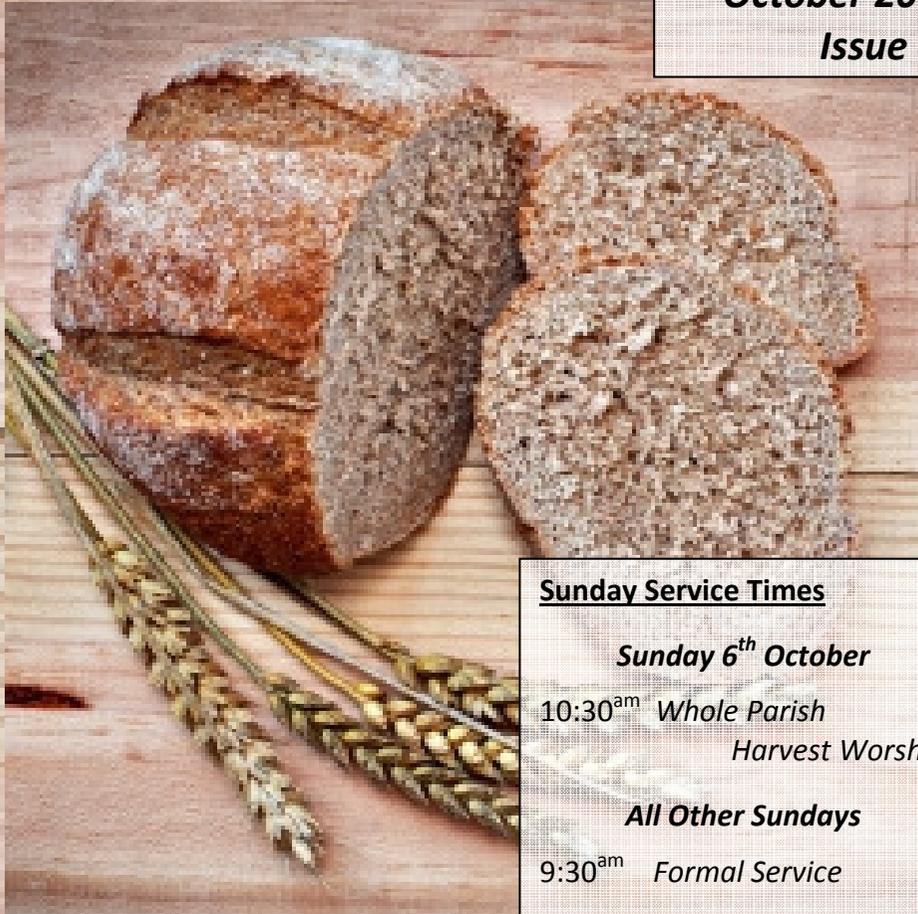


St Matthew's News

The Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath



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Sunday Service Times

Sunday 6th October

10:30^{am} Whole Parish
Harvest Worship

All Other Sundays

9:30^{am} Formal Service
11:15^{am} Less Formal Service
(with children's groups)

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www.edgeleyandcheadleheath.org.uk

Harvest

Of the many things my granddaughter wrote about in her 'Summer Holiday Diary' - 6 years old and there's already holiday homework! - I was pleased to see she had recorded, *we went blackberrying with Granma - we picked loads.*

And so we did, delighting to pick a tasty, free and bountiful harvest from the rough hedgerows only yards from my urban front door. The harvested fruits are now safely gathered in, in my freezer - and there are still so many more out there waiting to be picked, if only people would lift their eyes and see them.

A happy, family sharing time - a healthy and enjoyable free gift, a promise of more to come.

Heather's Adams Reader Licensing

On 19th October at 2^{pm} I am going to be licensed as a Reader.

The licensing service at Chester Cathedral marks the official start of my Reader ministry, and I am finally allowed to wear the blue scarf!

Could this be exactly what God has in mind for us as both physical and spiritual harvest?



Julie J

So much of His **bounty** does our loving God long to give to us; how often we fail to lift our eyes from the emptiness of worldly distractions; how slow we are to reach out and receive all God has to offer to us.

*For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.*

Make sure you don't miss out on God's Harvest for you - whatever form it may take.

With love in Christ, **Julie J** xo

My training has been both course - and parish-based so I already feel part of the team here in Edgeley and Cheadle Heath. Some of the things I have been asked to do in my training have been quite daunting but it has been a real learning experience.



Heather Adams continued...

I particularly appreciated the chance to study Bible passages in depth, and preach on them. Less enjoyable was being recorded on video! I have made lots of friends on the course and learned more of what God is doing across the

Diocese and beyond.

I am so grateful to everyone in church for their encouragement along the way and to my Dad (aka Mike) for his weekly childcare slot to enable me to get to course. **Heather Adams**

Partnering Power

From this September, St Matthew's will be joining in partnership with Quality



Care of Cheadle to help to promote and run the *Socially Yours* group, which meets every Tuesday in church, from 1:30^{pm} to 3:30^{pm}.

This is an exciting new venture for us and we welcome your support, both in prayer and in practical ways!

Socially Yours gives isolated and vulnerable people the chance to get together and have a cup of tea, enjoy quizzes, crafts, even a bit of dancing. They arrange meals out for a special treat and it is a lovely, friendly group.

If you know someone who would like this group, please encourage

them to come along. It costs £3 a week and everyone is welcome.

If you would like to help out, maybe by serving tea and coffee, or being a friendly face, please have a chat with Pam Robinson. We really want this group to be a success and we can only do this by reaching out to our community. Do you have a hobby or skill you can share?

Just recently, our very own Linda Cosgriff visited the group and everyone loved her poetry (we even got into the *Stockport Express*). If you have any talents, don't be shy, come along and share your passion! Perhaps you are able to offer help in driving people to or from the group; or you are a great chatsby, able to put people at their ease. Whatever your gift, please share it with *Socially Yours* and help us to strengthen this partnership.

Pam Robinson

Parish Pub Quiz

Come along for some fun at our next pub quiz: Wednesday 16th October at the Olde Vic (corner of Chatham Street and King Street West), **7.30^{pm} for an 8^{pm} start.** Only **£1** per person (we'll split into teams on the night). Bring friends!

Team Talk

Here's what's happening in some of the ministries this month:

Social and Community: After a busy summer of fun with the Children and Young People events (swimming pool parties, day trip to Rhyl, and more) there was no time for rest as it was straight into the Heritage Open Days and Fun Day! We had a wonderful response from people, from cleaning the church in preparation for the public, bringing photographs and sharing memories, and volunteering for the Fun Day. A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone involved.

Coming Up

Hot Pot Supper on Saturday 5th October at the Pavilion; a **Craft Fair** on Saturday 12th October; and the next **Pub Quiz** on Wednesday 16th October.

We need help with the social activities so if you like organising the odd "do" then speak to Pam Robinson for more information.

PS Start thinking now about the Christmas (yes, that does say CHRISTMAS!) Fair on Saturday 23rd November.

Discipleship: Two initiatives planned for the autumn are now underway: First, a **programme of study for the homegroups.** At present we are following a six-week course of 'Praying with the Psalms', using a study booklet. For those who can't get to a group, a brief summary posted each week on the website allows them to follow the studies. After half term we will be moving on to the letter of James, a book which amongst other things considers the relationship between faith and good works in the Christian life.

THE **MONEY** COURSE

The Alpha Money Course is

designed to help church and non-church members alike to examine their attitudes towards money; and get control of their finances. The course started in September and will continue to

mid-October. The studies will be available on the website until November.

Shining a Light on

Torch Trust(2) *the Christian organisation with a vision for people with sight loss*



Torch Trust has been working with blind and partially sighted people for 53 years. Based in Leicestershire, the organisation has an amazing history and an international reach. This time we hear about Torch groups.

Acceptance And Friendship

People with sight loss often find themselves lonely or isolated - excluded from social events that sighted people take for granted. It can be good to meet with those who face the same issues, to share experiences, find resources and be encouraged.

Torch Trust runs over 100 Torch Fellowship Groups around the UK, generally meeting on a monthly basis, for a varied and informal programme of activities, all within an environment of Christian fellowship and often based at a local church. New groups are starting all the time.

More recently, different kinds of Torch groups have been trialled and launched, meeting the need for different kinds of social contact. These include telephone friendship groups, called TorchTalk, and book groups - where blind and partially sighted people meet together informally to discuss Christian audio books provided by Torch.

All the services Torch offers are open to people of any faith or none. To know more, email info@torchtrust.org or visit the website www.torchtrust.org.

The quarterly magazine is also available on the table at the back of church. **Lin Ball**

September Funeral

*Stevie West, Frank Smith,
Pat Downie*

September Baptism

Leah Denton, James Wallis, Leo Williams, Evie Watkinson, Lyra Moore, Harriet Thompson-Smith

Details correct at going to press. Check our website, Facebook, Twitter for changes and info about events in and around the parish.

What's on in October

Tuesday 1st

8:30 Home Group

13:30 Socially Yours in church

Wednesday 2nd

10:00 Holy Communion

12:00 The Money Course

in church

19:45 Home Groups

Friday 4th

9:30 Toddle Time in church

19:00 Choir Practice in church

Saturday 5th

8:30 Prayer Breakfast in church

10:00 Saturday Café in church

18:30 Hot Pot Supper

at The Pavilion

Sunday 6th

**10:30 Whole Parish Worship
Harvest Festival**

Lead: David ~ Preach: David Brown

Monday 7th

13:00 Stockport Sling Meet

in church

Tuesday 8th

8:30 Home Group

13:30 Socially Yours in church

Wednesday 9th

10:00 Holy Communion

12:00 The Money Course

in church

19:45 Home Groups

Thursday 10th

19:30 Mothers' Union in church

Friday 11th

9:30 Toddle Time in church

19:00 Choir Practice in church

Saturday 12th

10:00 Saturday Café in church

11:00 Craft Fair in church

Sunday 13th

9:30 Holy Communion

Lead: David & Rita ~ Preach: David

11:15 Morning Worship (may include baptism)

Lead: Lucy ~ Preach: David

Magazine Articles Due

Tuesday 15th

8:30 Home Group

13:30 Socially Yours in church

Wednesday 16th

10:00 Holy Communion

12:00 The Money Course

in church

19:45 Pub Quiz at The Olde Vic

Friday 18th

9:30 Toddle Time in church

19:00 Choir Practice in church

Saturday 19th

10:00 Saturday Café in church

14:00 Heather's Licensing
at the Cathedral, Chester

Sunday 20th

09:30 Holy Communion

Lead: David ~ Preach: David Brown

11:15 Holy Communion

Lead: Julie ~ Preach: Heather

200 Club – Subs Due

Tuesday 22nd

8:30 Home Group

13:30 Socially Yours in church

Wednesday 23rd

10:00 Holy Communion

19:45 Home Groups

Friday 25th

9:30 Toddle Time in church

19:00 Choir Practice in church

Saturday 26th

10:00 Saturday Café in church

Sunday 27th

9:30 Teen Breakfast

in the Vicarage

9:30 Holy Communion

Lead: Peter ~ Preach: Sue

11:15 All Age Signed Service

Lead: David Brown ~ Preach: Sue

Tuesday 29th

8:30 Home Group

13:30 Socially Yours in church

Wednesday 30th

10:00 Holy Communion

19:45 Home Groups

20:00 Ultreya in the Vicarage

Looking ahead

Sunday 3rd November

9:30 Holy Communion

Lead: David & Heather ~ Preach: David

11:15 Holy Communion

Lead & Preach: David

Tuesday 12th November

19:30 Induction of Rev Elaine

Chegwin Hall @ St George's

Sunday 17th November

10:30 Whole Parish Communion

Lead & Preach: Bishop Peter

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