

Diary for the week ahead

4	M	9am Oak Tree School Carol Service rehearsal in church 10am-1pm Way In Café open 7pm Prayer meeting in crèche room Christianity Explored at the Vicarage 8pm
5	Tu	2.15pm Ladies Fellowship meet in the Coffee Lounge 6pm Oak Tree School Carol Service in church 8.30pm Choir practice
7	Th	9am Little 'Rews, 11am Mini 'Rews in the hall 9.45am Funeral for Nigel Bowerman in church 7pm Dance School Show in church
8	F	10.30am Open Arms Children's Christmas party in the hall 5.30pm K@StA 7pm NxtStop
9	Sa	Oak Meadow Churches Together Christmas Service 11am 7.30pm Ladies' Gingerbread House Event in the hall

**CHOIR PRACTICE on 5th December will be 8.30-9.30pm
after Oak Tree School Carol Service**



Children's Christmas Party

**Friday 8th December
10.30am-1pm**

St Andrew's Church Hall,
£4 per child (suggested donation)
Lots of Activities: Bouncy castle - crafts -
singing - book corner - sensory story time
Usborne book sale & lots more
*Party snacks included, yummy cakes, mulled
wine and mince pies on sale.*

**Open House at the front of Church Saturday 6th January 2-4pm
Come for a cup of tea and a chat Everyone Welcome**

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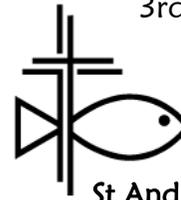
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3rd December 2017

Advent Sunday



NEWSLINE

St Andrew's Church, Cheadle Road, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5ET

Welcome to St Andrews, please join us for refreshments after the services.

This Sunday

10.45am Holy Communion
4pm Christingle Service



Next Sunday (10 December)

9.15am BCP Holy Communion
10.45am All Age service
4-6pm Stories around the tree

PRAISE GOD Praise God for the great response to the Gift Day and Pledges for the Youth and Children's Worker post. The Thanksgiving Day total so far is over £6700, and Pledges for the first year were over £17 000. With a one off gift of £23 000 from a Charity connected with my previous parish, and other gifts given, if people are able to give their pledged amount in future years we will have enough to keep the post for more than three years. David Bennett will be writing to people to explain how they can give their pledged gifts. Many thanks, and it is not too late to give more!
Christopher Hobbs

Could you welcome and serve our visitors?

Oak Tree Primary School

will have their Carol Services on 5th (at 6pm) and 12th (at 7pm) December.
Help is needed to prepare church and stewarding in church/balcony.

Sophie Dee School of Dance

have their show on 7th December at 7pm

Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you can help.

Christmas Stories around the Tree

Sunday 10th December 4pm-6pm

For all the Family

Have a ride on our mini Polar Express,
Christmas craft, hot chocolate
A cosy, Christmassy afternoon!



Ladies Fellowship

5th December
at 2.15pm
in the
Coffee Lounge for

Afternoon
Tea





GREENERY NEEDED

The flower team will be decorating the church on Friday 15th December for the Carols by candlelight service. If you have any greenery (holly, spruce, ivy etc) for decorating the church please bring it to church on Thursday 14th or Friday 15th December. Thank you, Olive



The North West Partnership

Annual Conference

26-27 January at St Andrew's Leyland 'The battle to keep the Bible central'

Leaflets at the back of church.

TRAINING DAY

Are there any people interested in being part of a Bereavement visiting group, to follow up on funerals within the parish?

There will be a training day being held in January (date to be decided). Please speak to Sheila Grieve if you would be interested in this ministry. Tel: 0161 485 2096

Light in deep darkness

When armed groups attacked her village

in March 2016, Geena, a widowed mother of six, fled with her family into the surrounding bush. They cut down bamboo leaves for bedding and ate forest leaves and roots they dug up by hand.

Geena knew that all that waited for them back home was violence and death, so she hid with her family for four months, determined to survive. The Central African Republic (CAR) has been unstable since independence from France in 1960, with its most recent violent crisis starting in 2013, when a coalition of armed groups seized power. Turmoil raged, people were killed or maimed, and homes, villages and livelihoods were destroyed. A massive 2.6 million people are now reliant on humanitarian support for their survival. The fighting eventually moved on from Geena's village to another part of the country, and she and her neighbours came out of hiding. They found their homes damaged or destroyed, belongings gone, crops wiped out and livestock dead. Everything they had worked for and relied upon was gone.

Starting over

Geena and her community were struggling to recover when Tearfund started skills training in her village. Giving people the knowledge, equipment and confidence needed to get back on their feet and work towards a better future has led to inspiring results... Geena learned improved farming techniques, and was given seeds as well as tools to replace those lost during the fighting. She and her family now grow corn and peanuts, providing them with nutritious food to eat, as well as produce to sell at the local market for income. Geena is full of joy and confident that she can now earn and save enough money to enable her children to attend school, as well as work towards buying new livestock. She is filled with hope for the future.

A prayer

Gracious Father, We pray for all those who are facing deep darkness. We pray especially for the people of the Central African Republic whose lives have been devastated by conflict and poverty. We pray for the Tearfund staff and church partners doing all they can to empower them to rebuild their lives. We thank and praise you that, out of your great love, you sent your Son, Jesus, the Prince of peace, to be the Saviour of all. May your light dawn upon those who today walk in darkness, and enable us to be channels of your grace, mercy and hope. Amen.

Every pound you give to this appeal will be doubled by the UK government to empower people like Geena to overcome poverty. Your gift can help change the lives of those in the greatest need. https://www.tearfund.org/en/ukaidmatch/geenas_story/

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Christmas Service Saturday 9 December

at 11.00am in Oak Meadow

Bible Readings, Carols, prayers and a short Christmas message. Hot drinks and mince pies available afterwards. Everyone is welcome

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Nigel Bowerman. Please remember Linda and the family in your prayers. The funeral will be on 7 Dec at 9.45am in church.

Get set for Messy Church



The dates have now been set for our first 6 Messy Church sessions, taking place at Emmanuel in 2018. They are all on Saturday afternoons from 4-6pm. 27 January, 24 March, 26 May, 28 July, 22 September and 24 November.

Thank you to everyone who has expressed their support for this new ministry. Everyone can get involved by praying for the team as we meet and prepare for the first session, but if you feel you would like to be more involved, please do get in touch for a chat. The more helpers, the merrier! Jane Holland Tel. 485 6134

ST ANDREW'S LADIES' CHRISTMAS EVENT

Saturday 9th December

* Mulled wine / grape juice
* Make and decorate your own gingerbread house to take home
* Christmas 'thought for the day' with Gill Maiden

7.30pm St Andrew's Church hall
Reach out and invite a friend
Tickets £7.50

Sign-up sheet at the back of church.

Tickets need to be booked by 4 December to facilitate catering arrangements.

Contact the Church office

485 2648

or email:

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The next PCC meeting has moved to 16th January, 7.30pm at St Andrew's.



CAMEO IS BACK
One Day Only

Thursday 21st December at 12.30

CHRISTMAS LUNCH & ENTERTAINMENT

Admission by ticket only, £10

Tickets available from Patricia Stanley, John Bell or Stuart Poole

(Please ring Stuart on 0161 432 6426 with any further enquiries)

Tickets will also be on sale at Emmanuel