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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).

UNIFORMED ORGANISATIONS

Cubs: (7th Cheadle Hulme) Meet on a Friday 6.30pm - 8.00pm at Thorn Grove.
Andrew Thompson
email:andy.thompson@cheadlescouts.org.uk

Beavers: (7th Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Friday 6.00pm - 7.15pm in the Parish Rooms. Mrs J. Metcalfe
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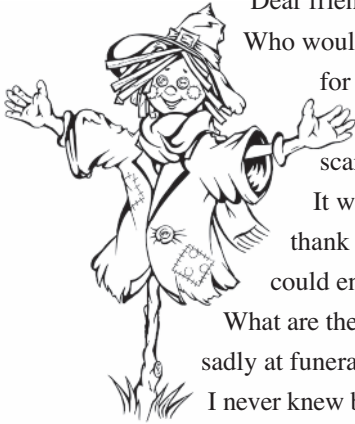
Brownies: (11th Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm at Thorn Grove.
Jo Taylor
brownow11ththeadleulme@yahoo.com

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





Vicar's Letter



Dear friends,

Who would have guessed it? All Saints has won a cup! It was for the best Scarecrow display in Cheadle Hulme which was part of the larger Bramhall and Woodford scarecrow festival organised by the Rotary Club.

It was a proud moment and an honour to receive it and thank you to those who worked hard so that our church could engage with this Community event.

What are the proudest moments of your life? I often find (usually, sadly at funerals) amazing things about the lives of people that I never knew before. Wonderful achievements, acts of self-sacrifice and bravery, overcoming hardship and illness – the list goes on. It is one of the many privileges of being a vicar. Looking back over the last seven years I have been reflecting on these experiences and the many inspiring people I have met. The times I remember with greatest affection and, yes, pride (although not pride in myself) are the times when I have been able to help, the times when I have seen the Holy Spirit work mightily in people's lives and when I have been humbled by witnessing the courage with which people have faced life's challenges.

But even those moments which may seem trivial by comparison are important. By taking part in the scarecrow festival we were able to show that we are part of the community and want to support it and have fun with it as well as sharing our communal problems. Many in our church have been doing this for ages but to do something as a church speaks for all of us.

Carry on the good work All Saints!

Janet



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Sports ministry receives boost

Five-a-side football, running groups, after-school sports and a boxing club are to be supported by the Church of England as part of a drive to reach people who may never have been to church before, it was announced. Football, netball and fitness groups are to be funded by the Church of England in Norfolk alongside holiday sports schemes and sports clubs aimed at children and young people.

The scheme is among projects across the country aimed at spreading the Christian faith, supported by more than £12million of Strategic Development Funding, a key part of the Church of England's programme of Renewal and Reform. The projects range from an expansion of Spanish-speaking congregations in south London to work with young people and students in Bradford, Exeter and London and a network of new churches meeting in venues such as community centres, cafés and a former pub in Cornwall.

The grants continue the Church of England's commitment to invest in communities with significant levels of deprivation with projects in St Austell, Liskeard and Camborne in Cornwall receiving funding. Other areas to receive support include Deptford and Erith in south east London, Gillingham in Medway, Kent, and Bradford in West Yorkshire. Social action projects to receive support include a food bank and other services based at a church in Truro, work to help homeless people in Exeter and plans to support lunch clubs and toddler groups in Keighley.

An 'Eco-church' congregation is to be created in south London with a special interest in the 'fifth mark of mission' – the Anglican Church's commitment to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation – and social justice. A church-run boxing club in Anerley, south east London, working to prevent young people turning to knife crime, is one of the parish projects in south east London set to receive support. In the Diocese of Leicester, a £1.5 million grant has been awarded to encourage greater participation and leadership in Church of England churches by black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) heritage Christians. The project will focus on developing intercultural church communities where people of different cultural and ethnic heritage seek to learn from one another in order to deepen their understanding and experience of God and of each other.

The sports ministry project in the Diocese of Norwich takes its inspiration from work already under way at St Thomas's Church in the city where 'sports ministers' work alongside children and adults. The project is the first sports ministry work to be funded by Strategic Development Funding. It could act as a blueprint for dioceses across the country interested in promoting the Christian faith through sports.

Tim Henery, who leads sports ministry at St Thomas's, said: "A lot of young people see the church as just pews and hymns – not something that relates to them. Through playing sports they realise that there are people who come to church and are like them. Sports ministry is helping us to reach people who may never have heard the message of the Gospel, helping us to transform their view of the church. We are building relationships and changing lives."

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: "From congregations in cafes and community centres to sports ministry and social action, these projects are moving the heart of our mission to where it should be, recognising Jesus beyond the borders of the institutional church. The Good News of Jesus Christ cannot be contained within existing worshipping communities. We want everyone to know how much they are loved by God."

Debbie Clinton, who heads the Church of England's programme of Renewal and Reform, said: "These inspirational and creative projects are further proof of the Church of England's drive and commitment to bringing the Good News of the Gospel to all communities and areas of the country."



Musica Nova's new season opens on **Saturday 5th October, 7:30pm** at All Saints' Church with a programme featuring music by **Dvořák** and **Schubert**.

Antonín Dvořák's lively **Czech Suite** opens the concert. The music draws on Czech folk dances and is full of changing characters: evocative melodies, drama and spirited dance.

Franz Schubert's **Symphony No. 2** is both graceful and energetic. The Symphony is the work of a youthful composer, written when Schubert was just 17.

The concert takes place at All Saints' Church on Saturday 5th October at 7:30pm.

Tickets are £12 full price, £10 concessions and accompanied children under 16 are free. Tickets are available on the door, or to reserve in advance please call **07583 165175**, email **musicanova@rocketmail.com** or ask at the church.

For more information about Musica Nova please visit **www.musicanova.co.uk**

Christians have taken action to promote biodiversity for Season of Creation 2019

Church-goers across the world have been in wellies in recent weeks, in order to clean local waterways, plant trees and promote wild areas in churchyards as part of a global initiative to encourage biodiversity and help stem the effects of climate change.

From 1st September to 4th October Christians around the world, including from the Church of England, have joined together for the Season of Creation, a festival of prayer and community action to help protect the natural world.

An Ecumenical initiative launched in 1989, Season of Creation was given a major boost by Pope Francis in 2016 when, speaking before nearly two million people at the World Youth Day in Krakow, he declared 1st September an annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation.

And with devastating wildfires in the Amazon and Siberia, the hottest late August Bank Holiday on record in the UK, and global wildlife populations reported to have reduced by 60% between 1970 and 2014, more and more people are being moved to action.

Under its full theme 'The Web of Life: Biodiversity as God's blessing', Season of Creation 2019 encourages churches and communities to hold sustainability events, including cleaning local waterways, planting trees and allowing churchyards and other spaces to grow wild in order to encourage biodiversity. Participants are also challenged to photograph and share images that celebrate the biodiversity around their church on social media using #SeasonofCreation.

The Bishop of Salisbury, Nicholas Holtam a member of the Season of Creation Steering panel who also chairs the Church of England's Environmental Working Group, said:

"We love the beauty of the earth. The fires in the Amazon show how interconnected we are in this beautiful, wonderful, fragile planet. We know there are serious issues to address if we are going to care for God's earth. Season of Creation is a chance once again to give thanks for the gifts of creation, to pray and act in ways that care for God's creation and address the issues of climate change and the depletion of species. It is the joyful, hopeful responsibility of people throughout the world and particularly of the Church which is both local and global."

Churchyards are important for their habitats and as refuges for wildlife and plant life. Most churches have some green space. And in some urban areas they are the only green 'breathing' space available for both wildlife and people. It is estimated that six out of 10 churches in this country have churchyards, roughly equalling the area of a small national park. They are a precious resource which can make a huge difference to the biodiversity of the UK.

The theme encapsulates two theological principles, that all creation comes from God, and that humans play a part in it. The Church of England has collated online resources to equip churches, communities and individuals to respond and pray during the Season of Creation 2019. It also provides resources for prayer and worship throughout the year here, and practical advice on biodiversity. For more information and resources, visit churchofengland.org/seasonofcreation

Marriage registration changes on the way!

The Government plans to introduce a new system of registration for marriages, including church weddings, in England and Wales. It is anticipated that the new system will replace traditional marriage registers with a new ‘marriage document’ to be signed by the couple at the wedding and lodged with the local register office.

Although no date has been set for implementing the new system, representatives of the Church of England, together with the Church in Wales and the Faculty Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury, have been in discussion with the General Register Office on how it will be introduced. It is expected that the General Register Office will provide training and information for clergy. Details will be announced as soon as possible.

The Revd Dr Malcolm Brown, the Church of England’s Director of Mission and Public Affairs, said: “We are in close discussions with the General Register Office, who are working hard to ensure that the change in the system of registering marriages is as smooth and seamless as possible.

“I want to reassure clergy and couples planning a marriage that we are absolutely committed to making the new system work within the context of a Church of England marriage service and the GRO has promised to provide training and comprehensive user-friendly information for clergy. We are currently in discussion with the GRO about the exact shape that will take and will update clergy as soon as the details have been finalised. Although no firm date has yet been set for the introduction of the new system, we are aware of the desire to implement it as soon as possible. A church wedding is a very special day where unique promises are made before God and in the presence of friends, family and the wider community in a timeless setting, marking the beginning of their married lives together.”

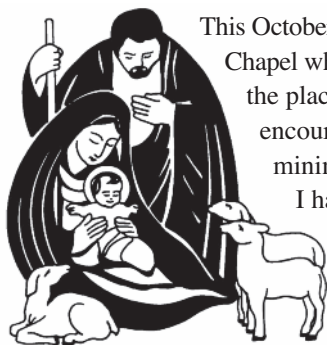
More details at: <http://www.facultyoffice.org.uk/special-licences/marriage-law-news/>



Serenity

Do not force the pace of life, though much you have to do. Take time for being quiet, a minute, maybe two - to make a break from all that drives you on from day to day. Give yourself a chance to stop, to think, perhaps to pray. You need to soothe the jangled nerves and calm the worried mind. To ease the overburdened heart, to rest and to unwind. Find peace within yourself and stronger you will be - having learned the precious secret of serenity.

God is faithful



This October I will be speaking at the 83rd anniversary of the Methodist Chapel where I grew up. It is a privilege and an honour to return to the place where I came to know Christ some 50 years ago, and to encourage the folks who have served faithfully in this little mining village over many years.

I have it in mind to speak to them about the faithfulness of God, the fact that God has never let us down and never will. That is the rock on which our Christian witness rests – the utter reliability of God. Like a good preacher there are three things I want to say:

God IS faithful. It is His nature to remain the same and not to change. This is why we can rely on Him and His promises, and believe that His purposes will come to pass. He will never change His mind or renege on His word. Over the years this is one of the most reassuring things we come to know about our God.

God HAS BEEN faithful. A backward glance is more than simple nostalgia. It enables us to see the many times when God demonstrated His love and power towards us. Our history (both personally and as communities) confirms to us that God has never let us down or failed us. It is worth telling some of the stories in our shared experience to remind us of this. Memories reinforce our faith for the future. We must not live in the past, but we must learn from it.

God WILL BE faithful. The nature of God and our experience of His ways provides the basis for our trust when looking to the future. What He has promised will come to pass; what He has started will be completed. When times are uncertain and the future unknown, this is the bedrock of our faith. Hudson Taylor, the great missionary to China, translated Mark 11:22 as ‘Hold the faithfulness of God.’ It is not our faith that matters as much as the faithfulness of God. That is the ground of our hope. *The Rev Tony Horsfall*



God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.
Give to each a place, O Lord.

Amen



All things come from You, and of Your own do we... not give back much!



Jesus taught a great deal about money and its dangers. Most of His parables concerned money in one form or another. He used the word 'Mammon' to describe a false financial god, saying "You can't serve God and Mammon."

So, a right attitude to money is essential for Christians. Until we are released from the straitjacket of putting money before God, that blocked soul-artery will impede our way to God.

Once we are liberated from the control money has over us, we can be lavish in our giving – with a sense of exuberance. St Paul puts it like this: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

St Paul spent ten years raising funds for the impoverished Church in Jerusalem where there was a serious famine. The little and very poor Church in Macedonia gave way beyond their comfort zone. The relatively wealthy Church in Corinth gave little by comparison. Paul contrasts them. Miserable Corinthians; joyful Macedonians. Giving is fun. Christian giving becomes something that we share privately with Jesus. In Matthew Jesus taught that when we give, we should not let even our left hand know what our right hand is doing.

God is generous to us, so when we are generous, we share a secret with Him. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich."

So – giving money away makes you happy! Giving to God is giving back what He has already given to us. It's not the quantity we give, it's the percentage of what we have. A right attitude to money is vital for Christians.



Dear Lord, you are our comfort and all the love we have in our hearts. Please make us share that love with all your people.

For children everywhere grow in the love of God. Walk in the light of Jesus and live with the Holy Spirit in your heart.

Be not afraid ask the Holy Spirit to live in your heart, then you will fell at one with God and the Lord Jesus. You will feel the love flow through you and you can share it with others. Thank you Holy Trinity for love everlasting.

Thank you Lord for being with me in all difficult times.

Operation Christmas Child 2019

Otilia grew up in Romania with her parents and two younger sisters. She recalls that they had a loving childhood but times were tough and their parents worked very hard to provide for them. Both parents were Christians, not an easy thing even after the 1989 revolution, and active members of their local church.



Christmas in Romania is a very special time but, with money short and a very limited choice of products available in the shops, the girls did not usually receive gifts at Christmas. Sometimes their father would receive fruit or sweets from his employer and these would be given to the children as a Christmas gift. Imagine then the joy and excitement when, at the end of the Christmas Eve service in church the children there (50 or 60 of them) were each presented with a shoebox of gifts. Otilia still remembers the contents of her shoebox, the colouring pencils, the toys and, most of all, the lovely warm hat. She loved the hat so much that she still has it today, 20 years later!

The memory of receiving an Operation Christmas Child shoebox made that Christmas extra special for Otilia and, like the hat, it has remained with her throughout her life. "I really appreciated that someone I'd never met would send me such a lovely gift, all because of the love of Jesus", Otilia says, and "For that reason, every year since I married and moved to England, I've packed and sent shoeboxes myself, because I know myself the joy that the child who receives it will have, and I hope that each and every shoebox will help millions of children around the world realise how great is God's love for them".

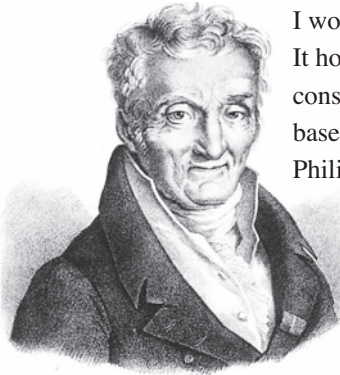
If you would like to send a message of hope and love to a child, who would otherwise receive nothing this Christmas, then please consider packing a shoebox with simple gifts and presenting it, in church, at the start of our 10.00am Service on Sunday 10th November. Boxes can also be left in church at any time up to Sunday 12th November.

Practical details

You will need an OCC leaflet for each box you pack as the leaflet contains not only advice on suitable contents (permitted by import regulations) but also a label for your box and details of how to make your donation towards transport costs. Leaflets will be available in church. Pre-printed shoeboxes will also be available at a cost of 50p each (sorry about that but I have had to buy them!) *Michael Aiers*

“Let he who is without sin cast the first stone” (John 8:7)

Most of the congregation at All Saints’ Cheadle Hulme have lived through more change than any previous generation. Developments in science and technology have been mind-boggling but equally as significant has been the reformation in our understanding of morality.



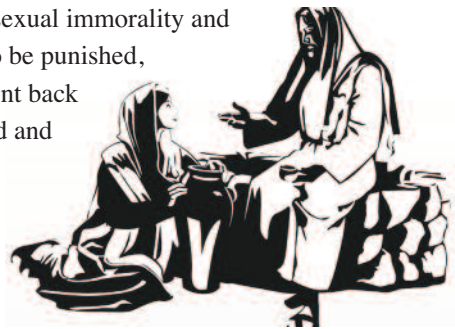
I worked in what was originally called a lunatic asylum. It housed 3000 patients. Built in 1833 it was at that time considered the latest in the treatment of mental illness based on the theories of an enlightened French physician Philippe Pinel.

A number of famous people passed through its wards. In Victorian times for a few pence they could be watched for entertainment, “lunatics” cavorting in a basement area next to the spot where I worked. Just down the corridor were long-stay wards.

I passed these daily. The first was full of very old ladies seated around the room in silence. One lady often called out for attention. I learned that she, and most of the others, were admitted in the early years of the twentieth century and classed as Moral Defectives. Their defect? They had given birth to a baby out of wedlock.

By the mid-twentieth century the concept of immorality and the idea of sin was changing. Sadly, these old women were too institutionalised to be discharged from the asylum though they were found to be perfectly sane.

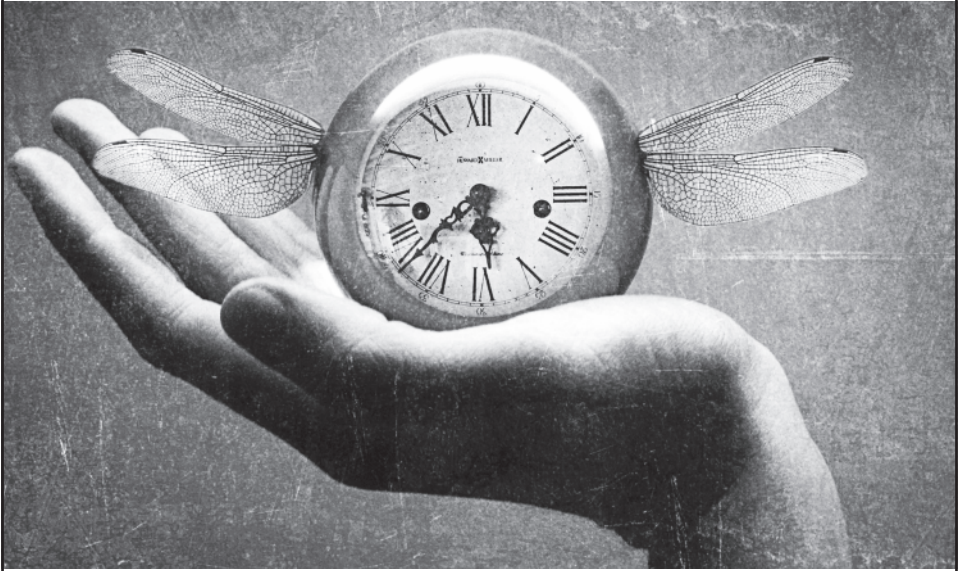
Jesus was told about a woman found guilty of sexual immorality and of breaking a Commandment. She was about to be punished, killed by stoning. He turned the moral judgement back on her accusers and she walked away unharmed and repentant.



Nobody knows what led those Mental Hospital women I knew to break the norms of society at the time. Whether guilty or not of the sins of fornication and adultery Jesus would have said to those relatives who locked the girls away in an asylum, “Unlock the doors. Throw away the keys. YOU are the sinners.”

“Judge not, that ye be not judged.” (Matthew 7:1) *GS*

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



Jemima

My name is Jemima and I have come to live in Heald Green with my new friends. I am an African doll who has travelled from Maria's Cave which is in Kamuli, a rural area in Uganda. It is a Primary School catering for 300 pupils of which 100 are boarders. It has facilities for deaf children. The school follows the Ugandan National Primary Curriculum and has excelled at the National level in Music, Drama and Dance. Sponsorship is needed for the children as this is a rather poor area in that country. With sponsorship some of the children have been able to attend secondary education and have attended Universities and Colleges in order to apply for jobs and so earn a wage and help their families. There are discussions in the pipeline to build a secondary school.

The charity also wants to develop vocational skills in computing and tailoring. If this is to occur more funds will have to be raised. Our family are pleased that we can sponsor this school so that the youngsters who come from poorer backgrounds can be helped to a better style of existence. The whole project is run on Christian principles and prayer is important to the running of the school. We pray every morning for their success.

A Prayer At Bedtime

I bring you my mistakes, Lord,
The failures of today,
I hope You will forgive them
And sweep them all away.

So many things I should have said,
The things I've left undone,
The battles I avoided,
And those I should have won.

Then when tomorrow comes, Lord,
A day unspoilt and new,
With all my failures left behind,
I'll start afresh with You.

Iris Hesselden



FRIDAY CLUB

During August there were no meetings of Friday Club and we had meetings again in September. We are a ladies group but we invite anyone who would like to come, to our open meetings. We charge £2 for visitors which includes tea, coffee and a biscuit. If any lady would wish to join she would be most welcome. We meet fortnightly on a Friday. From April to September we meet at 7.30pm but in the coming darker nights from October to March we meet at 2.00pm on a Friday afternoon.

Friday 6th September 2019 - Beetle Drive

We opened our meeting with a prayer for one of our members, Anne Bagley, who recently lost her fight with cancer. She will be sadly missed.

Elva volunteered to do the coffees and teas which was much appreciated by us all. Elva too, had a bright idea to decrease the racket of the rolling and shaking of the dice. She brought some paper cups as containers which made the proceeding twelve rounds of Beetle so much quieter and we finished the evening without our ears ringing!



We enjoyed beetle very much even though ours is a bit deformed as it has only four legs instead of the anatomically correct six. Two happy high scorers went home with some chocolates and the two lowest scorers were each consoled with some small notelets. After our refreshments we finished our chats and went home.

Dates for Your Diary

4th Oct Mrs Pankhurst and the Suffragettes - George Eccleston 2.00pm

18th Oct The History of Arighi Bianchi - Mick Bianchi 2.00pm

Please note: Both the above talks are open meetings and all are welcome.

24th Oct Corporate Communion for Friday Club at 10.00am ALL WELCOME



Lily, Keith and Carrie Mitchelhill would like to thank the people of All Saints for all their prayers, kindness and cards and flowers during Ron's illness and subsequent death. The comfort and support we received was overwhelming and we appreciated it very much. We felt surrounded by a cocoon of love.

Best way to enjoy the Bible? Be like a dog with a bone!

Sarah brought her beautiful dog Bobby to a Quiet Morning at church. He was very well behaved and loved all the attention he received. As we began our time together Sarah gave him a bone to chew on, and he settled down contentedly, enjoying his own experience of 'heaven'! The expression came into my mind, 'like a dog with a bone', and watching Bobby at work further confirmed my thinking. Here before us was a wonderful example of what it means to meditate on Scripture – to slowly and patiently chew things over in our mind until we begin to grasp internally what God is saying to us. The Bible encourages us to meditate in this way. Think of Psalm 1, where we read about the godly person 'whose delight is in the law of the Lord and who meditates on His law, day and night (v2).' Think also of Joshua who was told, 'Keep this book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it (Joshua 1:8). Mary did this as well, when at the birth of Jesus she 'treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart (Luke 2:19).'

Perhaps sometimes we don't spend enough time with Scripture, letting its truth soak into our minds and pondering its meaning and application to our lives. The spiritual discipline of Bible meditation helps us to do just that. Why not take a verse of Scripture that has caught your attention recently, and chew it over as you go through the day, looking at it this way and that way until you feel you have received the goodness it contains?

Flyers overhead

There are up to 10,000 different kinds of birds in the world, and with about 530 different kinds in Israel alone, no wonder birds get a frequent mention in the Bible.

Noah released a dove from the ark to look for dry ground. A stork, an ostrich and an eagle are mentioned in Job. Quails were food for the Israelites in the desert. Elijah was fed by ravens. Proverbs refers to sparrows chirping on rooftops. Peter denied Jesus before the cock crowed.

A dove descending is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. The flight of the eagle reminds us of freedom and the renewal of strength. The psalmist uses wings as a symbol for the protection of God in times of trouble. Isaiah likens a bird hovering over its nest, to protect its young, to describe God's protection of Jerusalem. Jesus yearned to gather the people of Jerusalem to Him as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings.

Jesus also compared us with sparrows: "For only a penny you can buy two sparrows, yet not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Father's consent...so do not be afraid; you are worth much more than many sparrows!" (Matt 10:29-30)

For Jesus encourages us to know that each one of us is significant to God. He knows us personally, and, in His sight, we are precious and of great value. Let's raise our eyes heavenward and when we see all the birds flying overhead this autumn, let's give thanks to God. Like them, we can be confident, for we are always in His loving care.

A new centre for Pioneer Mission in Cumbria

The Bishop of Penrith recently paddled a canoe across Derwentwater to celebrate the launch of a Northern Centre of pioneering mission in Cumbria. The Rt Rev Dr Emma Ineson crossed to St Herbert's Island to mark the formal collaboration between the Diocese of Carlisle – the Church of England in Cumbria – and CMS.

From 2020 the Northern Centre will offer the CMS Certificate in Pioneer Mission and is for people looking to develop both their understanding and practice of pioneering mission. Study will be based around six modules: pioneering mission, reflective practice in context, church in mission, reading the Bible, missional leadership and mission entrepreneurship.

Bishop Emma said: “We are delighted to be able to announce this exciting new collaboration with Church Mission Society. This will provide so many new ways in which a wide range of people can explore what pioneering mission could look like for them here in Cumbria and, indeed, across the whole of the north of England and southern Scotland.”

Pioneers connect with people outside the Church, creating new ways of being Church together in their community. They are innovative leaders with a gift for seeing what God is doing and responding creatively to it.

This new collaboration will also see the joint roll-out of a third conference on Fresh Expressions (new forms of church) to be held in the county in November as well as the potential development of a redundant church as a new pioneering arts hub.

Such developments echo new research which shows an estimated 50,000 people now worship in Fresh Expressions of church, accounting for 15% of congregations in the Church of England. To capitalise on the success of this movement the Church of England plans to identify and train up to 6,000 new pioneer ministers in the next decade. The Northern Centre for Pioneer Mission is part of a growing network of training hubs for lay pioneers that CMS is developing in partnership with dioceses around the UK.

People can register their interest in training at the new centre at:

pioneer.churchmissionsociety.org/locations/pioneer-mission-leadership-training-north

Please Lord guide me in all I say, do and think, so that I will not hurt anyone in word, deed or thought.

See what God blessed you with. Learn how to use it. Then give it freely to others.

Put your piece of the jigsaw in the body of Christ, here on Earth.

If you have a negative thought, cap it with a positive one.

I wait, I hope, I pray you will all love each other the rest of your days.

In praise of grandparents!



6th October is 'Grandparents Day'. Grandparents in the UK number about 17 million, or more than one in four of the adult population.

Grandparents average out at 68 years of age, have four grandchildren who live 10 miles away, and who spend five hours per visit.

Grandparents have multiple roles as their grandchildren grow up: playmates, teachers, confidants, spiritual guides, mentors, role models and nurturers, as well as pray-ers. They also can

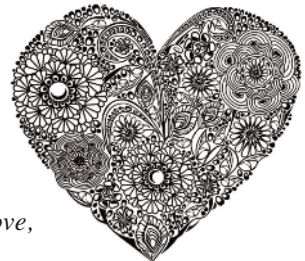
keep children's milestones, family history and family events alive. Grandchildren will often discuss their personal concerns with a trusted grandparent. Grandparents are also important for the UK economy! Nine million of them looked after their grandchildren in 2017. On average they did so for eight hours a week, and 96% received no payment.

Research has found that if grandparents go to church regularly, 60% of their grandchildren are likely to go to church also. Grandparental example is followed! As about 10% of UK grandparents are churchgoers, would a church 'Grandparents' Group,' to help grandparents meet, discuss issues and pray for their grandchildren be useful? Moses' injunction to the Israelites "not to forget the things your eyes have seen make them known to your children and children's children" (Deuteronomy 4:9) is a constant challenge, but Psalm 92:14 is a wonderful promise!

Grandparents' Day in the UK is the first Sunday in October. Should we put that day in our church diary for a special celebration of our grandparents?



*Give a little kindness,
Give it every day,
Give a little tenderness
As you go on your way.
The well of love is endless,
And as long as you may live,
You'll find the more you give your love,
The more there'll be to give.*



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



All Saints' Website and Facebook



Keep up to date with news and events on the All Saints' website. Find out about our charity work, community groups and listen to recent sermons.



Please contact Sarah Ball on: comms@allsaintsheadleholme.org.uk with any stories and updates.

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Church Open



There will be no Saturday Coffee Morning this month.
The next one will be on November 9th.

MENS SOCIETY

Monthly meetings on the first Thursday, September to May, at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room (unless otherwise stated). After the talk there is a short question and answer session followed by tea, coffee and biscuits.

The upcoming programme includes:

Thursday 3 October **Illustrated talk by a National Trust Ranger**

Thursday 7 November **The Archeology of Stockport - talk by Norman Redhead**

Although this group is attended by men, if you are interested in hearing any of the speakers you will be most welcome to come along.

Chairman: Bradley Torbitt (0161 486 9387)

Secretary: Mike Parry (0161 485 7886)

This is the day to start anew
 And make all those hidden dreams come true,
 To find a smoother path to tread
 And to see the rainbow up ahead.
 This is the day to lend a hand
 Let someone know you understand,
 A time to give, a time to share,
 And show the troubled world your care.
 A day to seek once more and find
 A ray of hope and peace of mind,
 To count your blessings, one by one,
 Enjoying rain and wind and sun.
 Step out with joy along your way,
 This is the time, this is the day!

Iris Hesselden



We wish them love to make them strong
 For all they have to do,
 We wish them wings to lift their hopes
 And make their dreams come true.
 We wish them many helping hands
 When plans all go astray,
 And ever more encouragement
 To meet another day.
 We wish them laughter and success
 And all life has in store,
 A cheerful mind, a happy heart
 To help their spirits soar.
 We wish them joy and peace and hope
 To combat hurt or sorrow,
 We wish them all a better world -
 The children of tomorrow.

Iris Hesselden



These simple lines are from a hymn for children:

*Think of a world without any flowers,
 Think of a world without any trees,
 Think of a sky without any sunshine,
 Think of the air without any breeze.
 Think of a world without any animals,
 Think of a field without any herd,
 Think of a stream without any fishes,
 Think of a dawn without any bird.*

Yes, it makes you think, doesn't it? And I don't know about you, but it makes me grateful.

See Christ as a
 place to rest when
 your troubles are
 hard upon you.
 Go to Christ
 with a loving
 heart when
 the day is over.
 To your body
 and mind peace
 will come.



Drop Thy still dews of quietness
 Til all our strivings cease;
 Take from our souls the strain and stress,
 And let our ordered lives confess
 The beauty of Thy peace.
 May you experience peace of mind today.





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Grant awarded for research into Messy Churches

The Church of England is to fund new research to help deepen the faith of families and children attending ‘Messy Churches’ – non-traditional church gatherings that attract tens of thousands of worshippers across the country. A grant of £100,000 has been awarded to the Church of England’s Evangelism and Discipleship Team to study deepening the discipleship of Messy Church congregations. The study will be focused on Messy Churches in Bristol, Durham and Hereford dioceses. The Messy Church movement was set up by the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) 15 years ago, offering mainly families and children food, activities such as arts, crafts and sports and worship. The movement has become worldwide, with churches meeting on Saturdays and weekdays as well as Sundays. Insights from the work will be used to help inform the ongoing work of developing new forms of church gatherings – known as ‘Fresh Expressions’ – in the Church of England. A recent Church of England background paper found that 50,000 people attend 2,000 Messy Churches in Anglican churches who do not normally engage with their church. The Church Army published research earlier this year showing that one in five – or 21% of Messy Churches had held baptisms and 13% reported child or adult confirmations. Lucy Moore, Messy Church Founder and team leader, said: “We’re looking forward to working together with the pioneering teams in each diocese to find out what approaches make the most difference in coming closer to Christ. It’s an opportunity for local teams to benefit from expert advice and take part in something of international significance.” Heather Cracknell, The Church of England’s Head of Development for Fresh Expressions, said: “Messy Church has proved an excellent way to strengthen parish mission by reaching those that traditional church finds it hard to connect with. It is also a great way for people who wouldn’t call themselves pioneers to start something new, with confidence in the materials they can draw on and the supportive community they can be part of. And how encouraging the research findings are: so many people discovering faith with their families.” Tim Ling, Church Army’s Director of Learning and Development, said: “We are excited to be partnering with the Church of England and BRF on this important project, which builds on the outcomes of our previous Playfully Serious research. “The action research process we are facilitating will help local Messy Church leaders consider how best to deepen discipleship and generate valuable new insights for the wider Church.”



*All around, confusion,
All around, helplessness,
People lost in the bad news of every day.*

*Longing for purpose,
Searching for security and significance
Here in the white field of our generation.*

*The harvest is still great,
The workers are still few,
But the Lord of the harvest is the same*

*Yesterday, today and forever,
And this is his field.*

*He planted, he will give growth
If we will be his workforce
And go out into the field – where he
already is –*

*To gather the harvest
Of his kingdom compassion.*

*Lord of the harvest,
In your grace, we pray, send us.*

By Daphne Kitching



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- 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.*

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Aged 91
- Sept 6 Mary Hensby
(at Stockport Crematorium)
Died 12th August 2019
Aged 99
- Sept 12 Alfred James Weall
Died 28th August 2019
Aged 90

The Hand of God

*In everything both great and small
We see The Hand of God in All,
And every day somewhere, some place,
We see The Likeness of His Face.
For who can watch a new day's birth
Or touch the warm life-giving earth,
Or feel the softness of the breeze
Or look at skies through lacy trees
And say they've never seen His face
Or looked upon His throne of grace!*

Helen Steiner Rice



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