

St Matthew's News

The Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath



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Sunday Service Times

Sunday 2nd August

10:30^{am} *Whole Parish Worship*

Sunday 23rd August

11:15^{am} *All Age Signed Service*

All Other Sundays

9:30^{am} *Formal Service*

11:15^{am} *Less Formal Service*

(with children's groups)

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Revelation

Some years ago I was on my way out for an afternoon at Lyme Park with my family. The sun was shining, Jon was driving and the kids (who were small at the time) were not currently crying or being sick. A thought popped into my head, "I think there might be a God."

Now I'd been a Christian for at least 20 years by then, and as statements of belief go it's hardly the Nicene Creed. But it came as a surprising thought in contrast to my usual feelings at the time. Maybe I was exhausted looking after small children, maybe it was the questions that had built up over the years, maybe it was a sense that there's stuff that is wrong in the world and in my life.

Some years on, I'd like to add a bit to my "thought".

I've discovered that God is like Jesus, able to relate to people even when we get things wrong.

That's quite different to the view of God I grew up with. I also know that God wants to change me and the world by His Spirit.

So here's my little statement of belief for this summer. It's a bit simpler than the ones we use in church! You might like to join me in it:

I think there is a God. He's like Jesus. We need God's Holy Spirit.

Hoping you have a lovely summer.

Heather Adams



 ***Olive*** *more than coffee...*

Free Holiday Crafts

Looking for something for the kids to do in the holidays? As well as our own activities, there will be craft sessions held at Olive Cafe every Thursday during the summer break, 10:30-11:30am.

These sessions are FREE but all children must be registered. You can register online at their website www.oliverocentre.org.uk, through Facebook, or call into the cafe.

Tactile Tour

Our multi-sensory tour of church was



well received by all who came along! We worked in partnership with Walthew House, the centre for blind and deaf in Stockport, to

bring our church to life through touch, sight, hearing, taste and smell.



Thank you to all the volunteers from church and Walthew House who helped at the event and made the most of the opportunity to explore and chat.

The model of the church, recently commissioned with and created by local artist



Sara La Crosswell, was a big hit with visitors, especially those with sight loss.



We plan to take a mini version of the event "on tour" later in the year when we visit Walthew House; and we also hope to run the event on a Saturday morning.

Pam Robinson



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China's Bible Industry



Almost every Sunday, Ge Conghui attends a church where, Bible in hand, she joins fellow Christians to sing hymns, listen to sermons and pray.

The 29-year-old usually spends an hour at the church in Baixia Street in Nanjing, Jiangsu province, and that's roughly the same time it takes for Amity Printing Co to produce 1,500 Bibles at its facility in the city's Jiangning district.



Qiu Zhonghui, president of the company and secretary-general of the Amity Foundation,



said that the company, which is the world's largest printer of Bibles, had printed 13.22 million copies in more than 100 languages in 2014. The books had been distributed across China, and in more than 70 countries and regions.

"Since it was established, Amity Printing has printed 130 million copies of the Bible," Qiu, who is a Christian, said. "In 2012, we celebrated production of the 100 millionth copy. It took 20 years to print the first 50 million copies, but the second 50 million took just five years."

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(From a report in *The Telegraph*)



Police Surgeries at St Matthew's

We are delighted with the growing relationship between the local police team and St Matthew's Church - they even change their days off so they can attend our fairs and events!

Normally, the police surgery is every 4 weeks but they have recently agreed to change this to the second Saturday of the month to fit in with other activities on that day, such as Comfortable with Computers. This means that we are likely to attract more people into our Saturday Cafe on that day, as we are offering a wider range of events at the same time.

Meet the Masai!



The Osiligi Troupe come from a small community some 30 miles Southwest of Nairobi Kenya. Their tours have taken the Troupe from total poverty; and they're coming to St. George's in September!

They now live in corrugated iron houses instead of mud huts. They have access to fresh, clean water at two points in their community; solar lamps instead of kerosene; a new

church; a new clinic; and, most wonderfully, a new community school.

Take a look at their website www.osiligi.org. Or Google *Osiligi* to find a mass of material about them.

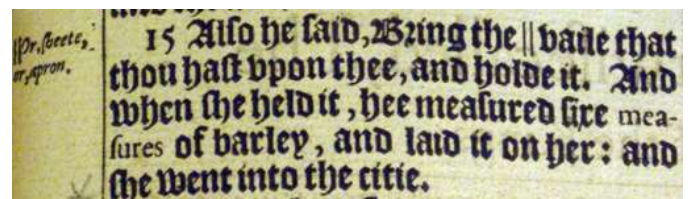
In the last twelve years they have performed in countless churches and the cathedrals of Ely, Exeter, Salisbury and Peterborough and, in the coming tour, Lincoln. They have also appeared in theatres, schools and universities.

The Troupe are stunning performers, and thrill audiences of all ages. Churches often find that it has immeasurably lifted the spirits not only of their own parishioners, but also of the non-churchgoing members of the audience.

The performance is a story of their lives to music, and is fully narrated, so that the audience knows what is going on.

The Great She Bible

A rare 400-year-old Bible worth about £50,000 has been discovered in a Lancashire village church. Printed in 1611 and known as the "Great She Bible", it is one of the earliest known copies of the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible. The Reverend Anderson Jeremiah and the Reverend Alexander Baker found the old book following their appointment at the church last August.



It is called a "She Bible" because Ruth 3:15 mistakenly reads: "She went into the city". Thought to be a typographical mistake, this verse was changed from another KJV edition which said "He". Only a handful of the "She Bibles" still exist. Oxford and Cambridge Universities have one, as do Salisbury, Exeter and Durham cathedrals.

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New Website for Edgeley and Cheadle Heath

Working with local Councillor Sheila Bailey, Pam Robinson has helped to develop a new website which covers the Edgeley and Cheadle Heath area. Full of interesting information, you can find out about doctors' surgeries, pharmacies, what to do with the children over summer, local democracy and much, much more!

Find the website now

at www.reachyourcommunity.co.uk



NEE-NAW-NEE-NAW- NEE-NAW!



Come and join in this year's fun at our Cops and Robbers Holiday Club!

We'll hear the Old Testament story of Joseph and how his brothers bullied him - and the lessons that they learned. We'll also enjoy the hilarious mystery drama of Grandma Watt's missing chocolates... *will you be able to work out who took*

Compassionate Britain

A new grass-roots organisation has sprung up following the General Election:



Compassionate Britain - speaking up for disabled people.

Inspired by Jesus' compassion, it aims to unite people across the whole political spectrum to speak up against the welfare cuts targeted at disabled people.

Its website lists facts and statistics to help people in writing to their MP about the effects of the welfare cuts on disabled people.

Find out how you can help here:

<http://compassionatebritain.org.uk/>

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them? Crafts, games, jokes and songs will round off a great week.

Apart from the annual Holiday Club, there are also three swimming pool parties at Avondale Life Leisure and a one-day holiday club at Stockport Baptist church.

Speak to Karen Bailey for more information or check the website, where you can also sign up for events.

You can also sign up for this year's day trip to Lytham St Annes. The cost is £6 per person. The trip is open to anyone of any age, singles, couples, families.

What's on this Month

All events (except Home Groups) in church
unless otherwise stated

**Please note that many groups close for the
summer. Speak to the leaders concerned
for more details.**

Weekly

Wednesdays

10^{am} Holy Communion

Saturdays

10^{am} Saturday Café

Other Events

Saturday, 1st

8:30^{am} Prayer Breakfast

1^{pm} Wedding of Stephen and Victoria

Sunday, 2nd

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship

with Healing Prayer

Lead: David & Heather ~ Preach: Julie

Monday, 3rd

10^{am} Holiday Club Prep at St John's

Tuesday, 4th to Friday 7th

10^{am} Holiday Club at St John's

Saturday, 8th

10^{am} Saturday Café

with Police Surgery and

Comfortable With Computers

Sunday, 9th

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: David ~ Preach: Lucy

11:15^{am} Morning Worship

Lead: Lucy ~ Preach: David

Monday, 10th

4:45^{pm} Swimming Pool Party at

Avondale Life Leisure

Thursday, 13th

7:30^{pm} Mothers' Union: Summer Supper

Sunday, 16th

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: Julie ~ Preach: Peter

Sunday, 16th

11:15^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: Julie ~ Preach: Mike

200 Club – Subs Due

Monday, 17th

4:45^{pm} Swimming Pool Party at

Avondale Life Leisure

Friday, 21st

8:45^{am} Day Trip to Lytham St Annes

Meet at church

Sunday, 23rd

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: Peter ~ Preach: Heather

11:15^{am} All Age Signed Service

Lead: Julie ~ Preach: David Brown

Monday, 24th

4:45^{pm} Swimming Pool Party at

Avondale Life Leisure

Saturday, 29th

10^{am} Refugee & Asylum Seekers Drop-in

1^{pm} Wedding of Louis and Natasha

Sunday, 30th

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: David & David Brown ~ Preach: David

11:15^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: David & Heater ~ Preach: Lucy

Looking Ahead

**Groups re-open. Please speak to the
leaders concerned for details.**

Saturday, 5th

8:30^{am} Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, 6th

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship

with Healing Prayer

followed by a picnic in the grounds

Thursday, 10th to Sunday, 13th

**National Heritage Weekend including
church open days and Fun Day**

Saturday, 19th

1^{pm} Wedding of Dean & Chelsea

Northgate Road Residents' Association

Don't let the name put you off! NORRA is a group open to all residents of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath. It meets every other month at the Alexandra Pub on Northgate Road, Edgeley. It is a chance to catch up with your local Councillors and members of the police.

It is free and open to all so please go along to listen, ask questions and share your views.

The next meeting is on **Monday 3rd August, 7-8^{pm}**. Everyone welcome!



Editor's Note

Have a great summer? 😊

Due to the holidays, the September issue of St. Matthew's News will be published a week later than usual.

We apologise for any inconvenience.

Flower Fund

In loving memory of
Pam, Dad & Brian,
from Jean Proctor.



July Baptisms

Milo Robinson, Isla Robinson,
Isabelle Reilly, Skyler-Kim Armstrong,
Klarke Cusack, Elena-Anne Cusack

July Weddings

James Marsden & Claire Hamer

July Funerals

Stephen Morton

**All details correct
at time of going to press
Please speak to group/event leaders
for more information; or check the
website and Facebook page.**

