

CHURCH NEWS

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**JULY & AUGUST
2026**

Friends

Keep on keeping on

In the church year, we've now come to that long season- it seems to go on forever- variously called 'Trinity' or 'Ordinary time'. Each of those labels tells us something about the approximately six months between Pentecost and Advent Sunday. 'Trinity' reminds us that with Pentecost, God has made Himself known to us in all His fullness (or at least as much as we can bear) as Father, Son **and** Holy Spirit. 'Ordinary time' tells us that this is the season where, now armed with the insights and power of the Holy Spirit, we can revisit the life of Jesus with new eyes, new heart, see new things in the faith, see new opportunities to serve God.

This is the time when those words of Jesus (John 15 v15) 'I have made known to you everything I have learned from the Father' come into play. It may seem a long season, it may feel like the drudgery of 'Keep on keeping on' without the excitement of Christmas, Easter and Pentecost to lift our spirits, but it is ordinary time charged with the knowledge that we have everything we need in the resources of God. The love of the Father, the words and works of the Son, the power of the Spirit will energise us as we 'keep on keeping on' through this long season.

This long season up to the end of November is a reminder that working out our love for God in our community is probably more about perspiration than inspiration. Few are called to be heroes of the faith, but all are called to faith(-fulness), and somehow or other, with the transforming power of the Spirit, we are all able to keep on keeping on, doing little things with great love.

Here's a lovely prayer I learned from our son's godmother which captures some of the mindset of the Trinity season/Ordinary time; it may help you 'keep on keeping on' through the months ahead;

Let not our soul be busy inns that have not room for thee and thine, but quiet homes of prayer and praise where thou mayest find fit company; where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away, and wide sweet space is kept for thee. Amen.

Amen to that. Ordinary- but challenging!

**Rev Roy Shaw
Parish Pump**

NEWS AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP

Our thoughts are with those in our fellowship who are or have been unwell or housebound for any reason. We think especially of our organist, Eric Ward, who has been in hospital but is now back at home.

In June, we were well supported in our worship by Rev Peter Sharp, Rev Kurauone Mutimwii, Linda Rayner and Bernie – thank you all.

Our Coffee Morning at the beginning of June for Francis House raised £117.70 – thanks go to everyone for their support.

Our best wishes go to all those who will be celebrating a birthday or anniversary in July or August.

The News Team

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 – 6 July - URC General Assembly

8 November - Remembrance Sunday

1 December – World AIDS Day

MISSIONAL PARTNERSHIP

JULY - Prayer for Gatley URC:

Lord, we pray for your creation and world at this time. We have not always cared for it as we should.

Sometimes we are selfish and greedy and think only of ourselves while others face hardship; famine; flood and fire.

As we pray for peace in the world and let us ask for all people of whatever faith, to put aside their hatred of each other and learn that the world could become a better place if we did unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Lord, as we travel along life's journey, may we find your love and peace in our hearts to live and serve as you would have us do. We ask these things in your name – **Amen**

AUGUST - Prayer for Cheadle Hulme URC:

Lord, we see opportunities ahead which we think are sent to challenge us.

We pray that our Elders and members now grasp those opportunities with help from our ministers, our missional partnership and the Synod. Bring the love of Christ to our church community.

Help all who serve in our churches. Living God, our achievements without your love amount to nothing, so help us to accept your love and to strive for a future with you.

Hear our prayer now and always. **Amen**

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SOUP, SWEET & MEET

WED 15 JULY

Noon ~ 1.30pm

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The annual Opticians' Service is
always a favourite of Derek's!

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R U HOT? CONSIDER THIS...:

Close your curtains and blinds during the day. Block out the sunlight. That may be hard to do in a country where we don't see the sun as often as we'd like, but sadly that sunlight pouring through your windows will heat up your house.

At night, aim to create a breeze that flows through your house. This is easy to do - simply open windows on opposite walls or at opposite sides of your home. Let the air circulate as much as possible.

Try to reduce heat from your appliances. Your stove, dishwasher, television, hairdryer, fridge and freezer all generate some heat. Can you do without any of these during the daytime?

Aim for cool flooring. Try and use wood flooring and ceramic or porcelain tiles in that is why we like them in the winter.

Consider using breathable fabrics over your sofa and chairs. Sitting on natural fabrics such as cotton or linen throws is cooler than sitting on man-made fabrics.

If all else fails, *try an electric fan*, they cost money to run but at least move the air about. Placed on the floor in front of a bowl of ice water, they will cool the skin.

Parish Pump

MO MORTON (8 May 1935 ~ 22 May 2026)

Good afternoon, everyone & thank you for joining Peter & myself here today to say goodbye & celebrate the life of Mum, Morene, Mo, Skip, or however you knew her.

A Cheadle Hulme resident for over 60 years Mum was almost part of the landscape, regularly seen marching off to the village at a pace many couldn't keep up even well into her 80's, to leading 3rd C/H guides for longer than I can remember, being part of the church, & running her own garden maintenance business.

I have so many happy memories over the years, from family holidays to grandads caravan in Tydwieliog on the Llyn peninsular that lasted all summer & Easter (definitely a happy place) to guide camps - yes I often had to go as there weren't many baby sitters available for a whole week & latterly welcoming her grandchildren into the world.

She was always willing to help anyone & everyone & was largely responsible for me getting my 1st job as an apprentice mechanic. Having stripped the family Bedford dormobile down on the drive at home & replaced piston rings at the age of 16yr, I obviously showed an aptitude for it, either that or she thought, if he's going to be repairing our vehicles we'd better make sure he knows what he's doing. So off I went to Stockport College to study car mechanics then, through a fellow guide leader's husband who was fairly high up at a jaguar dealer in Manchester, she helped organise a job interview for me .. & the rest is history.

But that was Mum, always willing to help, be it family, friends & neighbours or the multitude of guides who came under her wing as Skip, long time guide leader of 3rd CH guides. When she finally hung up her guide woggle & retired, she & Dad followed Pete up to the peak park & became part time rangers, a role she reveled in, mending dry stone walls fencing & advising hikers amongst other tasks.

As for Church where she transferred her membership to in 1985, she loved the companionship & shared faith that the church brought. But inevitably as the years marched on she found herself needing the help of those around her - she was very lucky to have some fantastic neighbours on Victoria Avenue who really did make a difference as well as the staff at Homemoss in Buxton where there was someone looking out for her.

We love & miss you Mum.

Extracts from Eulogy by son, Tim

MoSummation...

Church member, choir, Housekeeper, Head gardener, toddler group, social committee, Scottish country dancing, Church Elder 2000-2015

COME REIGN ME IN

*Oh God, who made the world so fair,
And formed the earth, the sky, the sea;
Who gave us ears, and eyes, and minds,
To hear, to see, to know all love is thee.*

*Oh God, who in the Lord Jesus,
Gave us a light to light our way;
Let our life's lamp be lit by Him
Whose strength will see us safely through each
day.*

*Oh God, whose Spirit gave us birth,
And holds all life secure, e'en mine;
Take all I am, and all I have,
Bless and redeem them for they both are Thine.*

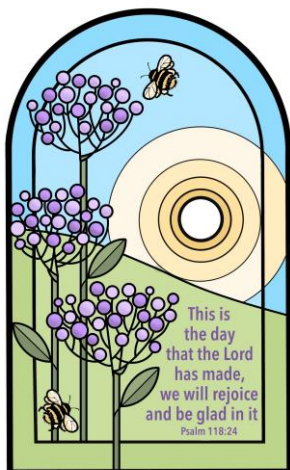
*Oh God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, three in one;
Blessed be thy name, come reign in me,
And in me let thy will be done.*

By Sam Doubtfire

SMART WORMS

Earth flew in all directions as the crimson-faced would-be golfer attempted to strike the ball. "Goodness," he finally blurted to his caddie, "the worms around here will think there's been an earthquake."

"Never mind," said the caddie, "they are pretty smart – by now they will be hiding beneath the ball for safety."



Film Matinee
2.30pm ~ 25 JUL 26
Bring your friends

RESOLUTIONS

Following the Church Meeting and the 3 Resolutions, Elders will now continue moving forward with Heald Green and Bramhall URCs towards some form of union. We will continue to talk to you all at every turn.

The immediate effect will be a 3way joint worship every month starting in September, usually on the 2nd Sunday, though it may vary due to festivals like Easter etc. The challenge will be managing this 2nd Sunday on a fair rota system, which is unavoidable.

We cannot go on much longer on our own: yet we want to maintain a Reformed presence in Cheadle Hulme, so we will have to merge in some shape or form. We don't want to let our hall users down, so we **have** to rotate with the others in a way that is **equitable**. After any union, we will still be rotating.

Here, I will just remind you of the Transport fund – a taxi will take you to whichever church you say...

Cheadle Hulme URC, Swann Lane SK8 7HU

Bramhall URC, Robins Lane SK7 2PE

Heald Green URC, Wilmslow Road, SK8 3BH

{One further anomaly, Bramhall start at 10am for the convenience of their organist, Mark, again this is unavoidable}

We choose to meet these challenges as a family, solve problems together, to travel in faith and with love, helping one another to face the world and meet God wherever He is.

Bernie

CROSSWORD

Clues Across

1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)

3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)

8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)

9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my -' (Luke 14:27) (8)

11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31)(10)

14 In Cain(anag.)(6)

15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)

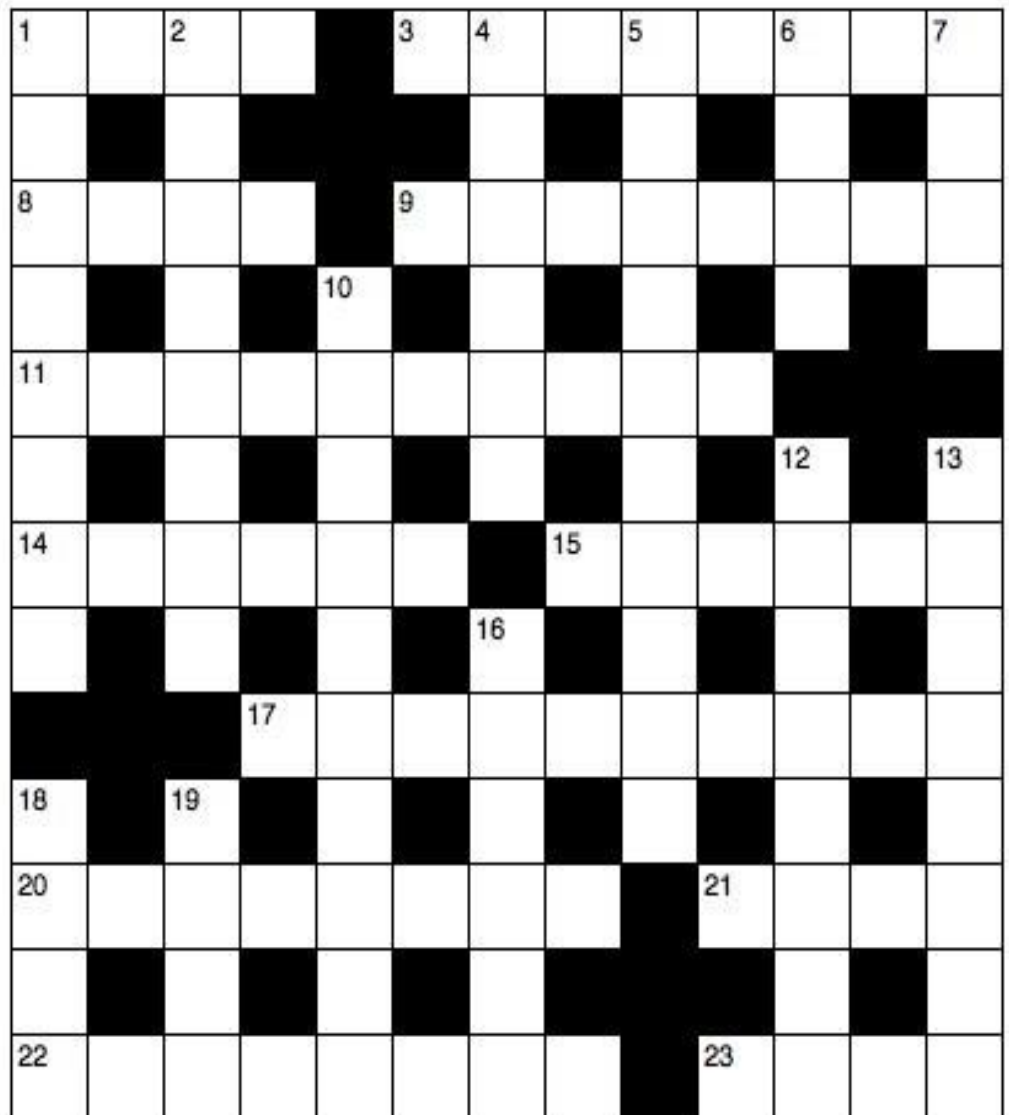
17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5)(10)

20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church(8)

21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)

22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in -' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)

23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)



Clues Down

1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)

2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)

4 'We three kings of — are' (6)

5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)

6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)

7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)

10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John 10:22)(10)

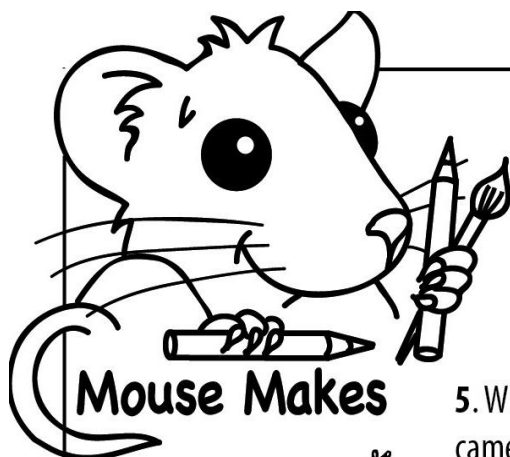
12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)

13 Forebear(James 2:21)(8)

16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha(6)

18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis 25:34)(4)

19 Rear(anag.)(4)

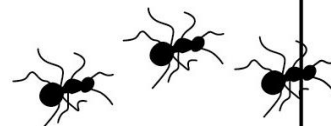


Mouse Makes

1. What bird makes
it's nest on high?
Job 39:27



2. What ate the seeds along the path?
Matthew 13:4

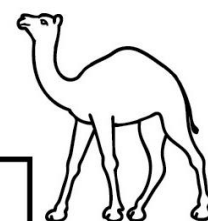


3. The hair of which animal
was used to make curtains?
Exodus 36:14

5. What plague
came out of the
River Nile?
Exodus 8:6



6. What animal would
go through the eye
of a needle easier
than a rich person?
Luke 18:25



7. Which animal
was Jesus
compared to?
John 1:29



8. What bird did Noah release
from the ark first?
Genesis 8:7



9 across.
In what creature's mouth
was a coin found?
Matthew 17:27



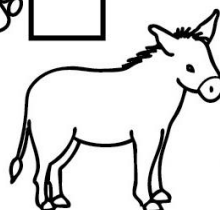
9 down.
What lives
in holes?
Matthew 8:20



12. Which bird
did the
Holy Spirit
appear as?
Luke 3:22



13. Which animal
did Jesus ride on?
Matthew 21:7



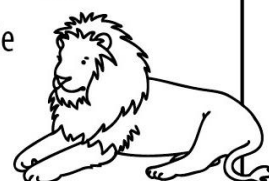
14. What bird did God provide
for food in the wilderness?
Exodus 16:13



15. What insects did John eat in the wilderness?
Matthew 3:4



16. Which animal is the
"mightiest among beasts"?
Proverbs 30:30



B I B L E

C R E A T U R E S

SERVICE DETAILS & DUTIES

Readers: Please double-check your bible references upon arrival at church.

Elders: If you are unavailable do a duty, please arrange your own swap and mark it up on the master copy on the Foyer noticeboard, which should always be checked for last minute changes.

Date	5 JUL	12 JUL	19 JUL	26 JUL
Service	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Communion	Morning Communion
Time	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
Leader	Elley Noden	Rev Steph Atkins	Peter Bradley	Rev Peter Sharp
Duty Elder	D Phillips	A Stevens	D Phillips	S Smith
Reader & Door	J Hodson	Madge + visitors		H Elsdon
Flowers	Silk	H Elsdon	Silk	Silk
Coffee	A Stevens	various	H Elsdon	M Smith
Notes		Joint Congregation	Joining Wilmslow URC on YOUTUBE	

Date	2 AUG	9 AUG	16 AUG	23 AUG	30 AUG
Service	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Communion	Morning Worship	Joint Congregation
Time	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am	10.30am
Leader	S Smith	A Stevens & Glyn Elsdon	Rev Steph Atkins	Alison Haigh	Rev Margaret Dexter-Brown
Duty Elder	P Oliver	B Stevens	D Phillips	A Stevens	CHEADLE HULME CLOSED
Reader & Door	G Elsdon	M Smith	P Grieve	J Hodson	
Flowers	Silk	M Smith	Silk	Silk	
Coffee	B Steven	H Elsdon	A Stevens	S Smith	
Notes					Service at Heald Green

CHURCH REGISTER – FUNERAL

MORENE MORTON, who died on 22 MAY aged 91 yrs, at Macclesfield Crematorium and Cheadle Hulme URC on Friday 26 June

LECTIONARY FOR JULY/AUGUST

5 JUL: Genesis 24:34-38,42-49,58-67; Psalm 45:10-17; Song of Solomon 2:8-13;

Romans 7.15-25a; Matthew 11.16-19,25-30

12 JUL: Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112; Romans 8.1-11; Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

19 JUL: Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12,23-24; Romans 8.12-25; Matthew 13.24-30,36-43

26 JUL: Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11,45b; Romans 8.26-39; Matthew 13.31-33,44-52

2 AUG: Genesis 32.22-31; Psalm 17:1-7,15; Romans 9.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21

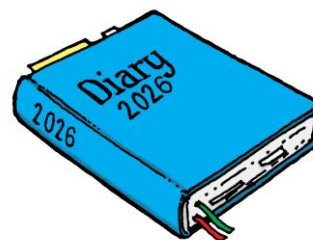
9 AUG: Genesis 37:1-4,12-28; Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b; Romans 10.5-15; Matthew 14.22-33

16 AUG: Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11.1-2a,29-32; Matthew 15.(10-20),21-28

23 AUG: Exodus 1:8–2:10; Psalm 124; Romans 12.1-8; Matthew 16.13-20

30 AUG: Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6,16-22,45b; Romans 12.9-21; Matthew 16.21-28

CALENDAR



.....to the best of the editor's knowledge, unless you know better.....

JULY

Wed 01		7.30pm	MP Steering Group meeting – Cheadle Trinity
Fri 03	10am		Management meeting
Sat 04	10.30-12 noon		Coffee Morning & Cake Sale in aid of Mary's Meals
Wed 08		7.30pm	Elders meeting
Wed 15	10.30-12pm		Soup, Sweet & Meet
Fri 17 – Sun 19			Thornleigh Weekend Away
Thu 23		7 for 7.30pm	CTCH Reps meeting – St Ann's
Fri 24	2pm		Choir Rehearsal
Sat 25	9.30am		Working Party
	2.30pm		Film Matinee

AUGUST

Sat 01	10.30-12 noon		Coffee Morning & Cake Sale in aid of Chelwood Foodbank
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MANY EVENTS close down in August. Look for re-opening in September...

Happy holidays...

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

ACROSS: 1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet. 22, Weakness. 23, Deer.

DOWN: 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.

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