

PRAYER DIARY 25th - 31st MARCH 2012

Sunday

As we come closer to holy week, ask God to melt our hearts with weeping and mourning for our part in our saviour's agony on the cross.

Monday

If you feel the burdens of this week weighing heavily on your mind as you trust in God with all your heart, claim His promise to make your paths straight.

Tuesday

'To a nation that did not call on my name, I said here am I, here am I.' (Isaiah 65 v 1). Lord open our eyes that we may see the way, the truth and the life, that will bring peace and glory to your name.

Wednesday

For all who live and work here, Holmes Chapel is a special place. Lord, we lift before you those whose homes are in Aberfeldy Close, Alumbrook Avenue and Alum Court.

Thursday

Pray for our members who serve on the Finance and Property Committee. Thank God for the gifts of skill and experience that He has brought to this church.

Friday

As lent lunches draw to a close, give thanks for the fellowship shared, all who have provided meals and made preparation. Pray that the funds raised will reach those who are in desperate need.

Saturday

We rejoice in all the signs of Springtime. May the peoples praise you o God, then the land will yield its harvest, God will bless us and all the ends of the earth will fear Him.



Thought for the week

God's help is near and always available, but it is only given to those who seek it.



We are delighted that you have chosen to worship God here with us today and hope that you will be able to go out into the world and embrace all with the love of Christ.

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Week commencing
25th March 2012

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

If there are any hymns during today's worship that do not appear in a hymn book and you would prefer to read the words off a sheet rather than the screen, the welcome stewards will be happy to provide you with one.

If you are a visitor or a newcomer to this area, we hope you will make yourself known to someone before you leave today. Join us, if you can, after the services for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat.

A candle is lit by a steward shortly before our services start enabling the congregation to prepare for worship with a short period of silence.

10.30am

MORNING SERVICE conducted by Mr John Percival

Welcoming Stewards: Barbara Williams and Jenny Bayley

Facilities are available for your little ones - please ask a Steward

6.00pm

CAFÉ STYLE EVENING SERVICE

conducted by Rev Pat Percival

Welcoming Stewards: John and Sheila Irlam

7.30pm

L8R at 4 Thirlmere Close

THIS COMING WEEK

MONDAY

9.30am Bumps, Babes and Toddlers

7.30pm More to Life - see across

TUESDAY

7pm Band Practice

WEDNESDAY

2pm Friendship Club

THURSDAY

7.30pm Choir Fellowship

FRIDAY

12noon Christian Aid Lunch - see across

SATURDAY

10 - 12noon 'At Home' Coffee Morning - see across

SUNDAY NEXT - 1st APRIL 2012

10.30am MORNING SERVICE conducted by **Mr Brian Donlon**

6.00pm EVENING COMMUNION conducted by **Rev Helen Kirk**



TRANSPORT: John Young (532380)

FLOWERS: Sheila Beaton

STEWARDS: Christine Donlon



HOLMES CHAPEL DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

SUNDAY 3rd JUNE

This will all take place at the Leisure Centre and we hope that everyone will be part of the Celebrations.

There will be a united Church Service at 11.30am. This will be followed by "The Big Lunch" so please bring your picnic and enjoy lunch with your neighbours and friends. The afternoon celebrations will start at 2.00pm and we plan for the field and halls to be busy with stalls and entertainment provided by the organisations within our village. Our Church has been asked to run a stall, a game or an activity. If you could help please speak to Dorothy Davidson. More details of the idea for the day may be found on our Church notice board.

The theme of the day is red, white and blue so please dress appropriately and during the last week of May can you decorate your houses and gardens to complement the rest of the village as it starts to take on a 'Jubilee look'?

CHURCH STEWARDS

The time of year is upon us again when we are on the look out for two new church stewards. If you feel you would like to know more about this role within our church or would be happy to volunteer as a steward, please speak to any of our current stewards (Hazel Young, Steve Best, Elaine Denham, Rodney Smith, Alec Davidson, Christine Donlon, Jill Booth or Sue Speakman).

GARDEN COMPOST

Dean has a source for garden compost, and if anyone is interested in having some for their garden borders he would supply. It will not only feed but be a help in preserving moisture in the forthcoming dry summer. He has already promised to deliver to 4 members of the Garden Club in return for a donation to the Romanian Appeal.

MANY THANKS

Geoff and Jean Downey would like to express their heartfelt thanks to all their friends for the good wishes, many lovely cards and flower arrangements they received on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary last week.

EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday 7.30pm at Middlewich.

A service of Tenabrae (light and darkness) will take place on Thursday 5th April at Middlewich Methodist Church. This is a joint service for all of the Dane Link Churches (Holmes Chapel, Middlewich, Goostrey, Bradshaw Brook, Lower Withington and Davenport).



Good Friday 11am joint ecumenical service at Holmes Chapel Methodist Church followed by March of Witness.

Easter Sunday 8.30am Holy Communion

Followed by Easter breakfast

10.30am All Age Worship Service

6pm Easter Praise – Come and share in a celebration of Easter hymns old and new, sketches and reflections.



BARNABUS

Thanks to all those who continue to donate items. Men's socks and pants are always particularly welcome, along with toiletries.

And we've received the following special request:

EASTER EGGS

Please be generous and donate Easter Eggs any size between 145g – 178g. We give these out with a gospel message and it's a wonderful way to show our love.

Please use the green basket for clothes and toiletries. Steve will be pleased to accept and deliver any gifts of eggs.



Diary Dates and Events

All items for Newsnotes should be given to Jill Booth (549478) or jillb2@sky.com

Please inform Lorraine Rawlinson (533079) if anyone you know is ill, in hospital, has suffered a bereavement, is celebrating a birthday or anniversary or has some other reason to celebrate. She will ensure that they are sent an appropriate card from the church.

CHRISTIAN AID LUNCHES

A warm welcome to come and share lunch at St Luke's Church Hall on the Fridays in Lent: Friday 24th February to Friday 30th March inclusive from 12noon to 1.15pm. Soup will be served with bread followed by a piece of fruit or a biscuit plus tea or coffee (fruit drinks for children). Cost - adults £3.50, children free. There will also be an opportunity to buy Fairtrade products. All proceeds to Christian Aid.



MORE TO LIFE - 26th MARCH

For women who ask 'is there more to life than this?'

Our next meeting will be on Monday 26th March at 7.30pm in the main church hall.

This is to be a film evening when we will watch and then discuss excerpts from the film 'Oranges and Sunshine' based on the book 'Empty Cradles' by Margaret Humphries, which is about the deportation of children to Australia in the 40s, 50s and 60s.

It should be an interesting and informative evening learning about the fate of children who are of our generation.

'AT HOME' COFFEE MORNING - 31st MARCH



Pauline Horne is hosting our next 'at home' coffee morning on Saturday 31st March at 20 Hermitage Drive, 10am-12noon. All welcome.

ROMANIA

Many of you will be familiar with the connection our church has with the FAST charity which works with the very poor Roma people in Romania. Take a look at the display about the work of FAST on the notice board in the coffee lounge.

Dean Johnson went out in 2010 to work on building housing for the Roma people and last year Muriel's Kitchen was built in loving memory of Muriel Johnson. It is already being well-used providing meals for the children when they come for their lessons.

A party from our church plan to go out at the end of May. Muriel's Kitchen will be officially dedicated and we will be working with the children and involved in the ongoing building program.

We asked Daniel from FAST what we could take as gifts for the people and have been asked for children's clothes - socks, underwear and T shirts. If you would like to contribute to these gifts there is a list for you to sign against on the notice board in the coffee lounge. We're saving plenty of room in our suitcases!

Although we are all self funding (paying for our own travel and accommodation expenses) we would like to take a sum of money with us so we can purchase any equipment we see that FAST needs.

So we plan a few fund raising activities in the next few weeks, here are some dates for your diaries:-

Saturday 31st March - Alex Davidson will be running in the 'Coniston 14.' He is donating all of his sponsor money to the Romanian venture, so please sponsor him today if you are able. There are sponsor forms on the notice board.

Friday 20th April 9.30 - 12.30pm - We will be hosting a coffee morning in the Cheshire Building Society with information about the work of FAST and our visit. We also hope to run a raffle at this event.

Saturday 28th April - A coffee morning and a good-as-new bring-and-buy here at church.

All are warmly invited to these events which we hope will be enjoyable and informative as well as raising money for these needy people.

Thank you very much from your Romania team.



COFFEE MORNING AND GOOD-AS-NEW BRING-AND-BUY SATURDAY 28th APRIL

An important date for your diary, Saturday 28th April. To raise funds for essential clothing, medical equipment and food for the Roma children we are holding a GIANT GOOD-AS-NEW BRING-AND-BUY COFFEE MORNING here at church 10am-12noon.

Ransack your cupboards, bake a cake, run a stall and please offer what you can for this event. There will be a box for donations at church. All offers of help will be very gratefully received. Transport can be arranged. Contact Sue Oliver for further details.