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Friends,

I hope, as you read this, you are enjoying the Summer. It is a time for joy and refreshment. It is also a time to pick our favourite Summer fruits and enjoy fresh strawberries, raspberries and blackcurrants. Those who have planted, tended and pruned, now quite literally enjoy the fruits of their labour.

In his letter to the Galatians Paul reminds us that our life with the Holy Spirit is one which bears fruit too. He lists the fruits of the Spirit as “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.” (Galatians 5: 22-23)

I wonder which of these fruits is needed most: By you? By your church? By your neighbourhood? By our missional partnership? By our nation? By the world?

These fruits too need to be planted, watered, tended and cultivated.

You are invited, perhaps as you enjoy tasting some summer fruits (either alone or with your Bible study group), to choose one of the fruits of the Spirit. Choose one that you think is needed most right now. Reflect on how you, or your church, could tend that fruit and enable it to flourish.

Let's continue these reflections together. There will be an opportunity to do so at our partnership summer retreat at The Ridge Methodist Chapel in Marple on Saturday 28th June. Please let me know if you wish to attend.

May we, together, bring Christ's love, joy and peace to our world.

Liz Delafield
Mission Mentor, GM S Mission Partnership

NEWS AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP

Hopefully that wasn't the last of the sun we can look forward to this year. We hope that those who are anxious, unwell at home or in hospital or are bereaved know that they are in our thoughts and prayers.

In May, our services were led by Bernie, Rev K and Rev Dave Fraser, who kindly stood in for Rev Steph Atkins who was on compassionate leave. Our thoughts and prayers are with Steph and the family of her god-daughter.

Thank you to everyone who donated to Chelwood Foodbank Plus at our coffee morning and to Christian Aid during the special week. There is another opportunity on Saturday 21 June (7.30pm) when Poynton Brass Band are holding a concert at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church with half the proceeds from ticket sales going to **Christian Aid**. This is being organised by the Churches Together Cheadle Hulme Christian Aid group. The band are celebrating their bicentenary this year and are performing 'A night at the movies'. Tickets are £10 with under 16s free and can be bought from the office at Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church or online <https://www.poyntonband.co.uk/event-details-registration/a-night-at-the-movies>

If you celebrated your birthday or an anniversary in May, we hope you had a happy time and we send best wishes to all those who will be celebrating in June.

The News Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 7 JUN - COFFEE MORNING, CAKE SALE and WORKING PARTY

Sun 22 JUN - Church 156th Anniversary

Sun 20 JUL - Re-arranged date for CHURCH MEETING

Members, friends & neighbours

FILM MATINEE

Sat 28 JUN ~2.30pm

CTCH

An Interfaith Group has grown to link the large and successful Mosque on Wilmslow Rd. nr Handforth, with Heald Green' and Cheadle Hulme' Churches Together. Last summer they held a BBQ and Bernie attended on behalf of CTCH. In May this year, Heald Green URC hosted on behalf of HGCT an Interfaith Eco-church workshop at which our sisters from Cheadle Mosque provided drinks and snacks.. We discovered that whilst our bibles are very encouraging of tending God's creations in this world, the Koran is even more emphatic that the earth and the flora /fauna are to be looked after.

CTCH are planning a BBQ 19 JUL at Swann La to welcome families from the Mosque and we ask all Cheadle Hulme congregations to help with the socialising.

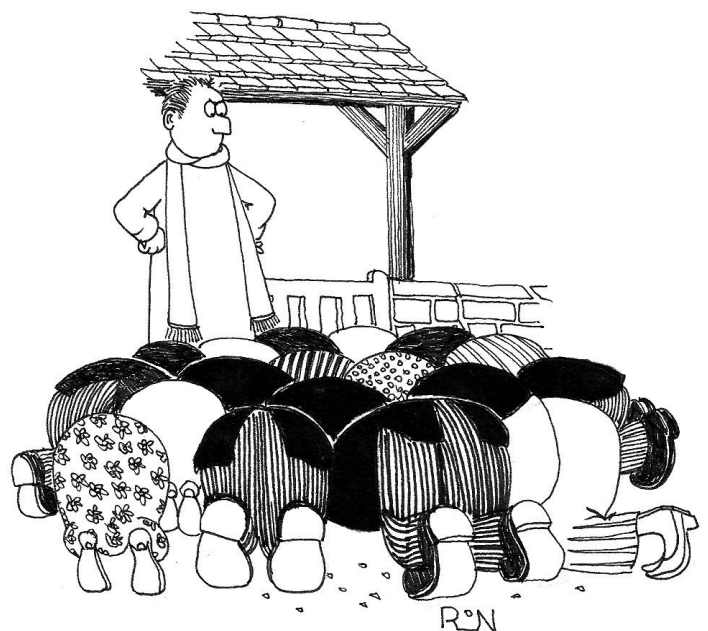
Bernie

PRAYER FOR CORNERSTONE URC

Lord, we thank you for the successful union of Christ Church and Didsbury congregations to create the new Cornerstone church, enriching church life, forming new friendships and opening up new opportunities.

We pray that they now, prayerfully, grasp those opportunities and with help from you, our ministers and advisers and our Missional Partnership, bring the love of Jesus Christ to the local community.

Amen



Keith was very strict about confetti in the churchyard



Scientists, economists, business leaders, church leaders and others, who read the late Pope Francis's *Laudato Si* (Praise be for our common home), along with millions of ordinary people, realise this: our best chance of avoiding catastrophic climate change and a total wipe out of nature is to deal with these crises together. As importantly, it must be done in *ways that are fair* to the poorest and most vulnerable in all countries – and to avoid a backlash against planet-saving measures.

That is where the Climate and Nature (CAN) bill comes in (previously called the Climate and Ecology Bill). First conceived by the Zero Hour campaign six years ago, with the early backing of A Rocha UK, there are now more than 180 organisations, as well as faith leaders, scientists and politicians, supporting the bill. After the government failed to back the bill at its second reading in January, but made some relevant promises, the campaign is stepping up.

The next step is for citizens of all constituents in the UK to write to Prime Minister Keir Starmer, calling on him and the government to face the stark reality on climate and biodiversity loss, and get behind the practical and fair actions to address the twin crises.

You can swiftly sign (and amend if you wish) an email to the PM at [Zero Hour – Join the campaign for the Climate and Nature Bill](#). As the UK heads for what looks like another unusually hot and dry summer, now is the time to remind our government of the urgency of joined up action for climate and nature.

A ROCHA UK

PARTNERSHIP RETREAT

Sat 28 June - 10am - 2pm Partnership Retreat at Marple Ridge Methodist Chapel open to any church members who would like to attend. A day of reflection, prayer and fellowship with the Greater Manchester South Missional Partnership which will end with lunch together (provided). Please let Bernie or Alison know if you would like to reserve a place.

ROYAL NORTHERN COLLEGE 'MUSIC

Having hoped that this term would be slightly less busy than the last, I still find myself with lots to keep me occupied! Next week on 28th May, I'll be singing my first B minor Mass as part of the Pennine Spring Music Festival in Heptonstall, a somewhat daunting prospect, I must admit; nonetheless, I'm certain that it will prove great fun, the other soloists being fellow RNCM students, and it's a marvellous piece to have added to my repertoire, both because and in spite of its difficulty.

Looking further ahead in the term, I'll be performing in two opera scenes at the RNCM, from Puccini's *La buona figliuola* and Rossini's *L'occasione fa il ladro* on 5th and 10th June respectively, both of which have provided lovely experiences to practise ensemble singing. In addition, I'm rehearsing for several choral projects this term: the first, *Lament* by Jasdeep Singh Degun, is a cross-cultural re-imaging of Orpheus and Eurydice, mixing Western with North Indian classical music; as for the second, I'll be taking part in the RNCM's new residency in Siena this summer, singing Monteverdi's *Vespers*. As products of last term's operatic undertaking,

**SOUP,
SWEET & MEET**
WED 18 JUN Noon ~ 1.30pm

I hope all is well at Cheadle Hulme United Reformed Church (it was lovely to meet some of you at Wilmslow in March)! I can't emphasise how crucial your support has been in allowing me to commence my studies this year; I've learnt so much and am immensely looking forward to another year at the RNCM, as well as the opportunity to perform at your concert in September – thank you!

**Gabriel Jones, recipient of
David Williams Memorial Award**

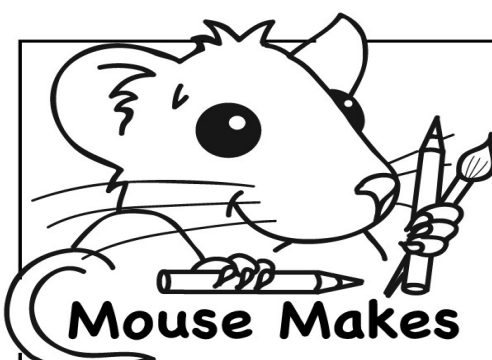
GREENSTOCK 2025

Stockport's only 'Green' Community Fun Day is back! On Saturday, 21st June we'll be back in the glorious , at Woodbank (Park) Community Food Hub, from 11 am ~ 4 pm.

Come along for a jam-packed day filled with fun, tasty food, music, and sunshine. There will be lots of stalls and activities such as making bug-hotels, seed planting, climate conversations, nature connection activities, games, and much more. All activities, food, and drink will be provided for free, including tasty cakes. Everyone is welcome!


Greenstock is all about celebrating Stockport's communities and environment. It is organised by Stockport's Green Network, which is open to all residents and community groups who are interested in climate and nature action. I plan to organise a faith group stall again.

Liz Delafield, Mission Mentor



Mouse Makes

PENTECOST • WIND • FIRE
HOLY • SPIRIT • TONGUES • RESTED
JERUSALEM • JEWS • GALILEANS
HEAR • LANGUAGE • ARAMAIC • GREEK
HEBREW • PARTHIANS • MEDES
ELAMITES • MESOPOTAMIA
JUDEA • CAPPADOCIA • PONTUS
ASIA • PHRYGIA • PAMPHYLIA
EGYPT • LIBYA • CYRENE
ROME • CRETANS
ARABIANS • GOD



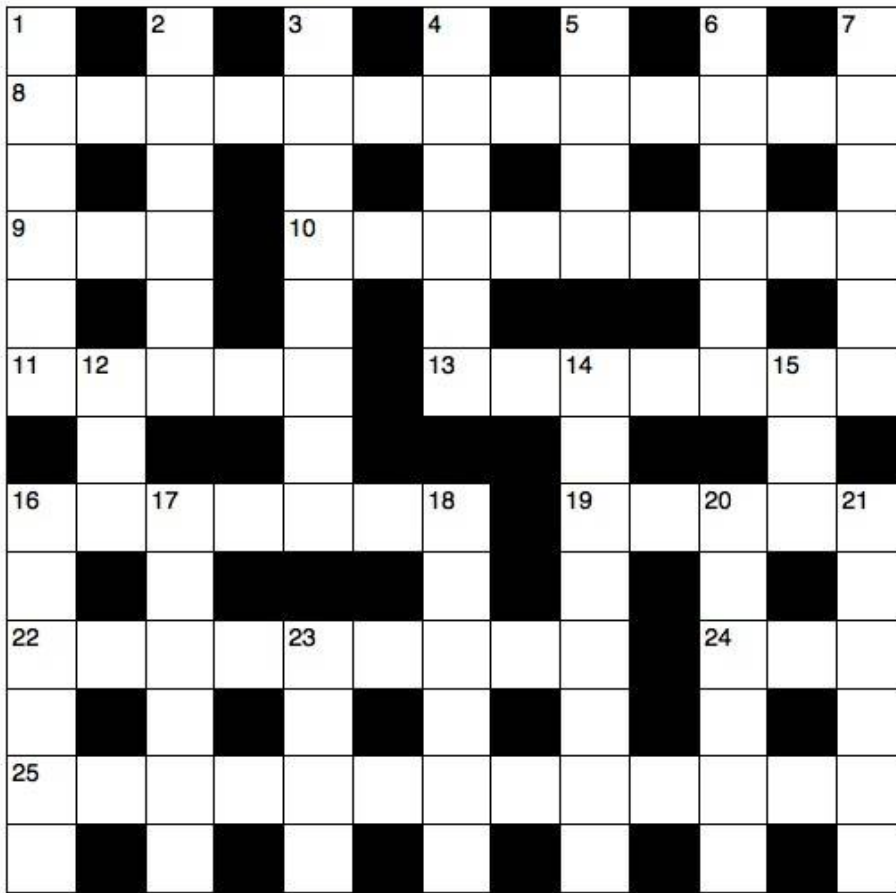
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It was fifty days since **Passover**, and Jews from many countries had come to **Jerusalem** to celebrate Passover. As the **Apostles** were gathered together the **Holy Spirit** came upon them and they began to speak in other **languages** as the Spirit enabled them. The crowd that were listening were amazed as they heard about God in their own language. *How many people heard, believed and were baptised that day?*

DID YOU KNOW?

The Bible or parts of the Bible have now been translated into over 3,000 different languages since it was first written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek.



CROSSWORD

Across

- 8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
 9 In favour of (3)
 10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
 11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
 13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)
 19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
 22 Holy Communion (9)
 24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)
 25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
 4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6-12) (4)
 6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
 7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — —' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
 12 Ate (anag.) (3)
 14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
 15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
 18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
 21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
 23 Diva (anag.) (4)

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LECTIONARY FOR JUNE

1 JUN: Acts 16.16-34; Psalm 97; Revelation 22.12-14,16-17,20-21; John 17.20-26

8 JUN: Acts 2.1-21; Genesis 11.1-9; Psalm 104.24-34,35b; John 14.8-17,(25-27)

15 JUN: Proverbs 8.1-4,22-31; Psalm 8; Romans 5.1-5; John 16.12-15

22 JUN: Isaiah 65.1-9; Psalm 22.19-28; Galatians 3.23-29; Luke 8.26-39"

29 JUN: 1 Kings 19.15-16,19-21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5.1,13-25; Luke 9.51-62



Elders' wish to keep everyone safe, so please stay home if you are unwell. You may wear masks (perhaps for singing). Also, understand our plans may change with little notice. We may sometimes have a speaker and sometimes a simple in-house led service. Video conferencing continues and Leaders or readers may Zoom in or speak in church.

Date	1 JUN	8 JUN	15 JUN	22 JUN	29 JUN
Service	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Communion	JOINT Worship
Time	10.30am	10.30 am	10.30 am	10.30 am	10.00am
Leader	Linda Rayner	Alison Haigh	In House	Elley Noden	Rev Steph Atkins
Elder Duty	B Stevens	P Oliver	S Smith	D Phillips	CHEADLE HULME CLOSED JOINT SERVICE AT BRAMHALL
Door /Reader	M Smith	M Hardie	H Elsden	G Elsden	
Flowers	Silk	A Stevens	Silk	R Lawrence	
Coffee	A Stevens	M Smith	H Elsden	S Smith	
N o t e s		Pentecost	Trinity Sunday	ANNIVERSARY	

CALENDAR



JUNE

Fri 06	2pm	Choir rehearsal
Sat 07)	9.30am WORKING PARTY
)	10.30-12 noon COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE in aid of FRANCIS HOUSE
Fri 13	2pm	Choir rehearsal
Wed 18	12 ~ 2pm	Soup, Sweet & Meet
Fri 20	2pm	Choir rehearsal
Fri 27	2pm	Choir rehearsal
Sat 28	2.30pm	FILM MATINEE

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8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle. 16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.

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1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6, Armlet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17, Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

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