

## Diary for the week ahead

8	M	10am-1pm Way In Café open 5.45pm Police Surgery in church foyer 7pm Prayer meeting in crèche room <i>Small Groups start back this week</i>
9	Tu	2.15pm Ladies Fellowship meet in the Coffee Lounge
11	Th	9am Little 'Rews in the hall
12	Fr	5.30pm K@StA and 7pm NxtStop start back
13	Sa	2pm 'Shalom' - open house in the front of church 7pm Amblers social

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### Small Groups (house groups)

Next term we will be having sermons based on Ephesians in the mornings. Small Groups will also be based on Ephesians. There is a booklet available at the back for the group members (donation £3 please, in the plate) and if you would like to be in a group please speak to John Bell or Christopher. The usual dates of the groups are in the weeks starting Sundays 7, 14 and 21 January; 4 and 11 and 25 February; 4 and 11 March (8 sessions).

### St Andrew's Amblers Bring and Share Meal 13<sup>th</sup> January 2018

A note for your diary for all Amblers. Mike and Penny would like to invite the St Andrew's Amblers to a Bring and Share Meal at their home on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2018 commencing at 7:00pm. This will be a chance to sit in comfort and chat without having to worry about wind, rain and mud. If you are interested in attending please confirm with an indication of what you will be bringing as a contribution to the meal. The evening will include a quiz and if anyone has any pictures of the Amblers over the years in a format to be shown on a computer/television please bring them along. For further information either speak to us in church. Looking forward to greeting you on the night.

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7th January 2018

1st Sunday after Epiphany

# NEWSLINE

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

Please join us for refreshments after the services

### This Sunday

10.45am Holy Communion  
6.30pm Evening service

### Next Sunday (14th January)

9.15am BCP Holy Communion  
10.45am All Age Service  
6.30pm Evening Service

**Small Groups start this week and we will be looking at Ephesians 1: 1-14**

### TRAINING SESSIONS

**13th January 10.30- 11.30am** foyer  
Meeting for people who read at church

**20th January 10.30-11.30am** foyer  
Meeting for Church Intercessors

**3rd February 10-11.30am** foyer  
For people who will help with visiting bereaved people



The first Messy Church is on Saturday 27th January from

4-6pm. There is a meeting at 10am on Saturday 13th at Emmanuel church for anyone who volunteered to help, when we will be running through what will happen at the first session.

On the 17<sup>th</sup> January, Emmanuel will be holding a prayer and fast evening for the parish Messy Church outreach events starting at 7.30pm. If you are able please do come, give up your evening meal and pray with us.

**The next PCC meeting will be on Tuesday 16th January, at 7.30pm at St Andrew's.**

St Andrew's Amblers walks programme for 2018 is available in the foyer

**Thank you to those who took part in the carol singing at John Lewis. I think we did a great job raising the profile of the parish, raised £368.98 for the Boaz Trust who help destitute refugees in Manchester, and praising our Lord and God! Margaret**

St Andrew's Cheadle Hulme 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## EPHESIANS

This morning we begin a new series of sermons, based on the letter of the Apostle Paul to the Christians in Ephesus, a thriving city at that time in the Roman Province of Asia. Acts chapters 18 and 19 refer to Paul having previously exercised his ministry there; now he writes to them!

The letter is markedly different from Paul's other letters now contained in our New Testament. It lacks personal or local references to controversy or to pastoral needs which Paul had to address in those other letters. It is accepted that Paul was in prison when he wrote the letter, possibly in Rome; see chapter 6, verse 20.

Although we now read in the very first verse, that the letter was sent to believers "in Ephesus", it is more likely to have been a more general letter circulated amongst all the churches in Asia; Ephesus may have been the dominant one but the word "Ephesus" in that first verse was found to be missing from some early manuscripts.

John Stott wrote:-

*"The letter to the Ephesians is a marvellously concise, yet comprehensive, summary of the Christian good news and its implications. Nobody can read it without being moved to wonder and worship, and challenged to consistency of life."* (commentary on Ephesians in "The Bible Speaks Today", IVP 1979)

### This morning's passage – Chapter 1 verses 1 to 14:-

1. Can this really be meant for us?
2. A motto borrowed from Ephesus
3. How we are named
4. How should this work out
5. A cascade of praise

 **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

### *Amaretti Chamber Orchestra*

Concert on  
27th January  
7.30pm in church  
Tickets £10  
Bottesini, Liszt,  
Bartok and Purcell  
Supporting  
*'Action for Children'*

Advance notice:  
**NORTHERN MEN'S  
CONVENTION**

10am - 3.30pm  
**12th May 2018**  
at Holy Trinity Platt  
Bookings cost £10  
*Sign up on the sheet at  
the back of church*

*Dates for your diary*

### Big Church Day Out

#### 1st and 2nd June Capesthorne Hall

The Main Stage brings together the most popular line up of Christian worship and artists from world-renowned choirs and urban acts to worship leaders and bands from all over the globe. The Illuminate Stage is a more intimate venue. It's a great place for youth groups and those who crave the dance-till-you-drop festival experience. The Airstream Stage is a chance to perch on a hay bale and listen to breath-taking live music performed from inside a converted Airstream Caravelle.

*Special Diocese of Chester discount: **Full Weekend tickets** £28 per adult and £22 for 5-16 year olds. Under 4's are £4 each.*

**One day tickets for either Friday or Saturday** are £23 per adult and £17 for 5-16 year olds. Under 4's are £4 each

### CHRISTIANITY | **EXPLORED**

The next **Christianity Explored** group  
will start on 22 January.



**The Way In Church  
Café** open on  
**Mondays 10am-1 pm**

(Open house)

### 'SHALOM'

at the front of Church on  
**Saturdays 2-4pm.**

**Come for a cup of tea and  
a chat. Everyone welcome.**

*More information from  
Barbara Reeve*