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# SAINTS ALIVE



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Cheadle Hulme

# 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  
jacquie.metcalfe@cheadlescouts.org.uk

**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,

The other day I was counting up the number of house moves I have made in my life. It is 10! Perhaps not as many as some but more than others. You'd think I would be used to it by now but, having been very blessed to have made friends wherever I have moved, saying goodbye is difficult.

The friends that we make help us to become the person we are if we are open to learning new things and taking on board all their God-given wisdom and ways of being. That is one of the most wonderful things about being part of the family of the church – we get to meet so many people with different backgrounds, interests and skills – people we might not have chosen as friends otherwise, but that would have been our loss. If we take time to get to know one another we hear the most interesting and uplifting stories. As a vicar I witness first-hand the tremendous faith and courage of people who endure pain and tragedy in their lives and see how God never stops working in our lives.

My last three letters have been difficult to write because at the back of my mind I was thinking of this one – the hardest of all. It will be sad to say goodbye.

You have taken Peter, me and Mum to your hearts. We have felt supported and loved. We have felt part of the family.

True friendship means you have to become a little vulnerable. You have to share something of yourself. You have to lower the portcullis! True friendship also means being there for people, putting your own agenda on hold to meet the needs of others, truly listening to them and trying to understand where they are coming from. I have seen countless acts of true friendship during my time at All Saints.

They say you can choose your friends but not your family. They also say that blood is thicker than water! That is to some extent true in the life of the church. We don't always get on but we know deep down that we are joined by a bond which even death can't break.

Thank you, dear friends - dear family - for your love and care. You will always be close to my heart.

*Janet*

**COPY DEADLINE FOR JANUARY - DECEMBER 6TH (6.00PM)  
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## Thank You Janet

When you arrived as our first ever Lady Vicar we were not sure what to expect, but you quickly identified yourself with the Parish and through your encouragement and involvement have greatly enhanced our life as a church.

You reached out to the local schools, built relationships with them and have welcomed them on visits to the church. Thanks to your involvement and support Messy Church and Mainly Music are now an established part of our outreach to families and young people in the Parish. Our outreach in support of various charities, both at home and abroad, has also benefitted from your encouragement and support.

Thanks to the most generous hospitality of you and Peter, the Garden Parties and 'Fellaship' Barbeques we have enjoyed at the Vicarage have been the highlights in the social life of this church and greatly appreciated. However, amidst these jollifications you did not neglect our spiritual needs, and the Lent and Advent courses, again with the Vicarage hospitality, have proved helpful to those who joined them.

In addition to your contributions to our 'reaching out' and 'reaching in' you have also left your mark on our 'reaching up'. From a practical point of view we are greatly indebted to Peter for his contribution to the acquisition of our new sound system to assist our worship. And we are indebted to you Janet for encouraging us to explore the variety of material available in 'Common Worship' and develop Orders of Service to reflect the seasons of the Church's year. Also it would be remiss not to acknowledge Abel's inspiring contributions in our All-Age worship.



The last seven years have been a very happy time in our ministry as Readers. You have always been approachable, understanding, compassionate and wise; never the boss but you have treated us as partners in ministry. You have been an anchor for so many in times of difficulty and you will be greatly missed. You and Peter have welcomed us into your home and given wonderful hospitality. Our lives have been greatly enriched by your love and care and also by what you have taught us. How we shall miss Abel, the dog puppet who seems almost as real as Pepper, but much wiser!

On behalf of our Parish of All Saints we thank you.

*Pat and Michael*



Lord, as I enter into the fast-paced season ahead, help me walk slowly and quietly. Let me stop and listen to the angels sing of the greatest news ever told. Let my heart, mind and soul join the chorus. "Glory in the Highest!! The Messiah has been born!" Among all the bright sparkling lights and cheery holiday tunes, let my spirit travel once again toward Bethlehem to honour and worship Jesus, my King, The Prince of Peace, the Lord of Hosts, Mighty Counsellor, Son of God, the Lamb. All Your love, mercy and power somehow made flesh in the tiny form of a humble baby born in a manger. Let me worship the only one who is worthy to take our sin away and open the gates of all eternity!

*Daphne Kitching*

# Further government support for churches

Listed Churches in need of vital repairs are to benefit after the Government announced the extension of a grant scheme.

The listed places of worship grants scheme (LPWGS) is to be extended by the Treasury for a further year until March 2021.

The scheme pays grants equal to the VAT

incurred on repairs such as urgent structural work and new roofs, reducing the fundraising burden on churches and congregations. Churches and cathedrals are responsible for fundraising for their own repairs. They contribute £220m a year to the economy and collectively run around 33,000 social action projects.

The Taylor Report which was published in 2017 concluded that church buildings play a “vital role” in providing public services and a focal point for communities across the country.



## C of E calls for greater action on Climate Change

The Church of England’s Environmental Advisory Group has called for all parts of the Church to recognise the Climate Crisis and step up its action to safeguard God’s creation. In guidance sent to bishops, dioceses and church leadership teams, the Environmental Working Group (EWG) points to the ambitious programme of action required, covering everything from the Church’s buildings to its investment assets.

The paper also highlights future mission challenges including a need for churches to be ready to provide sanctuary for those affected by extreme weather events in this country and beyond as the impact of climate change accelerates.

With work already underway to develop an Energy Footprint Tool and to offer local energy audits for churches, schools and houses, the EWG says the assessment of our carbon footprint must extend to all areas within the overall Church of England portfolio such as investment holdings in farming and forestry.

The EWG brings together experts who oversee the Church’s Environmental Programme. They plan to bring a motion to General Synod in 2020 proposing revised carbon targets for the Church with an ambition for net zero emissions by 2050. The work of local Diocesan Environment Officers is also identified as key, and they can help resource parishes and local communities.



# A Holy Competition, or Christmas Party Challenge

Can you give a sermon in three words? You receive extra points if your contribution is biblical.

Here are some examples:

God is Love

τετέλεσται (tetelestai) - "It is finished"

King of Kings

Zacchaeus hurry down

In the beginning

His unspeakable gift



Personal thoughts accepted if in three words.

Apostrophes permitted.

The tomb's empty.

The women believed.

This My body (there are no verbs in the original words)

This My blood.



One Word, and its three-word meaning,

receives a special mention at

Christmas:

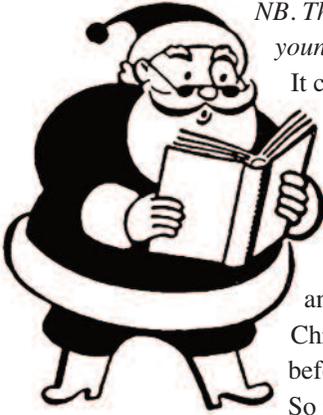
Immanuel עִמָּנוּעֵל

God with us.

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# The Truth About Father Christmas



*NB. The opening sentences of this article may not be suitable for young children who might find its contents disconcerting*

It could well have been my grandmother who told me.

She must have decided that I had reached an age when I could be told the truth. No matter what I had been led to believe hitherto, something I had been told was not *actually* true. Having been brought up in a decent, law-abiding family, I had been told by those whom I loved and trusted that *if* I was good, very very good, Father Christmas would come whilst I was asleep during the night before Christmas Day.

So you may well appreciate that it came as a profound shock to be told that *if the truth be known* there was no Father Christmas. There was no sleigh drawn by reindeer from the North Pole. No corpulent, benign scarlet clad, bewhiskered elderly gentleman who crept down the chimney to deposit gift-wrapped presents in the stocking (or more than likely) pillow-case I had left dangling at the front of the bed. A young enquiring mind may wonder how Father Christmas manages to gain entry into one's bedroom. In many modern houses there will be no suitable chimney for him to descend, just a narrow-gauge flue poking out of the roof from the central-heating boiler below, and the windows sealed with double-glazing.

I am sure that you will agree that the traditional concept of Father Christmas, or simply "Santa" as he seems to be commonly known nowadays, is outmoded. Nobody *really* believes in that false-whiskered, scarlet gowned character. Perhaps the closest we may get to "the real thing" is in the television adverts for "Coke-Cola".

My grandmother was a firm believer in the adage "if you don't ask - you won't receive." Once she had satisfied herself that her grandchild could read and write, she set me down to write, in my very best handwriting, a letter to Father Christmas - complete with an envelope addressed to him at the North Pole. I read somewhere that this practice persists even to this day, but I would not be a bit surprised to learn that most of today's children are more likely to dash off an e-mail to "santa.com" or whatever, than put pen to paper. There are those of us who like to believe that "every day should be Christmas Day".

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Jesus, our Saviour. Let us share something of the wonderment of all those young children for whom this may be the first Christmas that they are old enough to appreciate. Let us embrace all the traditional things that make this time of year so special, whatever age we happen to be. And let us give praise to the Lord for sending us our Saviour, Jesus his Son, the greatest gift to all mankind, born in a manger some two thousand years ago. *Claud Metson*

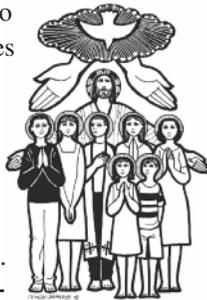


# For Children

For children everywhere. Grow in the love of God. Walk in the light of Jesus. Live with the Joy of the Holy Spirit in your hearts always.



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.



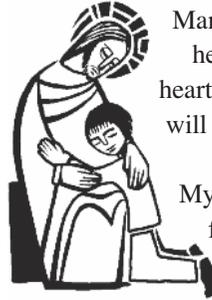
Go to the place where there are nice people who care for each other. Where they believe in sharing and caring for each other, not for taking and hurting.



Thank you Holy Trinity. At the end of a God given life we can go to a God given peace.

He will be a glow in our hearts forever.

Dear Lord you gave me Love, Comfort and Hope.



Man must give of his own heart and I will refit his heart and soul and God will refill it with his love.

My gifts I give to you are for sharing with people in need.

Hatred drives. Love pursues. You can pursue longer than you can drive.



Please will you help to make a well protected law for people to have a choice when life for them becomes unbearable. Please let people have a say in their own end of life.



Little children come to me. Let me show you how to be. Let me teach you right from wrong. Let us sing.





## Trusting God in all things

For many, Christmas is a time of happiness and holiday. An opportunity for parties, concerts, pantomimes and watching children perform nativity plays. We exchange colourful cards, and presents, and prepare special meals for family and friends. We sing carols. We adorn our homes and churches with all kinds of decorations.

All our celebrations are a far cry from that first Christmas. In our festivities it is easy to forget that when Jesus came life was hard. The Romans were an occupying force in Israel. There was poverty. The Jews were a captive and oppressed people. They had numerous worries and fears and awaited their Messiah to give them freedom.

Mary was looking forward to marrying Joseph and living with him in Nazareth. Suddenly she meets an angel; told she will be pregnant with God's Son and then her fiancé wants to divorce her! Her world is changed. Joseph too is distressed. In the turmoil, God speaks to Joseph in a dream and while this explains the miraculous pregnancy, he can't stop the hurtful gossip or the doubters.

Even if he wanted to face his critics, Joseph can't stay in Nazareth. He is compelled to take Mary with him to Bethlehem to complete a census. The long journey, possibly all on foot, must have been horrendous. Then in Bethlehem there is unsuitable accommodation for a birth.

It was likely that when the shepherds came and shared their experience of an angel messenger and the singing heavenly host, that their difficult circumstances began to make sense. Then, perhaps, sometime later when the Eastern men came with gifts that they were reassured and encouraged that God was with them in their difficulties. Also, when God told Joseph in a dream to go with Mary and the infant to Egypt to escape Herod's cruelty, they knew that in a foreign land they could trust God with their lives. Our Christmas comes amidst life's traumas and troubles. We may have on-going difficulties. In our struggles we need to know that God can be working out His purposes. Mary and Joseph came to know that in their hardships they were in God's will. Like them, we too must trust God in life-changing events.

*"I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* (Jeremiah 29:11)

# The best present ever!

When I was a boy of about 11, I received my best Christmas present ever – a pair of new football boots. I was so excited, and had been waiting for them for many weeks beforehand. They were the very latest style, black with a white flash down each side, and rubber studs. I can still picture them in my mind, and still feel the excitement that Christmas morning as I wore them for the first time.

I didn't want to take them off again!

As time has passed by, I am less concerned about presents like that but more aware of the greatest gift of all which is at the heart of our Christmas celebrations – the gift of God's own Son to be our Saviour. Every year I seek to remind myself of what an amazing thing it is to have received the gift of salvation through His coming into the world. It truly is the gift that money could not buy, the gift that will never become outdated or outgrown, the gift that continues to satisfy our hearts.

The apostle Paul, when thinking of the coming of Christ into the world, exclaims, 'Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!' (1Corinthians 9:15) Nothing compares to it, and no human words can do it justice. He also reminds us of what a sacrifice it was for Him, and how much we have benefitted by His coming: 'For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, yet though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.' (2 Corinthians 8:9)

This Christmas make sure you unwrap the wonderful gift God has prepared for you in Christ and receive that salvation joyfully into your heart. You will not be disappointed.

*Tony Horsfall*



## Thank You

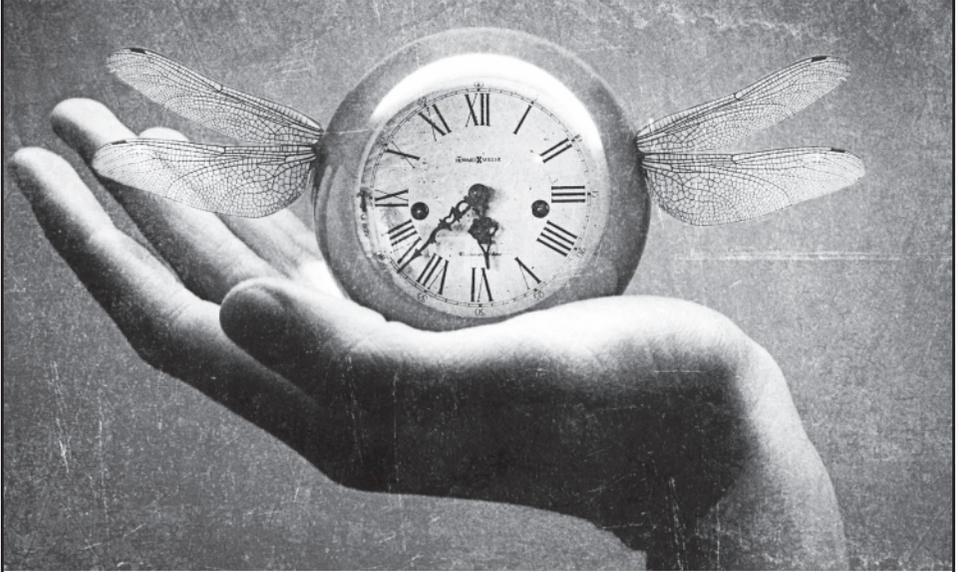
**On behalf of 43 children who will now receive presents this Christmas.**



A big thank you to everyone who helped prepare a shoebox of gifts this year and to those who knitted items for inclusion in those boxes.

A total of 43 shoeboxes have been passed on to Operation Christmas Child to carry your message of love, joy and hope to children who have so little of these in their lives.

# 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](mailto:mel@brohn.co.uk)**

# Experience the Joy of Advent

*'Fear not: for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.'*

(Luke 2:10)

Advent starts on the fourth Sunday before Christmas. The word 'Advent' is from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'coming'. Sometimes called 'Little Lent', it's a time to prepare our hearts for the future Second Coming, as well as the birth of Christ.

We celebrate the season with advent calendars, candles and evergreen wreaths symbolising Christ as Light of the world, bringing new and everlasting life.

Here are seven simple tips to help you experience and share the joy of Advent!

1. Connect with your inner child: Think back to the time when you were a child, on the simple things that made you happy at Christmas. Focus only on the good and feel the joy of Christmas come flooding back!
2. Keep it simple: This year, go for gifts and cards that share the meaning of the season, shop early and stay within your budget.
3. Be people focused: Remember the story of Mary and Martha – keep meals simple and allow yourself time and space to focus on enjoying the company of your guests.
4. Make Room for Jesus: Take some time at the beginning of each day to read your Bible, meditate on Scripture and pray. Focus on giving thanks to God for His gift of Christ to the world and for all He has done for us.
5. Me Time: God wants us to prosper in body, soul and spirit, so try to eat healthy, don't overindulge, take time for long walks and enjoy the good and simple things in life!
6. Wear a smile and share the Joy! Finally, being joyful is a choice, it's not about your circumstances. So, decide to be thankful this season. Wear a smile, act and talk positively, do small things with great love, be on the lookout for opportunities to do good to people. Give to the homeless, visit the sick, or take gifts to lonely neighbours.

If people ask you about your joy, don't be afraid to share your faith. Simply explain to them that 'Christ lives in my heart, and He can live in yours too.'



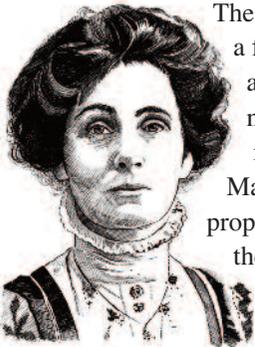


## FRIDAY CLUB

*Friday 4th October 2019 - "Mrs Pankhurst and the Suffragettes" George Eccleston*

We had prayers and then welcomed Mr Eccleston to Friday Club and he began his talk. The suffragettes were a group of women who actually only existed for eleven years - from 1903 until 1914. The group aimed to get votes for women. Votes for women suffrage was not a new idea. Indeed back in 1860 the suffragists were led by Millicent Garret Fawcett but this group did everything according to the law. They tried peaceful lobbying and got precisely nowhere, they needed to be more forceful.

The suffragettes were more forceful and eventually did achieve their aims partly because of their efforts and the First World War. Up till then only upper middle class and middle class men had the vote. In 1918 6 million women won the vote together with an extra 9 million men. By 1928 all women over 21 got the vote as well as all men over 21 and so it remained for many years.

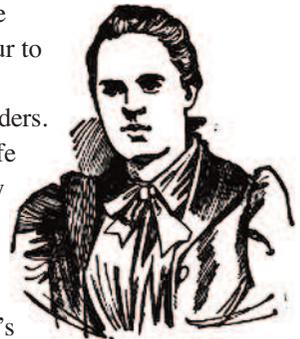


The leader of the suffragettes was Emmeline Pankhurst, a member of a fairly radical left wing family from Manchester. She gradually attended votes for women rallies and soon realised that women needed to be more militant. She was born in 1858 and in 1880 married lawyer Richard Pankhurst. She helped put through the Married Women Properties Act which helped women to keep their property when they married while previously their property became their husbands' on marriage. They had three daughters and two sons of whom the eldest died young. Later aged twenty the younger one died. The three daughters were Christabel, Sylvia and Adela. Adela married and went to Australia and it was

Sylvia and Christabel who were more involved in the Suffragette Movement. Christabel went to Manchester High School for Girls and then to Owen's College, part of Manchester University, where she read law but was not allowed to be a barrister.

They lived at 62, Nelson Street, Manchester, which is now the Pankhurst Centre. A tea party was arranged in the main parlour to form the Women's Social and Political Union. It was not a democratic party, Mrs Pankhurst and her daughters were the leaders. Mr Pethick Lawrence supported them with money and his wife was the treasurer. Their motto was "Deeds not Words" and they were mainly upper class women.

They began by lobbying MPs. Annie Kenney was an Oldham mill worker and she was a great worker for the cause. Most working class women needed to earn and place their husband's tea on the table at six not to mention bringing up the children.



*Annie Kenney*

The first really noticeable activity was in 1905. There was a political rally at the Free Trade Hall with speeches by Winston Churchill and Sir Edward Grey a Liberal. The ladies managed to get in and when the floor was open for questions, one asked “When will they give votes for women?” Silence greeted the question, so Emmeline Pankhurst stood on a chair holding a banner which read “Votes for Women.” They were thrown out. They were also wondering how they could get arrested and get more publicity for their cause. She spat in the face of a policeman. She was arrested and asked why she had done it. She made a speech and the publicity went world wide. Emmeline was sent to prison for a week and Annie Kenney was sent to prison for three days.

In 1906 the group moved to London to be near to Parliament and by then there was huge interest in their activities. The Daily Mail decided to call them “Suffragettes”.

They thought the name was great and so they kept it. Mr Asquith became prime minister but he was not in favour of women suffrage and his cabinet felt the same. Two ladies lobbied him but things weren’t progressing.

The movement stayed shoulder to shoulder. Mrs Pethick Lawrence gave them sashes in the suffragette colours, purple for dignity, white for purity and green for hope. They were determined to do things in a ladylike manner.

In March they wore white dresses and hats with their sashes. Lots of men supported them. There was a huge rally in Hyde Park with up to 300,000 people there in 1908 but it still got them nowhere.

There was an exhibition in Knightsbridge in 1909 which made money. Mr Pethick Lawrence edited a newspaper which was sold for a penny a copy. The suffragettes chained themselves to railings loudly shouting out their cause to gain publicity. They were thrown into Holloway Prison if they congregated in groups.

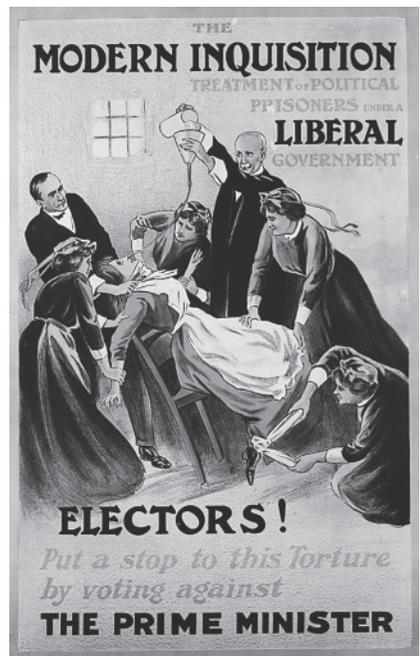
Christabel went to jail along with over 1,000 women. Some went on hunger strike but the

government didn’t want martyrs so forced feeding was introduced. Every suffragette in prison was awarded a badge which she wore with pride. Sometimes they were in jail for weeks and months. The British Medical Association wrote against forced feeding.

There were rallies with big banners such as “From Prison to Citizenship” but they were still getting nowhere. They agreed to have a truce for twelve months in 1910 but Asquith gave nothing and there was a great outcry.

The situation changed so now the suffragettes changed and became more militant.

Stones were thrown through windows. On Black Friday 300 women campaigned against Asquith. *(Continued on page 14)*



(Continued from page 13) They were met by 3000 policemen whose orders from the government and senior policemen were to rough the women up and even sexually assault them. Suffragette Headquarters were raided by the police and Christabel escaped to Paris and ran the movement from there.

Sylvia was more interested in the relief of poverty in the east end of London. Emily Wilding Davison, a bit of a loner, in 1913 went to The Derby and jumped into the pathway of the King's horse to put a sash on it. The horse hit her and she died but the horse and jockey survived. She was the only member of the suffragettes to die but not one member of the public was killed during their campaign.

Meanwhile the Cat and Mouse Act was passed. The suffragettes were sent home from prison on licence to recover and then were rearrested. So friends hid them. In May 1914 'The Rokeby Venus' by Velasquez was attacked with an axe. They tried to get into Buckingham Palace to see the king, George V. Once, however, war was declared the suffragettes stopped all militancy. Lloyd George became the new prime minister in 1916 and he liaised with Mrs Pankhurst on how she and the suffragettes could help the war effort. After the war women of thirty years of age who had property or were married to men who had property were given the vote. In 1928 Emmeline Pankhurst died a little while before all women of 21 or more were enfranchised.

There is a statue of her in Tower Green Gardens but it was only in December 2018 that a statue of her was unveiled in St Peter's Square, Manchester. She is standing on a chair holding her banner "Votes for Women" just as she had in 1905 during the rally at the Free Trade Hall. The vote had been given in 1918 but there was still a long way to go before equality was achieved. We thanked Mr Ecclestone for his talk. *Lily Mitchelhill*

## Dates for Your Diary

13th Dec Christmas Party



*We don't sing carols no more...  
you 'ave to listen to 'em off me iPod!*



## For to Us a Child is Born

*'For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.'* (Isaiah 9:6)

Approaching Christmas, we are very aware of the political and economic uncertainties that face us. The prophet Isaiah also lived in such uncertain times, as the Assyrians had just conquered the northern kingdom of Israel (734-732 BC). This fulfilled Isaiah's warnings to the people, who had turned their back on God and His ways. However, Isaiah is able to bring a word of hope, promising a Messiah who would come like a great light: 'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light' (Isaiah 9:2). These words are fulfilled in the birth of Jesus 700 years later and describe person of Jesus:

*Wonderful Counsellor:* He will give us the wisdom we need, especially when we have difficult decisions to make at work or home, or in dealing with our finances or future direction.

*Mighty God:* He will provide the help and strength to face a difficult diagnosis, family crisis or relationships breakdown, as we trust His plan and purpose for our lives.

*Everlasting Father:* He cares for us as a father cares for His children, so that we can come to Him when we feel alone or we are really struggling, knowing that He hears and will answer our prayers.

*Prince of Peace:* He has secured peace by His cross and resurrection, and so we can find in Him true acceptance, forgiveness and peace for our lives, relationships and future.

Christmas is the time to celebrate a God who is faithful to all His promises, 'the zeal of the Lord Almighty will accomplish this'



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On

Saturday 14th December 2019  
10.00am - 12 noon

There will be stalls for Seasonal Flower Arrangements, Gifts, Cakes  
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# ALL SAINTS CRAFT GROUP

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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](mailto:comms@allsaintsheadleholme.org.uk) with any stories and updates.

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## Church Open

The next Saturday Coffee Morning will be on  
December 14th.



## 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.

The upcoming programme includes:

**Thursday 5 December** From the stage to the pulpit - talk by Rev Lawrie Adam  
**January 2020 Date TBC** New Year Fellowship at the Vicarage 6.30 pm

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)

# Looking Back on Bonfire Night

We are unlikely to remain unaware of the 5th of November, come the dusk and nightfall even if we are a bit hazy about the historical origins of this event, and the reasons why we celebrate with fireworks and bonfires.

Perhaps it is my memory that is at fault, but in recent years, the air in our neighbourhood is not so tinged with the pungent aroma of so many bonfires as it was in the past. It may be that today's obsession with health and safety means that we are encouraged to attend properly organised events manned by responsible adults held well away from harm's way, such as on local recreation grounds.

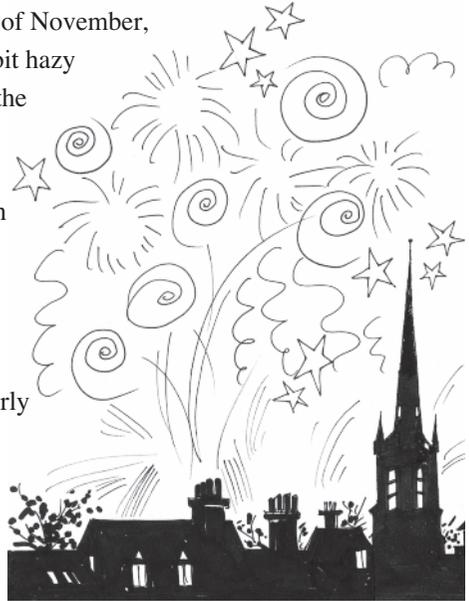
These events are not to everyone's taste.

There are some people who dislike firework displays, the noise, the standing around in the cold, or they complain about the smoke getting under their hats and into their hair. For me, as long as I can stay out of the wind, and hopefully at this time of the year, not getting soaked by the rain, bonfire night is a time to indulge, if all goes well, in an evening of harmless delights.

I recall as a young boy shortly after the end of the war, the thrill of finding that the shops were selling fireworks again, something that had not been available during the war years. I remember how my school friends and I saved up what little our parents gave us each week for "pocket money", visiting our local shops, and blowing it all on gaudy coloured fireworks, the likes of which we, at our tender age, had never seen before. Each contained a promise of excitement which we were, at a price, free to indulge in. I have a vivid memory of laying our purchases so proudly on a table for my parents to admire. And my father's reaction. "How much did you say you spent?"

And then "What a waste of money. You obviously feel that you have money to burn!" And he made it quite clear that he was not joking.

And yet I must admit that during November, a feeling of sadness can pervade one's mood. There is no doubt about it, autumn is giving way to winter. If one were being sentimental, the month of November strikes a chord within me. A month that arises mixed feelings, a month of sadness, that another year is drawing to a close, but at the same time, a month which is sure to bring much pleasure and joy.





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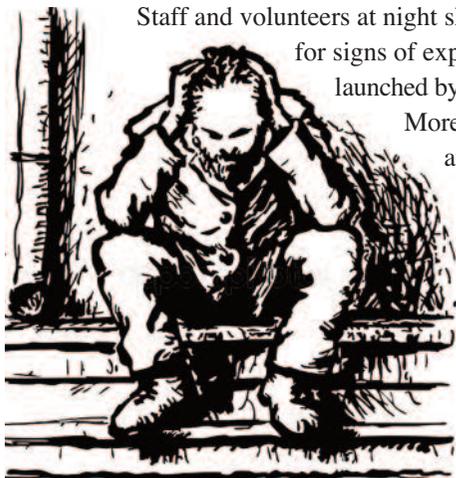
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# Homeless people at risk of modern slavery



Staff and volunteers at night shelters are being urged to be on the lookout for signs of exploitation among guests in a campaign recently launched by the Church of England's anti-slavery initiative.

More than 1,000 posters and other materials aimed at raising awareness of the dangers of modern slavery amongst homeless people have been distributed to night shelters across the country by The Clewer Initiative, the Church of England's response to modern slavery. The Let's Talk initiative is encouraging night shelters and other outreach services such as soup kitchens to share concerns with the Modern Slavery Helpline or local support services.

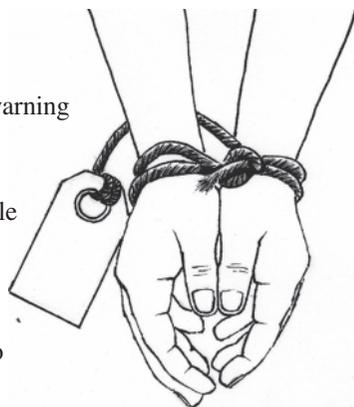
The signs of modern slavery amongst homeless people could include:

Unusual anxiety about people in positions of authority and extreme fear of being watched. Working for no or little pay in the most common sectors for modern slavery such as construction and hand car washes. Not being allowed to leave their place of work. Having no control of their ID. Being approached on the street, outside a shelter or at drop-in by someone offering work. Signs of physical abuse or untreated injuries

The Let's Talk initiative includes a poster illustrating the typical journey of a homeless person trafficked into exploitation.

There are also guidance notes for project managers and volunteers in night shelters on the steps they can take to safeguard their guests from this danger. These include warning guests of the dangers of modern slavery.

The Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern, Chair of The Clewer Initiative, said: "With rising numbers of homeless people on our streets, it is even more important that we are able to recognise the signs. With the Let's Talk resources we will equip the Church to understand what modern slavery looks like, and how they can respond to protect the vulnerable."





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# Parish Calendar and Registers

## DECEMBER 2019

### SUNDAY SERVICES

- 8.00am Holy Communion  
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 in the Meeting Room. 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:  
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.*

### ALTAR FLOWER ROTA DECEMBER 2019

- 1st Mr P. and Rev. J. Bacon -  
In Memory of Constance Bacon  
8th Mrs J. Tansley  
15th -  
24th CHRISTMAS EVE  
25th CHRISTMAS DAY  
29th -

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## BAPTISMS

We welcome into the family of the Church:

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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Sunday 8 December 10.00am**

### Christingle Service

A family-friendly service raising money for the Children's Society.

**Sunday 22 December 6.30pm**

### Carols by Candlelight

Come and enjoy a good 'Christmas sing' with us. This will be the traditional nine lessons and carols service. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served afterwards.

**Monday 24 December 4.00pm**

### Crib Service

A special children's nativity service where children help build the church's crib.

**Monday 24 December 11.30pm**

### Midnight Communion

The first communion of Christmas.

**Tuesday 25 December 8.00am**

### Holy Communion

A Christmas Communion using the traditional Book of Common Prayer service.

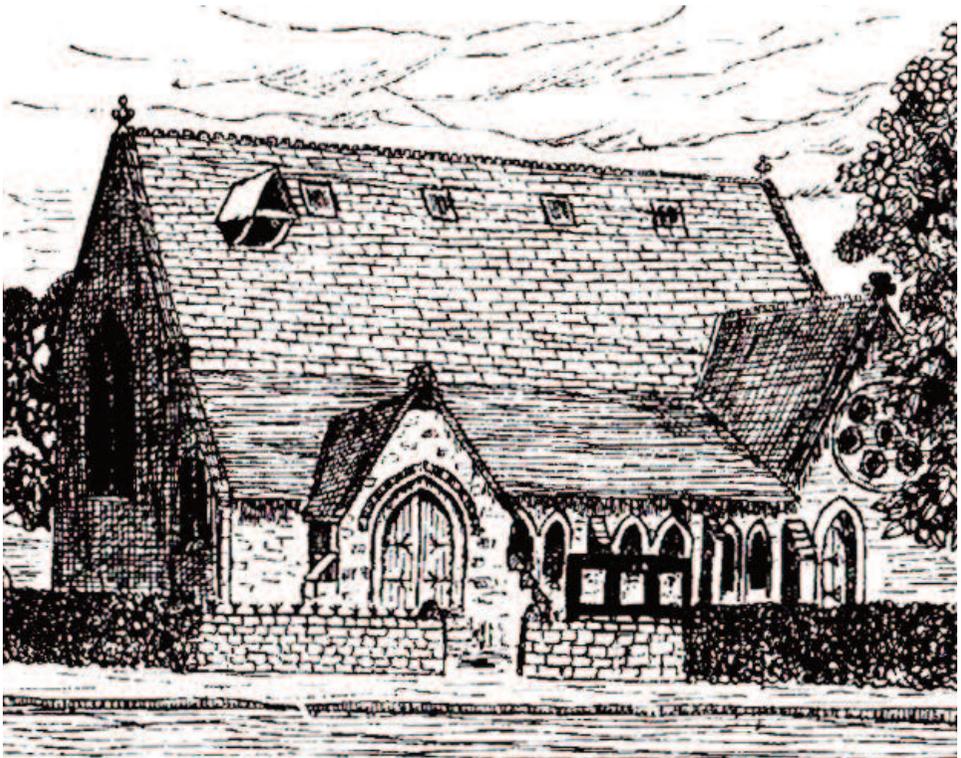
**Tuesday 25 December 10.00am**

### Christmas Day Family Communion

Celebrate Jesus' birthday with us. Children are invited to bring a favourite present to show us!

You will be very welcome at any of our services - we look forward to seeing you.

**Happy Christmas!**



## **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.



# All Saints Cheadle Hulme

## PARISH DIRECTORY

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