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Shine as a light to the world Mt 5:16

ALL SAINTS

The Parish Magazine
of All Saints' Parish Church,
Cheadle Hulme

INFORMATION PAGE

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion (2nd in month)
10.00am Parish Eucharist
6.30pm Evensong

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Holy Communion

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)

JAMES GROUP

The James Group 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

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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
jacquie.metcalfe@cheadlescouts.org.uk

Brownies: (11th Cheadle Hulme)
Meet on a Monday 6.00pm - 7.15pm at
Thorn Grove.
Jo Taylor
brownow11thcheadlehulme@yahoo.com

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





The James Group – Praying for Everyone

Within our church of All Saints, we have a prayer group whose members are dedicated to praying in confidence for those who are sick and those who are in need.

At this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, the James Group would like to offer to pray for any in our church and the wider community who are in need of prayer.

This may be prayer for a particular loss, prayer for help and strength to care for others, or prayer for how we are feeling today, tomorrow, when the days ahead seem difficult. Our challenges and

adversities come in all shapes and sizes, by presenting them to the God who loves us, our hearts become open to His healing power and His love.

In prayer we are embraced by His love as our act of prayer is in God's presence; consciously being with the Father. These days are not any that we are used to. God is in our fragile world with us, He is there to help us, all we have to do is ask. If you have a particular need you would like prayer for, please do contact me, Pastoral Worker, Linda Ackerley by email. I will then willingly activate personal prayers to be said for you on a daily basis by a member of the James Group. This prayer will be confidential and details will not be discussed outside of the James Prayer Group.

May this prayer of St. Teresa bring you and those you love and care for comfort at this time:

*Let nothing disturb you,
Nothing destroy you;
All things pass, but God never changes.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
If you only have God, you have more than enough.*

With my prayers as we look in hope to the future,
Linda Ackerley, Pastoral Worker

Please note: Following the latest measures introduced to deal with the coronavirus emergency, the church is now sadly closed until further notice.



**Would you like us to pray for
you or a friend?**

prayers@allsaintschadlehulme.org.uk

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#FaithAtHome aims to make prayer a household habit

The Church of England has recently launched #FaithAtHome, a new programme which it is hoped will “make prayer a household habit once again.”

#FaithAtHome will feature weekly video content to help families to talk about faith and pray together. The videos will be led by children, young people, staff and school leaders from across the country.

The #FaithAtHome programme will run for an initial 11 weeks, until the end of July, and can be accessed at churchofengland.org/faiathome. It will explore themes including courage, patience, generosity, resilience, love and hope.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, said: “The aim of these resources is to offer simple ways for families and households to approach complex and difficult topics, such as illness, fear and bereavement. The coronavirus pandemic has forced people to confront difficult and painful questions that none of us can explore on our own. My hope and prayer is that #FaithAtHome will not only equip children and young people to engage with difficult questions, but also inspire them.”

The Church of England’s Chief Education Officer, Nigel Genders said: “Home is the new normal, and faith at home is a habit we need to rediscover. #FaithAtHome will offer people of all ages and faith backgrounds a chance to pause, think and reflect, and to rebuild lost habits of prayer and faithful reflection in the home.”



In the Day of Trouble

*There is a God who answers prayer
Who intercedes before the throne
The Son of God who ever cares
Who walks with us, we're not alone.*

*Though flood and pestilence should come
He sees the path that we now tread
His rod and staff will comfort us
He knows the days that lie ahead.*

*We trust in Him who knows all things
And lift our prayers to heaven above
Our confidence is all in Him
Encompassed by unfailing love.*

Megan Carter



Christians Against Poverty concerned at rising level of household debt

“The coronavirus crisis will push thousands of households to the brink.” So warns a spokesman for CAP, the charity which helps people in debt.

So, while CAP approves the Government’s recent £20 per week boost for those on Universal Credit and those receiving Tax Credits, “what many won’t realise is that a staggering 2.83 million people will still fall through a gap in this vital provision.

“These people are those who are still receiving ‘old style’ benefits that Universal Credit is designed to replace things like Job Seeker’s Allowance (JSA) or Employment Support Allowance (ESA).

“Around one in five of our clients will therefore miss out on the Government’s support package, which is worth more than £1,000 over the next year.”

In all, CAP has listed three further changes it would like to see the Government make:

- Increase Job Seeker’s Allowance and Employment Support Allowance by £20 per week.
- Increase Local Housing Allowance (LHA) rates to the median market rents.
- Suspend the benefit cap during the pandemic.



In the meantime, CAP has launched a coronavirus emergency appeal to provide everything from emergency food packages to fuel vouchers, to crucial mobile phone credit to help those who are isolated stay connected during this time. It points out that one in five adults in the UK has less than £100 in savings, and that 38% of their clients’ debt is priority debts like rent, Council Tax and utility bills. If you can help, go to www.capuk.org



Shield me

*O may God shield me, and may God fill,
O may God watch me, and may God hold;
O may God bring me where peace is still,
To the King’s land, eternity’s fold.
Praise to the Father, praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit, the Three in One.*

From The Creed Prayer, poems of the Western Highlanders



A biblical plague of locusts

A new wave of crop-eating locusts has been devastating East Africa, just as communities are also dealing with an increase of coronavirus cases.

At the start of 2020, Ethiopia and Somalia faced the biggest invasion of the insects in 25 years – and the worst in Kenya and Uganda for 70 years. The locusts also reached parts of South Sudan, where millions of people are already suffering from severe food shortages amid conflict and political instability. The latest plague could be 20 times larger. The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), is calling it ‘an unprecedented threat’ to food supplies and jobs.

Yet tackling the locusts will be even harder now that coronavirus has forced governments to close their borders. With severely reduced air travel and cargo shipping, pesticides from Europe and Asia can’t get into the countries – and to the farmers – that need them. Tearfund is asking governments to recognise activities responding to the locust swarms as essential services, so that they can continue despite the restrictions on travel.

‘The locust plague, together with the coronavirus pandemic, could mean all the work Tearfund supports communities with is on the brink of collapsing,’ says Ephraim Tsegay, Tearfund’s Country Director for Ethiopia.

‘If the second wave of locusts is not prevented before it inflicts further damage, more people will be forced to leave their homes to find food, land for their animals to graze, and an income elsewhere. It will also make people more vulnerable to coronavirus.’

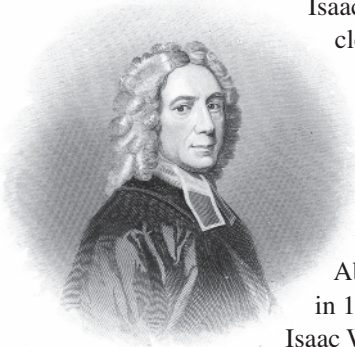
Terry Waite – on coping with lockdown

Terry Waite spent four years in solitary confinement in Beirut. He says: “In isolation, it is easy to become introspective and depressed. All of us, when we are honest and examine ourselves critically, will discover things about ourselves of which we are not especially proud. I had to learn how to grow a greater acceptance of myself and work towards a deeper inner harmony.

“.... Today in lockdown, it’s important to keep yourself well. Don’t slob around all day in pyjamas and a dressing gown. Dress properly and develop a routine. It’s important to have a structure – get up at a certain time, eat regular meals and so on.

“If you have faith, then that will give you resources to draw on”, especially if you know some hymns, psalms and prayers by heart. “When I was captured, they were there to call on.”

Hymn Writer Honoured - By a Change of Name



Isaac Watts never visited Cheadle Hulme, but his name is closely linked with a local landmark. He was born in 1674 in Southampton, to Independent (non-conformist) parents; he went to school locally, and in 1690, to the Independent Academy at Stoke Newington, then a village just north of London. After the Academy, Isaac made his life in Stoke Newington working as a tutor, and becoming acquainted with Sir Thomas Abney of Abney House, who was Lord Mayor of London in 1700.

Isaac Watts was called into the Christian ministry, becoming Assistant Pastor in 1698, and Pastor in 1700, of the Mark Lane Independent congregation. He worked hard, preaching, training pastors, and writing hymns. But he was not physically strong, and in 1712 fell ill of an incapacitating fever that forced him to resign his post. Sir Thomas Abney invited him to stay at Abney House for a short while. The “short while” became extended indefinitely and when Sir Thomas died in 1722 Lady Abney invited him to remain. Isaac Watts spent thirty-six years of his life within the Abney household; he never returned to the pulpit, but spent his time writing sermons for publication, devotional books, and hymns.

His hymns became very popular, spreading far beyond the Independent congregation. We have twenty in our Anglican hymnal today, including songs of praise, confidence and hope:

“O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come . . .”

“Jesus shall reign where’er the sun doth his successive journeys run . . .”

And the hymn which means so much to so many, described by Matthew Arnold as “the finest hymn in the English language”:

“When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died . . .”

Isaac Watts died in 1748. One hundred years later, in Cheadle, an imposing mansion was built, home for the mayor of Stockport, but he died the year it was completed.

The house, known as The Grove, was sold to Sir James Watts (no relation to Isaac) who owned Watts Warehouse in Manchester (now the Britannia Hotel). Sir James and his family were devout Christians; his son, also James, persuaded his father to change the name of their home from The Grove, to Abney Hall, to honour Sir Thomas and Lady Abney, who, he said “entertained Sir Isaac Watts the great hymn-writer, for thirty years”. He was wrong about the “Sir”, and it was more than thirty years, but he was right to honour those who provided security to a great hymn-writer in his hour of need.

Abney Hall has seen many changes, Agatha Christie was a frequent visitor; it is now a corporate headquarters. A modern residential home now stands in the walled garden, offering care and security to local people in their hour of need. *Douglas Scarisbrick*

Without the Trinity there is no Christianity



The Trinity is easier to say than to explain. Christians believe in one God, made up of three equal Persons. It is fundamental to the Nicene Creed, which sets out the definitive doctrine of the Trinity for more than two billion Christians worldwide, including all Roman Catholics, Eastern Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutherans, Presbyterians and Reformed Christians.

The theologian Ian Paul, writing on the Book of Revelation, points out that chapter five has a wonderful depiction of the Trinity in action. He writes: “...another figure appears in the drama, the lion who looks

like a lamb. ... Here is the one who fulfils the hopes of God’s people Israel, as the promised anointed Davidic king who was to come. Here is one who is fierce and powerful enough to conquer their enemies, and tear them apart.

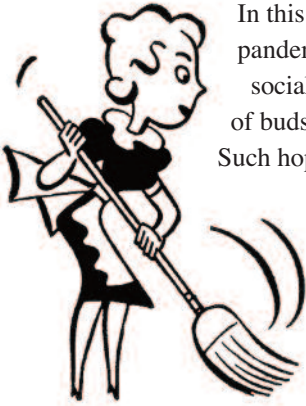
“And yet when John sees Him, He is like a weak and vulnerable lamb who has been slaughtered, just as the Passover lamb eaten by the people, the suffering servant who was ‘wounded for our transgressions’ and the lamb offered as an atoning sacrifice. He is the one who was slain, but now stands, and shares the throne with God, and with Him sends the Spirit to enact His will on earth. Here we have the most explicit (and perhaps the most complex) Trinitarian statement in the whole New Testament.”

*From the Rev Dr Ian Paul’s excellent blog at:
www.psephizo.com/revelation/what-does-rev-4-5-tell-us-about-the-trinity/*

“I think one of the big effects is there’s a renewal of the sense that we all belong to Christ... I’ve been deeply moved by the services I’ve participated in; they’ve reached out in a way that surprised me and that is, I think, a sign of the work of the Spirit... We’re finding this all over the country. There are so many clergy streaming from really basic facilities, finding huge numbers of people online with them, and making a huge impact.”
Archbishop Justin Welby



Looking for Hope Amongst the Clutter



In this strange locked down season, because of the coronavirus pandemic, I've noticed a change in the type of pictures posted on social media. In place of the look-here-at-me selfies are snapshots of buds opening to display the colours of spring.

Such hopeful images counterbalance gloomy statistics in the news media. There are also more memory pictures – this is what I was doing on this day years ago with people I love – I wish we could be together now. While we're not allowed to make the kind of memories depicted in those pictures, we find comfort in memories we already have.

One thing I've done with this unexpected free time is to organize printed photographs into albums. The photos and the albums have been there for a while, waiting for me to get a round tuit. You remember the old joke? Imagine people finding their round tuits in cupboards and drawers all over the country. How would you use yours? To sow seeds that had not been planted? To read the book gathering dust on a shelf?

What else needs tackling? Now may be an ideal time to face the daunting corner where clutter lurks. Daunting because of what you may disturb among age-old piles of unsorted belongings. Looking squarely at the past may be an unwelcome prospect. It makes us face uncomfortable questions. Projects we may never finish, equipment we cannot use any more, objects of attachment from people we've lost. Isn't that like what we're doing as a nation in these unprecedented times? Issues we have been avoiding are suddenly highlighted through unfamiliar circumstances.

There is much talk about how we're looking forward to getting back to normal on the other side of this international crisis. Some people say they hope things will have changed, that normal will not look the same as it used to, because we have learned valuable lessons about what really matters in life. It's up to us whether or not we rise to the challenge, to reorganize society more fairly, to care more for the environment.

By myself I cannot change the world, but I'm determined to look after the little space that is in my care, not to let it be overwhelmed with needless clutter. Be brave.

Use this negative time to make a positive change in your small corner. If you choose to sort it out, I guarantee that amidst all the mess you will find at least one thing, however small, to bring you joy – even if it's just a clean and tidy corner.



FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

Theologian, Mystic and Reformer

"The Lady of the Lamp" - Florence Nightingale - is known and celebrated for her reforming zeal and innovations in the treatment of the wounded in the Crimean War and in hospitals thereafter. It is her famous surname that was given to the hospitals rapidly constructed to help in the strategy for treating and controlling the pandemic that first appeared in Britain in 2020.

Florence was a devout Christian, an Anglican, but not an "orthodox" member of the Church of England. She has been described as an Anglican universalist. She leant towards the belief that ultimately ALL will be saved.

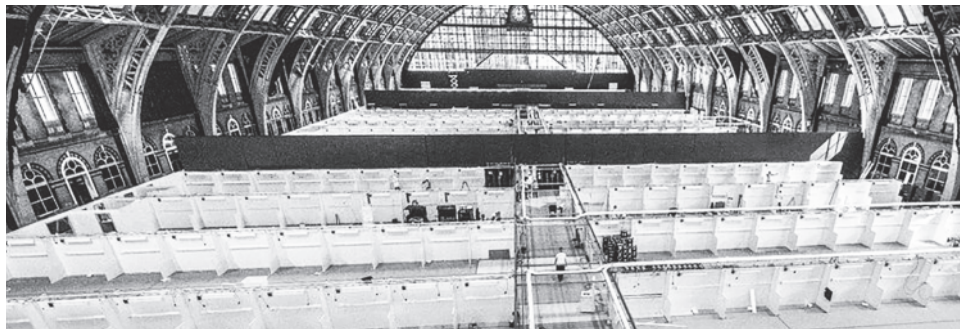
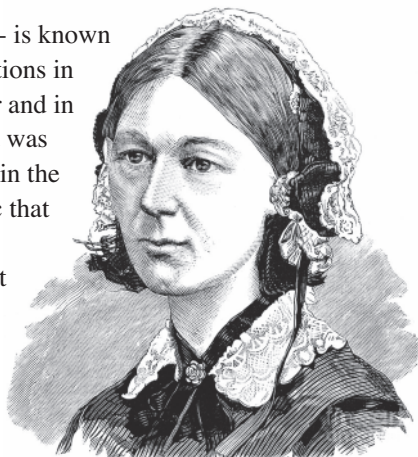
Universalism is a belief held by some Christians who see in the words and actions of Jesus a merciful Creator who IS Love. Though the Lord spoke of a time of judgement and a place of punishment many times, Universalists believe Hell will be empty.

Florence's theological work "Suggestions for Thought", questions a loving God who would condemn any soul to everlasting banishment and the fires of Hell. Her words and writings indicate that she became an Anglican believer in universal reconciliation.

She would sometimes comfort the dying with this view. Like the early saint and mystic Dame Julian of Norwich (1342 – 1416) she believed that "all shall be well, and all manner of thing shall be well".

In the broad denomination that is the Church of England such heterodox views are open for consideration and debate. Florence Nightingale would be pleased to know that this interpretation of the Good News is still a comforting position held by a number of our brothers and sisters in the pews.

Gay Saunders



The transformation of Manchester Central into the Nightingale Hospital of the North

June, A very special month of the year



August is often the month of the year which is referred to as being the “High Season”. This is reflected in the prices tour operators charge for the same holiday dependent on when one intends to travel. It is however, the month of June, on the 21st, to be precise, that should be described as the

true height of summer, it is this one day of the year that the midday sun will appear to be at its zenith. From that day on the sun will appear to be a little lower in the sky. So it is in June, before the traditional “summer holidays” are due to begin, that the hours of daylight begin to get noticeably shorter. I suggest that surely it is the month of June to which the term “high season” should more appropriately apply.

June 21st is the time of the Summer Solstice. It is also the time associated with “midsummer madness”, when those afflicted are sometimes said, paradoxically, to be “moonstruck”.

It is on this day when some of those individuals who are attracted to cults are inclined to ‘religiously’ follow in the footsteps of the ancient druids. At sunrise they gather at Stonehenge and other sacred sites, to offer up sacrifices to the sun.



When I first came to know the person who was to become my wife, we soon realised that we had many things in common. Similar tastes, similar sense of values, and overall, a similar outlook on life. We discovered, what may or not be seen as being simply coincidental, we were both born under the same ‘star sign’. Only four days separate our birthdays.

Those who take horoscopes seriously may point out that the ‘star sign’ for June is often depicted as twins. We are both Gemini. Neither of us, I must emphasize, is in the slightest bit attracted to the weird world of astrology. On the contrary, our mutual beliefs were firmly rooted in the doctrines and rituals of the Established Church of England.

So you can see that this month, the month of June, is a very special month for not just me alone, but for the two of us. *Claud Metson*



Christians and the bubonic plague of London

The Reverend Richard Peirson was one of the exceptions. Most of the other clergy in the City of London had fled the Great Plague in 1665, but Peirson stayed behind to look after the parishioners of St Bride's Church, Fleet Street, where he was Rector. The parish was densely populated and the pandemic was catastrophic. The church's register records 636 burials that year in the month of September alone, with 43 interred in one day.

Houses of infected people were marked with a red cross on the door, with occupants kept inside for 40 days. Handcarts were pulled along the city streets to cart away the bodies; the drivers' cries of "Bring out your dead", became etched in the memories of subsequent generations. Relatives were banned from attending funerals.

The official count numbered 68,596 deaths in London alone, but other estimates suggested two or three times that number. Bubonic plague – for that is what it was – was incurable. Poor people were fatalistic about it but complained that even their 'spiritual physicians' had abandoned them. Clergy of the Church of England were often supplanted by non-conformist preachers.

It wasn't just the St Bride's Rector who put his life in jeopardy by staying at his post. While most wealthy people, along with King Charles II and his court, escaped the plague-ridden city, Churchwarden Henry Clarke also chose to remain at the church. When he succumbed to the illness, his brother William took over. William survived for a fortnight.

Plague cases continued to occur sporadically at a modest rate until mid-1666. That year the Great Fire of London destroyed St Bride's Church and much of the City of London. It was rebuilt to a design by Christopher Wren, but almost obliterated once more in 1940 during World War II before being restored yet again.

Today's Rector, Canon Alison Joyce, says that compared with her predecessor Richard Peirson, she has it easy. Like everyone else, she is confined by the lockdown rules to her Rectory next to the church. But her pastoral work continues, and she collates sermons and archive music to create a Sunday webcast service. Alison writes, "these days it is a ministry of telephone calls, emails and Facetime. I offer such practical help and support to the vulnerable as I can... I keep a candle burning before our main altar and continue a ministry of prayer."

Alison says she is surprised when people regard the faith as a kind of celestial insurance policy against bad things happening to them. The first followers of Jesus knew that in dedicating their lives to following the crucified and risen Christ, their discipleship would take them into the very heart of darkness, not away from it. She adds, "Hope is no hope at all unless it can engage with utter despair and meaninglessness."

Reflected Faith: a string of beads

As you pray or simply spend time quietly at home, have you ever thought of using a rosary? Holding something can be very comforting.

A rosary has beads in groups of ten, a separation and then a single bead. This is repeated five times in a circle and then there's a different set of beads on a single line from that in a pattern of single, space, three beads, space, single and then at the end a crucifix.

A couple of years ago the Archbishop of York went on a pilgrimage around the Diocese of York of which he is also the Diocesan Bishop; visiting every Church of England church and church school. He was also welcomed into many other non-church places and situations.

Wherever he went he distributed a set of 'beads.' These were in sets of three beads, a space and a single bead repeated four times. At the central point of the circle was a wooden cross. As he spoke, he invited those around him to pray using the beads and then to continue to use them in their own time and in their own ways. All of us in our different personal circumstances are living in some isolation – as families with young children, teenagers, three generations, couples together, young singles, and the widowed. So many different situations but like those different strings of beads, whether as a single or in small groups, each is part of the whole and separated we may be but not alone.

This month: If you don't have a set of beads just get some string and make knots in it. As you pass the knots through your hands think of other people, situations and places and do include yourself and your own church. Perhaps say a traditional prayer on each bead or just use the words, 'Lord have mercy'.

Planted in the love of the Father

Planted in the love of the Father

You can grow, dear one,

You can grow.

Watered by the spring of the Spirit

His fruit you'll show,

His fruit you'll show.

And when the sun scorches,

And the thorns threaten,

And the storms around life's garden blow –

Your roots will hold, and hold secure,

Because you're planted in the love of the Father.

Daphne Kitching





FRIDAY CLUB

Friday 6 March 2020 World Day of Prayer 2:00pm at Grove Lane Baptist Church

This year the service is written by the Christian women of Zimbabwe and the theme is Rise! Take Your Mat and Walk. Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme arrange the service and take a turn each year to host the service.

Some weeks before the time of the service representatives from each church meet together to allot the various parts. Usually the host church's representative takes the part of the leader but in this year's booklet there are three leaders so Grove Lane produced Leader 1 and other churches Leaders 2 and 3. We sorted out the other parts and then went through the props we would need. The host church



was happy to provide refreshments and it was decided to provide a refreshing drink of water as guests came in as this would be a traditional welcome to a hot and weary visitor in Zimbabwe not that we are "hot" in England in March. It was also decided to give each visitor a short piece of sisal, a traditional product of Zimbabwe, as they left.

The day arrived and a table was covered in fabrics that displayed the colours of the Zimbabwean flag namely black to represent the majority of the population, green for the vegetation, red for the blood shed during the liberation struggle, yellow stands for gold and minerals and a white triangle represents peace which has a red star for hope with the national bird in it. The four bright colours are arranged in horizontal stripes and our pieces of material hang down to the floor and intermingle to represent unity.

A bible was placed on the table open at John 5:2-9. Then a sisal mat followed it and three girls walked to the table each bearing a different candle and the candles were lit in turn. The first candle which was lit was red and represented love, the second candle was white and stood for peace, the final candle was yellow and symbolised reconciliation.

The Reverend Ruth Goldbourne welcomed us all to the service and told us that Zimbabwe means House of Stones. There are many tribal languages but the main ones are Shona and Ndebele and English is also spoken. Kwaziwai is hello in Shona and Salibonani in Ndebele and we greeted each other. The women of Zimbabwe have encountered many challenges and problems and they ask us to pray with them for healing and forgiveness. We sang the hymn: Let us Praise God Together and then joined in some prayers for God's help. Then we sang For the Healing of the Nations and a letter was read from the Women of Zimbabwe concerning violence and the need for elections without intimidation and the hope for peace and reconciliation but most of all for love. A hymn with this theme was sung: In Christ There is no East or West, which gave us much food for thought.



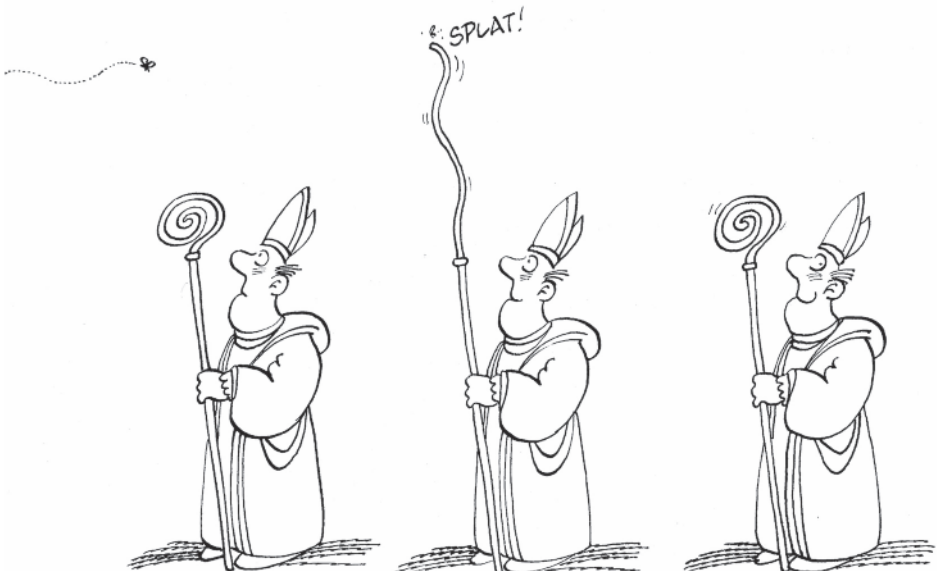
We heard the story of the disabled man who could never get into the pool first when there were ripples on the water and Jesus came and asked if he wanted to be made well. Jesus said to him "Stand up, take your mat and walk". Reverend Ruth led us in meditation on the passage and we thought about the empowering love, peace and reconciliation that Jesus can give to us and how we can help each other. Our offerings were taken and we sang

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace and followed this with prayers of thanksgiving and intercession asking for help, protection, a love of peace, Grace and wisdom and most of all a love for others.

As leader two I should have said the benediction but I didn't feel qualified to give a blessing, yet in years gone by people thought nothing of blessing their friends and family, so I chickened out and asked Reverend Ruth to give a blessing which she kindly did. Finally the service ended with the singing of the hymn The Day Thou Gavest Lord is Ended and the Reverend Ruth thanked everyone for coming and invited us to enjoy some refreshments.

Dates for your diary

Unfortunately at the moment we are not meeting but as soon as we can we will let you know. Meanwhile I hope everyone at Friday Club is keeping well? *Love from Lily*



Refugee Week: 15th - 21st June

As the annual 'Refugee Week' approaches, various Christian relief agencies and campaign groups warn that coronavirus could have a catastrophic impact on the refugees whom they are trying to help.

First, the big picture: according to the UNHCR, "we are currently witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record. Over 70.8 million people around the world have been forced from their homes. Among them are almost 25.9 million refugees, over half of whom are under the age of 18."

Refugees are especially vulnerable, as their usual homes of makeshift tents or flimsy shelters are over-crowded and without clean water or sanitation, making social distancing and isolation impossible. Also, many refugees are already suffering under-lying health conditions and mental health issues.



As the head of the Humanitarian Division at Christian Aid, Nick Guttman, also points out: "Refugees are some of the most vulnerable people in the world. Access to medical facilities is limited and the destabilisation of the global economy is likely to have an impact on their livelihoods and the flow of humanitarian aid." He warns that it is only a "matter of time" before it reaches the countries

with a high number of refugees: Bangladesh, Syria, Lebanon, Nigeria, Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory.

Tearfund has highlighted the problem of warning the one million Rohingya people, crowded in camps in Bangladesh. "There is no internet provision in the camps and the mobile network is currently suspended, so getting the message out about the dangers of the virus relies on word of mouth."

Meanwhile, Open Doors is concerned for the plight of the Pygmy people in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Many fled their rainforest after persecution by Islamist rebels, and are now living in camps, where they are extremely vulnerable to the virus. Leprosy Mission has warned that India "faces a human timebomb, waiting to explode." Communities affected by leprosy, malnutrition, overcrowded living conditions and poor sanitation, make "ideal breeding ground for the spread of coronavirus. Social distancing and isolation are impossible in the densely populated areas."





Mission Aviation Fellowship Still Flying

Saturday 20th June was meant to be the day when MAF celebrated its 75th Anniversary of flying with a big celebration in London.

Not being able to meet with its many supporters is bitterly disappointing, but MAF now wants instead to pray for its supporters, and to reassure them at this difficult time.

As MAF explains: “with 75 years of pioneering mission to the remotest places on earth, we know so well how isolation can threaten human development, physical health and spiritual freedom. It is strange to think that many of us in the UK will be experiencing the isolation MAF has been flying to overcome across the developing world for decades.”

Internationally, MAF has been badly hit by Covid-19, with many countries allowing only restricted access now. It is still doing what it can to maintain flight operations to reach isolated people in need. Some recent examples include:

Papua, Indonesia: MAF Pilot, Kees Janse, has been helping distribute flyers, to educate villagers about preventing the spread of coronavirus.

Arusha, Tanzania: MAF Pilot, Kirstein Combrink, is still able to fly medics out to remote areas, taking all the necessary precautions.

Sundarbans, Bangladesh: MAF Pilot, Chad Tilley, joined forces with the Swiss Embassy to rescue a teacher and charity worker stranded in a remote area. He flew them to the capital, Dhaka, just 90 minutes before their embassy flight departed for Europe.

Wau, South Sudan: the WHO and South Sudan’s Ministry of Health requested MAF to transport test kits to the north western city of Wau – a two-hour flight from Juba. MAF Pilot, Wim Hobo, says: ‘We’re very happy we can support their people in this way.’

Luau, Angola: MAF Angola Pilot, Marijn Goud, rescued two Canadian missionaries from the remote village of Luau and flew them to Angola’s capital, Luanda, so they could be repatriated.



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It found that 66% of Muslims, 68% of Christians, 69% of Sikhs, 71% of Buddhists, 72% of Hindus and 77% of Jews were satisfied with their health between 2016 and 2018. In contrast, only 64% of non-religious people reported being satisfied with their health during that time.

Michael Wakelin, chair of the Religious Media Centre, said: “I guess this has something to do with an attitude of gratitude. If you are of the opinion that God loves you and He created you, you are more likely to be grateful for what you have. Also, if you have a faith you are more likely to be hopeful for a better future, so that even if things are a bit tough now, they will improve in God’s time.”



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All are welcome. 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.

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



Church Open

**Saturday Coffee Mornings have been postponed
for the immediate future.**



MEN'S 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.

Due to the implementation of measures to combat the Coronavirus pandemic all meetings have been cancelled. Further details will be posted when available.

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.

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‘How long, O Lord?’ the lament of Psalm 13

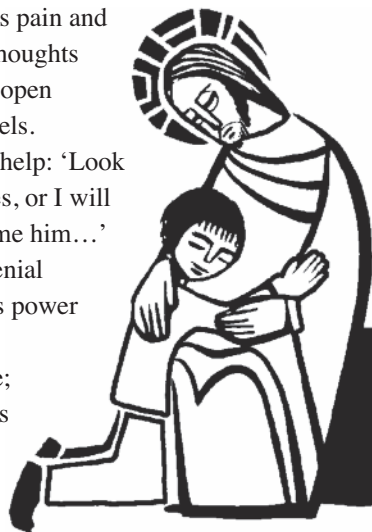
As we struggle with the effects of the global coronavirus pandemic, we might echo the words of Psalm 13: ‘How long, Lord? Will you forget me forever?’ It is one of a number of lament psalms, where the psalmist cries out in pain, because he feels abandoned by God. In our current circumstances, these psalms enable us to talk to God about our fears and frustrations, while renewing our confidence in Him. What does Psalm 13 say?

Bring your complaint to God: The psalmist brings his pain and questions to God: ‘How long must I wrestle with my thoughts and day after day have sorrow in my heart?’ (2). He is open with God about his complaints, despite the anger he feels.

Ask boldly for His help: He goes on to ask for God’s help: ‘Look on me and answer, Lord my God. Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep in death, and my enemy will say, ‘I have overcome him...’ (3–4). While avoiding despair (‘there’s no hope’) or denial (‘everything’s fine’), the psalmist is confident in God’s power to deliver.

Choose to trust Him: ‘But I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation. I will sing the Lord’s praise, for He has been good to me.’ (5–6). The lament is a journey to the point of renewing our trust in God in the brokenness of our life.

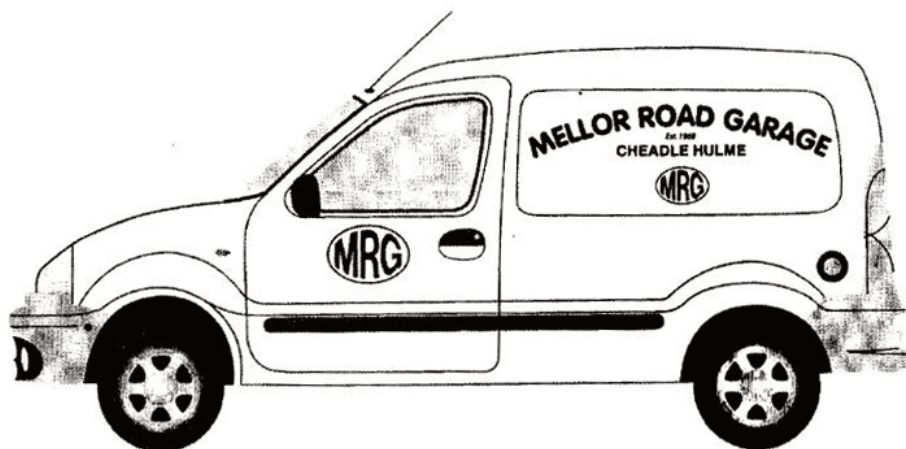
The psalms of lament (eg. Psalms 10, 22 and 77) give us a prayer language for dark times. They enable us to be honest with God about what is happening to us and remind us that God has not abandoned us. He is a God who is both sovereign and good. ‘Laments turn toward God when sorrow tempts you to run from Him.’



Christians help by donating to foodbanks

Many churches around the country have responded to the crisis by either running their own foodbank, or helping supply a local one. The need is all too clear: recent figures from a YouGov poll done for the Food Foundation suggest that since the lockdown began, 1.5 million people in the UK have gone one whole day without eating, and 7.1 million have been forced to skip meals.

The Government has recently given £3.25million to food-redistribution organisations who have been struggling to obtain surplus food, as restaurants and cafes have shut.



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Over 6,000 calls in first 48 hours to Daily Hope

A free phone line offering hymns, prayers, and reflections 24 hours a day while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus received more than 6,000 calls in the first 48 hours. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, recently launched 'Daily Hope' as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes, during the lockdown period. The line – which is available 24 hours a day on 0800 804 8044 – has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services in mind.



The service is supported by the Church of England nationally as well as through the Connections group based at Holy Trinity Claygate in Surrey and the Christian charity Faith in Later Life.

Within 48 hours the line had received more than 6,000 calls from across the country, with many being referred by friends, family or members. Calls have so far spanned more than 50,000 minutes, with some of those accessing the service listening to the music, prayers and reflections for up to 50 minutes at a time.

The Revd Canon Dave Male, the Church of England's Director of Evangelism and Discipleship, said: "The volume of calls shows that Daily Hope is meeting a need.

"We have a duty in these strange and difficult times to find new ways of bringing prayer and worship to people wherever they are, and this is one more way of helping people to connect with God from their own homes.

"This is such a simple idea – planned and launched all within a few short weeks by a small dedicated team – but I pray it will bring real comfort, hope and inspiration to people at this time."

Callers to the line hear a short greeting from the Archbishop before being able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on COVID-19. Options available include materials also made available digitally by the Church of England's Communications team such as Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer, updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service.





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- 10.00am The Parish Communion.
We welcome children and encourage them to bring their parents. There is a supervised creche in Church for the under 5's.
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:

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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Don't forget your Christian Aid donation

Just a quick reminder that we are coming to the end of Christian Aid Week. The people Christian Aid supports need as much help as ever this year, if not more. Please consider how much you would have given to the sponsored walk or put in your Christian Aid envelope and still make that donation, if you can.

You can give online on this dedicated page for Cheadle Hulme church donations. Or you can give on the telephone by calling 020 7523 2269.

If you are unable to use either of these methods, we are planning on having a collection using the Christian Aid envelopes in church when we re-open.



We're keeping our Coronavirus updates page on the All Saints website as current as possible. Keep checking there and on the All Saints Facebook page for further news.

If you know anyone who needs shopping; prayers or simply a conversation please call Rev Janet on 0161 312 4683 or our Churchwardens Janet Ashman 0161 485 7969 and John Ackerley 0161 486 1419.



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.



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