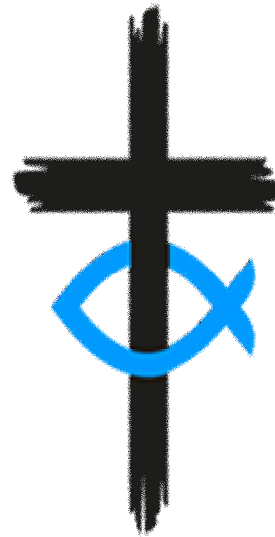


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Partnership Ministers: Rev Kurauone Mutimwii
Rev Stephanie Atkins

OCTOBER 2025

Friends,

The Crisis of Capacity is our opportunity to discover our capacity ~ Mark 6

35 By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. "This is a remote place," they said, "and it's already very late. 36 Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat." 37 But he answered, "You give them something to eat." They said to him, "That would take more than half a year's wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?"

Our discipleship in Christ could be found in a crisis of doubting and mistrusting our capacity to serve Christ in ways that bring transformation to Societies. This is because we practice our discipleship within a Church which is caught up in the tension of competing and clamoring for recognition and validation as a relevant entity in the world space, and the overwhelming powerful sense of being under resourced, helplessness and deficiency of the capacity to holistically address issues bedeviling nations politically, economically and spiritually. The sense of being under resourced takes away the guts, courage and brevity to stand for what is difficult but ideal and right and what must be done to stir the world into the right direction. Now, instead of us going before God to ask God for the tools they need to boost our capacity, we approach God to bemoan and express our intention to shy and slide away from the issues of the people, or chase away people with challenging issues away from our presence. Whilst we acknowledge our incapacity, we must not use this as an excuse to chase away those in need but pray for means and courage to face those challenges, trusting that God can and is willing to do something about it.

Christ has only but one command to his disciples as a solution to those who in their desperation, take refuge in Him; we give them something to eat. Though we may be projecting our incapacity to address what God's people desperately needs, we are and will always be Christ's instrument in intervening on affairs of his creation. We may not speak up, complain of little resources or send them away to suffer by themselves but Christ still challenges us to give them something to eat. You and I could have been a part of that of a discipleship that never said or did anything when people were victims of violence, were displaced and denied equity and justice. You and I could have been there in theological reflections, praying them away, winking uncaringly when the earth is subjected to eco injustice. You and I could have been there, urging the Lord to send them away because we cannot help. It is not

about what we can or cannot, but opportunities in his presence, possibilities within his presence, and our capacity potentially realizable and achievable through him. I pray that we desire to be a part of what God can do through us and to be there when the Lord demonstrates that we have his capacity to transform the world around us.

Rev Kurauone Mutimwii

NEWS AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP

The nights are drawing in and for many people this is a very lonely and worrying time. We think of the many people who are confined to their homes for all sorts of different reasons. We pray for those who are sick in body, anxious or depressed. We remember those of our congregation and friends who are unwell or recently bereaved, and we pray for them.

In addition to our minister Rev Kurauone, we were well supported by visiting worship leaders in September - Alison Haigh (Heald Green), Elley Noden (Bramhall), and Robert Williams. Thank you all most sincerely for your continued support.

On 13 September we had a wonderful '**Autumn Serenade**' concert with Chapel Male Voice Choir and Gabriel Jones, a tenor from RNCM, who is the recipient of our David Williams Memorial Award. £333 was raised for our 5 charities. Thank you to everyone who came and donated so generously. We hope to repeat the occasion next year.

A copy of the minutes of the last Church meeting in July are enclosed in the magazine for members together with an Elders' nomination form.

News team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sat 13 December - Carol Service on Oak Meadow - 10.30 am

Wed 17 December - Christmas Lunch (pre-booked) - 12.30pm

PARTNERSHIP PRAYER FOR HEALD GREEN URC

Jesus Christ,
In your name we pray, and ask for your guidance through the days, weeks and months ahead of

us.

We do not know what lies ahead, whether joy or sorrow, strength or weakness, good health or illness; but we have our strong faith to lead us and protect us.

With the support of our individual churches and the valuable friends within them, with the assistance of the companion churches of our Partnership, and with the leadership of our two reliable and respected ministers, we can be confident that we will have all that we need to go forward into that unknown future.

Help us to sing your praise in the poetry of the words of hymns and psalms.

Help us to share your presence in the silence of prayers, and let us understand more of what you expect of us by reading your instruction in the Bible.

We ask your blessing throughout our lives. Make us your loyal disciples, here today, in God's wide world.

Amen.

CHRISTINE MARGARET BROOKS

Mum was born in Eccles, Manchester on 1 MAR 25 and was brought up in Alderley Edge. She went to the local school and during the summer holidays went on holiday to Trefor, a village on the Llyn Peninsula in North Wales for long periods of time with her family and, many years later she continued the tradition.

She joined the Auxiliary Territorial Army in 1943 aged just 17. She learnt how to operate radar and to identify German planes so they could be shot down. She was stationed in Lancaster, Oswestry and Sheffield, where she lived in dormitories, each home to 6 girls. During the rest of the 1940's and 1950's Mum lived back in Alderley Edge with her family. She worked as a secretary in Manchester, initially in the offices pay core looking after the wages of army personnel and then worked as a secretary for several different companies including Gillette. She loved going to the theatre and classical concerts after work and always loved walking in the countryside.

It was on an organised walking holiday in Yugoslavia that she met our Dad John Brooks in 1959 and they were married the following year buying a new house in Rowan Drive, Cheadle Hulme that became the family house and Mum continued to live there until just after Dad died, over 50 years later.

In 1962 I was born, and then, at the grand old age of 40, Mum gave birth to twins, my sisters Sally

and Julie. It was only a few weeks before the birth that the Doctors picked up 2 heart beats – imagine what a shock that must have been.

Mum was a regular church goer and attended **this** church for over 50 years. She helped run the mothers and toddlers' group for many years, which she continued to do well into her 70's! She was an active member of the ladies' circle and they all continued to meet up for many decades, evolving from a group of women with young children to a group of elderly grandmothers. She also belonged to the local Townswomen's Guild.

Dad retired in his early 60's and Mum and Dad enjoyed having more time together, and, when Mum was in her 80's, they were still enjoying trips abroad, especially walking holidays in Switzerland and Austria. Mum relished not only being a Mum but also a grandma and doted on her granddaughters, proud of all their achievements, especially seeing them all go off to university and become independent young woman.

For the last 8 years of her life she lived in care but, despite losing her mobility and independence Mum continued to remain interested in what was going on around her. At Cavendish care home she spent many hours doing jigsaws in the lounge and enlisting help from us when needed. She later moved to Astbury Mere care home near Congleton where despite becoming frailer she continued to make her presence known, insisting on always having her door open so she didn't miss out on anything and ensuring that she got maximum attention from the staff!

But what was she really like and what's her lasting legacy? She was a good cook and baker. Her pastry was legendary, and family favourites included Bakewell Tart, lemon meringue pie and Dorothy cake (so called because the recipe came from a church friend called Dorothy who included it in a church recipe book and was!)

She was also an excellent knitter and sewer and was happy to pass on her skills. Another area that she excelled in was organising parties and games. Sally and Julie remember having the best birthday parties with great games which the family still continue to play when they are together.

It's incredible to think that she lived for over a century. Just think how different life was back in

1925. It was only 7 years after the end of WW1, there was no NHS, John Logie Baird had only just successfully transmitted the first television images and most shocking of all, woman under 30 could not vote.

We have all been so lucky to have her as our Mum and Grandma for so very long. We will miss her dearly and never forget her. Her memory will live in all of us forever.

**Extracts from Eulogy
by daughter Diane**

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**SOUP, SWEET
& BOARD GAMES**
noon~2.30pm
Wed 15 OCT

HARVEST ~ SUN 12 OCTOBER

Now that Chelwood Foodbank Plus is one of our 5 charities, we are looking to support them again with our Harvest goods. They need:

Tinned Meat and Tuna, Jam & Sugar, Cordial, UHT milk, Cereal, Biscuits, Tea/Coffee, Tins Mixed Veg, Tins Fruit, Tins Rice Puddings, Jars Cooking Sauces, Tins Soup.

...but if you would prefer to give a monetary donation, please feel free to do so...

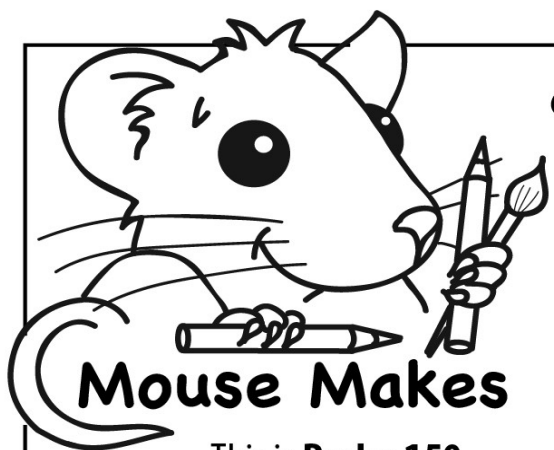
Thank you



Gabriel Jones - recipient of the David Williams Memorial Award with a few choir members (Robert Williams smiling on the left)



Chapel Male Voice Choir listening to Gabriel



Praise God in His Temple,
Praise Him in His mighty heavens.
Praise Him for His acts of power,
Praise Him for his surpassing greatness.

Praise Him
with the sounding trumpet,
Praise Him
with the harp and lyre,
Praise Him
with tambourine and dancing,
Praise Him
with the clash of cymbals,
Praise Him
with the resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath
PRAISE THE LORD!

This is **Psalm 150**,
a song of praise to God,
it tells us why and how
to worship God.
*How do you praise and
worship God?*

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PRAISE • GOD • TEMPLE • HEAVENS • SANCTUARY • POWER • GREATNESS
TRUMPET • HORN • PIPE • FLUTE • HARP • LYRE • LUTE • STRINGS
TAMBOURINE • DANCING • CYMBALS • DRUMS • BREATH • LORD

SERVICES

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. **Duties** are performed by a small team on a rota. Please check the board for changes.

OCTOBER	5 OCT	12 OCT	19 OCT	26 OCT
Service	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Communion	Morning Worship
Time	10.30am	10.30 am	10.30 am	10.30 am
Leader	Rev Peter Sharp	Chris Whitehead	Rev Steph Atkins	G Elsdon & A Stevens
Elder Duty	B Stevens	S Smith	D Phillips/ A Stevens	P Oliver
Door /Reader	J Hodson	M Smith	P Grieve	M Hardie
Flowers	Silk	Harvest	Harvest	Silk
Coffee	M Smith	B Stevens	H Elsdon	A Stevens
Notes		HARVEST	COMMUNION	

CHURCH REGISTERS - FUNERALS

CHRISTINE MARGARET BROOKS who died on 12 August aged 100yrs, at Church and Macclesfield Crematorium on Tuesday 23 September 2025

LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER

5 OCT: Habakkuk 1.1-4; 2.1-4; Psalm 37.1-9;
2 Timothy 1.1-14; Luke 17.5-10

12 OCT: 2 Kings 5.1-3,7-15c; Psalm 111;
2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19

19 OCT: Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 121;
2 Timothy 3.14-4.5; Luke 18.1-8

26 OCT: Jeremiah 14.7-10,19-22; Psalm 84.1-7;
2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18; Luke 18.9-14



WEAR OUT

Three little boys were bragging about how tough they were. "I'm so tough," said the first boy, "that I can wear out a pair of shoes in a week."

"Well," said the second little boy, "I'm so tough, I can wear out a pair of jeans in a day."

"That's nothing," said the third boy. "When my parents take me to see my grandma and grandpa, I can wear them out in just one hour."

Members, friends & neighbours

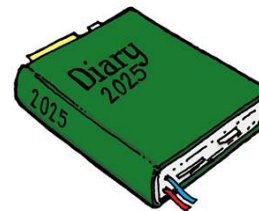
FILM MATINEE

Sat 25 OCT ~2.30pm

Parish Pump

CALENDAR

To the best of the Editor's knowledge, unless you know better...



OCTOBER

Fri 03	2pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat 04	10.30am	COFFEE MORNING & CAKE SALE in aid of Macmillan Nurses
Wed 08	7pm	Elders' meeting
Thu 09	7.30pm	Worship group on Zoom
Fri 10	2pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat 11	6.30pm	Fish & Chip Supper (pre-ordered) and Beetle Drive
Sun 12	11.45am	CHURCH MEETING
Wed 15	12 noon	Soup, Sweet & Board Games
Thu 16	7pm	Churches Together AGM - URC
Fri 17	2pm	Choir Rehearsal
Fri 24	2pm	Choir Rehearsal
Sat 25	2.30pm	Film Matinee
Sun 26	2.30pm	Partnership Prayers in the Park 2025 - Fog Lane Park, M20 4UP Celebrate the Season of creation - Everyone Welcome including accompanied children and well behaved dogs on leads.

Autumn Glades

We stroll through leafy autumn glades,
An amber carpet 'neath our shoes;
As Nature's summer beauty fades
She clothes herself in golden hues.

The stillness of October days,
The chillness of a frosty dawn,
Yet autumn sunshine's slanting rays
Caress us with their glowing warmth.

They also warm the southern breeze,
Which comes upon us, as it may,
Releasing crispy, ochre leaves
To gently patter on our way.

Soon, soon comes winter's icy grip,
Of freezing wind and driving snow,
But, just for now, we'll gladly slip
Through gentle autumn's golden glow.

By Nigel Beeton

Sudoku answers

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