

What is freedom?

There is currently a battle over 'freedom of speech' but does that mean the right to offend?

Some were brought up to consider before speaking, 'Is it kind? Is it true? Is it necessary?'. But we often don't even take the time to consider. *And we make excuses for bad speaking. Someone under the influence may say things they would never say when sober.*

"There isn't anything that comes out of the mouth of a drunk that wasn't there in the first place" may be difficult to accept, but you and I are more like the drunkard than unlike.

Maybe we have a little more decency than some and don't get drunk and speak perversion in public, but we do share three things in common:

1. Our hearts are not completely free from evil
2. We speak evil more regularly than we think
3. We blame that evil speech on outside triggers (annoying



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people, stressful situations, alcoholic beverages, etc)

So instead of apologising, "I didn't mean what I said", perhaps we should say, "Please forgive me for saying what I meant!"

You see, if we are going to understand our trouble with words and find a solution, we must begin with the heart. What we say with our loose lips reveals what we desire with our sinful hearts. *Freedom from God's rules is not as free as we would like.*

A child may be tempted to enjoy the "freedom" to drink bleach, but this freedom would kill them. Christians say "freedom" from God may look attractive, but the freedom that comes from giving your life to God is far better.



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ROUND THE HOUSES

SPECIAL Summer Edition 2021

Free at last!

Things to be thankful for

Everyone talks about how they hear the birds sing more, now they have had to be home. My neighbour has a wonderful bird table and so we get to see many birds flitting by on their way there. But I try and keep the pigeons off the cherry tree. But maybe more exciting was walking along beside the Ladybrook, thinking 'this is the sort of place you should see a kingfisher', and then seeing one clear as day. With the fields by the Seven Arches and Bruntwood Park we have fantastic open spaces in Cheadle Hulme, and lots of smaller parks and allotments too. No wonder this is a great place to live. But I have finally been to some other places near by: Shining Tor and Errwood Hall. We are blessed to live in an area of such natural beauty and with the legacy of industries that have built the nation. How well do you know the area? See



how to find our Quiz Trail inside!

What will you pick up and what will you drop?

We've all learned some things in the past 18 months, and there will be some we will be glad to see the back of, but others will go on to enrich our lives. As you adjust to a 'new normal', why not build into your schedule some of the things you perhaps thought about during lockdown? You could come to church, or go to the cafe in St Andrews on a Monday morning, or look out for other social or thought-provoking events on our websites.

Planning for a staycation?

Book places for primary age children (those entering Y1-Y6) for our holiday club at the end of August - more details inside.

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The set is ready, the craft ideas are ready, the team is being trained, planning is in hand... all we need is a crowd of excited children! Get yourselves ready to book in for this year's holiday club.

Good Morning Jerusalem!

**Fun Games
crafts
songs**



It's a media themed club set in Jerusalem, for children about to start Y1-Y6, and will run from **Tuesday 24th-Friday 27th August**, from **10-12.30** each morning, plus a Holiday Club Special service on **Sunday 29th at 11am** in St Andrew's, where the club is based. Booking forms are available on our website www.standy.uk.

**Join us
in the
studio!**

**Find out
more
about
Jesus!**

**book
now!**

Do you know your area?

We have devised a SUMMER QUIZ TRAIL in Cheadle Hulme which starts and finishes at St Andrews on Cheadle Road. The distance is 2.25 miles, (3.6km) and estimated time is approximately 60-75 minutes at a steady pace (though as you go past some fun places you may want to stop to play, or for refreshments!) The car park behind the church has free parking available.

The route is mostly pushchair-friendly: at one point the path is a little narrow and bumpy; at another there are 3 steps. You can download the full quiz and a photo version for younger people to complete from our website www.standy.uk. Enjoy the fun facts to do with what you are seeing, and the suggested activities while you walk.

Let's party!

We plan to have a Community Party at both church buildings, on **11 September** at St Andrew's and **5 September** at Emmanuel.

Hungarian hello and goodbye

Did you know that when a Hungarian says 'hello' they often mean 'goodbye'? Some of you may have been fortunate enough to meet our Hungarian volunteer, Gábor Csanády, who arrived at the end of December

2020 and returns home in early July.

We asked him a few questions.

Why did you want to come to England?

2 reasons: to improve my English, and to experience British culture.

What have you done while you were here?

My role as a volunteer has involved helping with the toddler group, lots of practical jobs and gardening around the church, helping with operating technology for Sunday services, and delivering weekly letters to people in the parish who couldn't receive them electronically.

Have you been able to see much of the country?

Yes, I visited every nation and I climbed the



highest mountain in each! I also went to London, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Mallaig and Belfast.

What has been the best part of your time?

2 weeks' holiday in Scotland and Northern Ireland. It was a new experience to me to travel alone and look after myself.

What has been the worst?

Weird foods, eg. gravy. Perhaps the hardest thing was January during lockdown, when I felt useless because there was so little I could do.

What will you do when you get home?

I'll go on holiday with friends and hopefully begin University in September, to study Economics. I hope I might get back into work as a film extra over the summer - preferably a good mediaeval movie rather than a boring show when I'm just a member of a crowd.

Overall, are you glad you came?

Even if it has been a bad year because of covid, it is definitely worth it to have come.

