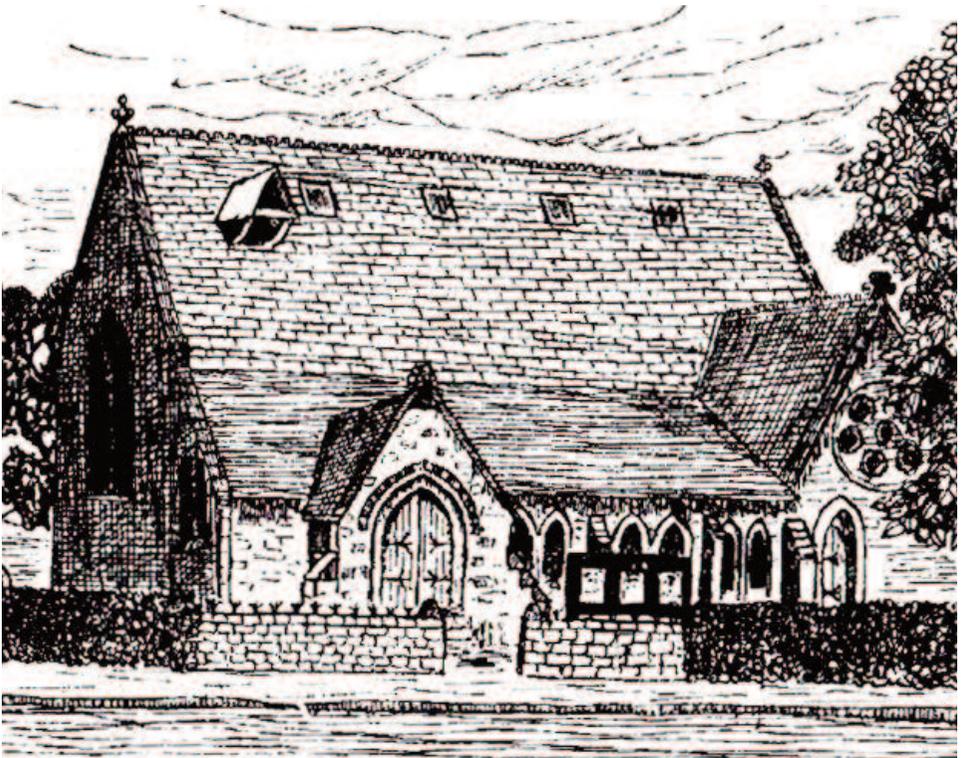
*Lord, in autumn, we thank you for  
Your cooling breezes,  
that bring relief from the relentless  
summer heat.  
We see bright colors fading and dying,  
leaves turning brown, crisp, disintegrating,  
only to be reborn next year,  
reminding us that every living thing,  
including us,  
must die in some way before being reborn.*

*Lord, in Winter, as white snow blankets  
the ground,  
we are reminded of Your purity and Your  
perfection.  
The complexity and beauty of each single  
snowflake  
only hints at Your transcendent intelligence  
and creativity.*

*We hunker down and snuggle in,  
knowing this season will wind down  
and Spring will reappear, as it always has  
because You created an orderly,  
predictable universe,  
not by chance, but from your flawless design.*

*Thank You for the seasons, Lord,  
and everything in them  
that You created for our enjoyment.*

Joanna Fuchs



## Christian Stewardship

The Parish practises the principles of Christian Stewardship in its giving for the work of God. If you are interested to learn more about it please contact the Recorder, Kate Hughes (485 1010), the Vicar or the Churchwardens. The giving of time and talents is encouraged, If you wish to help in some capacity in the Church services or organisations, in improving or maintaining the Church fabric or grounds, or in visiting and helping the sick or housebound, please speak to the Clergy or the Churchwardens.



# All Saints Cheadle Hulme

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