

St Matthew's News

The Parish of Edgeley and Cheadle Heath



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Sunday Service Times

Sunday 3rd August

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

All Other Sundays

9:30^{am} *Formal Service*

11:15^{am} *Less Formal Service
with children's groups*

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25th July is the **Feast of St. James**, disciple of Jesus and brother of St. John. The gospel reading for the day is very appropriate for this time when we are reflecting on the start and events of the First World War. In it, Jesus speaks about the Christian call to service.

Whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many. Matthew 20:26-28

Now Jesus speaking here is not talking about the horrors of war. But he is talking about the giving of one's own life for the good of others, the sacrifice of self-interest, making your own desires subservient to the good of others. And over and over again in those years, that is what was being done by people of all the services whether it was understood as such or not.

Thankfully here in Edgeley and Cheadle Heath there are of us who are touched personally



David the Vicar

by the tragedies of war, but Jesus' call to service is equally if not even more applicable to our situation. We all know that living out the life of the Kingdom is more than our own personal devotion and church on a Sunday. How are we going to commit to a life lived for the good of others? Can we say that we are true to that life if, when some better offer comes up, we turn away and please ourselves? Are we willing to follow the Master wherever he leads and whatever it takes?

Editor's Note

Due to the summer holidays, September's magazine will not be published until the 14th. Thank you for your understanding.



Facebook:500

Numbers are up to 121 followers this month - only 379 to go! We would like ask people to pray for new followers. You do not need to be on Facebook to pray about it:

Loving God, we want to tell people all about You and the amazing work You are doing in our parish. Help us to reach as many local people as possible. Help us to reach a total of 500 followers by the end of the year. We ask this in Your name. Amen.

Honouring God

How do you honour God?

We asked a parishioner that question. She wished to remain anonymous but told us:

I make a conscious decision to say 'Thank You' each morning to God. It began as a discipline when things were really difficult in my life; I thanked Him for anything and everything, even though it was hard sometimes to feel it. Now, it is an unconscious habit, an easy, regular practice - and it feels good!

The Diocesan Lay Conference (Part II)

The conference was a welcome opportunity to get away from normal activities, refresh and meet some really interesting people. An added bonus was the beautiful sunshine.

The weekend's theme was discipleship, and we explored what it means to be a disciple of Jesus today. A full-time practical apprenticeship, so not just for Sundays and Bible study. We thought about the challenges of serving wherever God has placed us in the world; and whoever He has placed us with: family, friends and colleagues.

We developed these ideas further in workshops, and at one we discussed daily ethical dilemmas, drawing on personal experiences ranging from workplace bullying through fraud to suicide.

For me, the most memorable moment was walking on the shores of Hayes Lake early on Sunday morning, singing *Breathe on me Breath of God*, bathed in early morning light and accompanied with bird song.

Stephanie Haynes

The Rain Did Its Best...

...but the summer fair went on regardless! After days of sunshine, the heavens opened and it poured down all day. Despite having to bring all the stalls inside, a good time was had by all who came along. Whilst it may have been disappointing to raise less money than expected, we did bring in over £500 to help with church and community activities.



We were well supported by community groups, including the local scout group - who kept us well



supplied with hot dogs! - and Turner's Funeral Directors, who provided everything for Beat the Goalie (including the goalie!) We also

welcomed stalls from local crafts



people, and representatives from our local police team and FLAG (For Local Advice and Guidance).



Events like this rely on the goodwill of many willing hearts and our thanks go to everyone who helped before, during and after the fair. If you



weren't able to help this year, please be on hand to help next time - every little really is needed!

Pam Robinson

A Welcome Visitor

These words are from David Sykes, a descendent of the Sykes family who donated land and money to help build all three of the churches in our parish.

He loved his visit and was pleased that the guides to our churches are on the website, so he can read them at his leisure.

I had come primarily to see the memorial window to Richard Sykes, my great-great grandfather, but I had no idea until [my visit] about how involved the Sykes family had been in helping to set up new churches around Edgeley in the past. Perhaps it should not have been a surprise to me that the family was so committed to the church, as my great-grandfather William (Richard's second son, and one of his eleven children) was ordained instead of working in the family's bleaching business, which is what most of his brothers did. Born at Edgeley,



William did not stay in the area, but had a notable career as a military chaplain instead: starting off in the Crimean War - working alongside Florence Nightingale at Scutari - and ending up as 'Honorary Military Chaplain' to Queen Victoria.

This was my first visit to Edgeley, and I learned so much in just a couple of hours – not only in the church, but from the excellent information boards in the park as well. It was fascinating to see where the factory used to be, and the way that the old reservoirs have been incorporated into the park. The spire of St Matthew's is certainly a notable landmark - it's a fine church. Best of all it was good to hear how lively the church still is, with so many programmes and activities, and such an active role in the community. I'm sure Richard Sykes and all the other parishioners who founded the church back in 1858 would be delighted to see how it continues to thrive!



The Lamps Are Going Out All Over Europe

The Great War began for Britain on August 4th, 1914. St Matthew's will be hosting a drop-in commemoration event on Saturday 9th August, 10-12, during Saturday Cafe.

As well as readings from the War Poetry canon and an appropriate children's activity, we hope to display some artifacts from the period. If you have any suitable items you would be willing to loan to us, please speak to Pam Robinson or Linda Cosgriff.

Please do join us on 9th August.

So Long, Farewell...

The Genista craft group will no longer meet each week. However, there are still many cards and craft items for sale and they will be available at the summer and Christmas fairs.

A Civic Service

to commemorate World War 1 will take place at **St. Mary's in the Market Place** on Sunday 3rd August at 3^{pm}. The Venerable



Ian Bishop, Archdeacon of Macclesfield will be the preacher.

Refreshments will be served following the service.

Cursillo ~

Dates Coming Up

Saturday 27 September:

3:30^{pm} at 10 Park Road, Gatley

Wednesday 29th October:

8^{pm} at St Matthew's Church

Wednesday 26th November:

8^{pm} at 10 Park Road, Gatley

Coffee (or Tea) Mornings

10^{am} at *the Pavilion*,
Cheadle Heath Community Centre,
Essex Avenue, Cheadle Heath.

Tea or coffee and toast £1.

Everyone welcome.

For more information call the
Community Development Team -
0161 426 9111 or 07894 802720

What's on this month

Please remember that many groups close for the summer.

Friday, 1st

2^{pm} Holiday Club at St John's

Saturday, 2nd

8:30^{am} Prayer Breakfast

**10^{am} Saturday Café incl.
Police Surgery**

Sunday, 3rd

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship
with Holy Communion
and Healing Prayers
Lead: David ~ Preach: Julie

3^{pm} Civic Service at St. Mary's

Monday, 4th

**1^{pm} Stockport Sling Meet &
Library picnic in Bruntwood Park**
4:45^{pm} Swimming Pool Party
at Avondale

Wednesday, 6th

10^{am} Holy Communion

Saturday, 9th

Mary Sumner Day - a celebration
by the Mothers' Union

10^{am} The Lamps
Are Going Out All Over Europe
- a drop-in commemorative event in church to mark the start of World War I.

Sunday, 10th

9:30^{am} Holy Communion
Lead: David & David Br
~ Preach: David

11:15^{am} Baptism Service
Lead: Sue ~ Preach: David
1 & 1:45^{pm} Baptism Services

6:30^{pm} Taizé Service

Monday, 11th

4:45^{pm} Swimming Pool Party
at Avondale

Wednesday, 13th

Magazine Articles Due
10^{am} Holy Communion

Thursday, 14th

7:30^{pm} Mothers' Union

Friday, 15th

9:15^{am} Community Coach Trip
to Llandudno

Saturday, 16th

10^{am} Saturday Café

Sunday, 17th

200 Club – Subs Due
9:30^{am} Holy Communion
Lead: Julie ~ Preach: Peter
11:15^{am} Holy Communion
Lead: Julie ~ Preach: Mike T

Monday, 18th

4:45^{pm} Swimming Pool Party
at Avondale

Wednesday, 20th

10^{am} Holy Communion

Saturday, 23rd

10^{am} Saturday Café

Sunday, 24th

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: Peter ~ Preach: Sue

11:15^{am} Morning Worship

Lead: Heather ~ Preach: Sue

Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th

Jungle Journey

Stockport Baptist Church

Holiday Club for **ages 6 – 11**

bring along a packed lunch

Tues: 1^{pm} - 3^{pm} Wed: 10^{am} - 3^{pm}

Wednesday, 27th

10^{am} Holy Communion

Saturday, 30th

10^{am} Saturday Café incl.

Police Surgery

National Ultreya 2014 in

Canterbury Cathedral

Sunday, 31st

9:30^{am} Holy Communion

Lead: David ~ Preach: Heather

11:15^{am} All Age Signed Service

Lead & Preach: David

Times and dates correct when going to press. Please check the notice sheet, website, Facebook or Twitter for changes. Keep Linda updated so all info is accurate.

Looking ahead

Tuesday, 2nd September

1:30^{pm} Socially Yours in Church

Wednesday, 3rd September

10^{am} Holy Communion

7:45^{pm} Home Group

Friday, 5th September

9:30^{am} Toddle Time

7^{pm} Choir Practice

Saturday, 6th September

8:30^{am} Prayer Breakfast

10^{am} Saturday Café

Sunday, 7th

10:30^{am} Whole Parish Worship

with Holy Communion

and Healing Prayers

Lead: Julie ~ Preach: David Br

Monday, 8th September

1^{pm} Stockport Sling Meet

6:30^{pm} Brigade

Thursday, 14th

7:30^{pm} Mothers' Union

July Baptisms: Luca Martine,
Abel Dawson, Ellie Vanloon

July Funerals: Lilian Procter,
Ron Kitchen, Dorothy Brogan,
Sandra Grainger, Nic
McCormick, Dorothy Donovan

July Wedding:
Lee Hughes and Claire Horiensky