

Give Him a Call

The phone was a great invention. How easy, to press a few numbers on our small devices and speak to someone the other side of the world. Once a phone was a luxury item; now we take it for granted that this gadget in our pocket enables us to contact anyone, at any time, in any place.

However, how many times have you rung someone, only to be given a recorded message giving a variety of options? Then you must wait in a queue for ages before your call is answered. A voice informs you that ‘your call is important to us’ ... but meanwhile you are left waiting, listening to endless music.

Yes, a phone may be useful in all kinds of circumstances, but they can also be very frustrating! So, it’s good to know that God can be contacted immediately we need Him.

There is no celestial call centre where our messages are delayed or referred. With prayer we can call on God directly. This service is free, with no charges. He hears our every call, and we can be confident that our Creator will answer us in ways which are only for our good.

When you pray, I will answer you. When you call to me, I will respond.’ (Isaiah 58:9)

Lester Amann for Parish Pump



UNITED REFORMED CHURCH	SUNDAY SERVICES		
	10.00 am Reflective Worship <i>In Church and on Zoom (see page 2 for details)</i>		
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Church News

Church Services in July and August

For those unable to attend church in person the service will be on zoom. The Zoom link each week will remain the same and is as follows:

Meeting ID: 864 1569 9327

Passcode: 490926

The services will start at **10.00am**

The services in July and August will be led by the following people:

Sunday 5th July- Alison Pope - communion

Sunday 12th July - Rev'd Steph Atkins, **Joint Service at Cheadle Hulme URC- 10.30am**

Sunday 19th July - Roger Newton

Sunday 26th July - Hilary Grierson

Sunday 2nd August - Linda Rayner - communion

Sunday 9th August - Elaine Noden

Sunday 16th August - Alison Haigh

Sunday 23rd August - Sue Matthews

Sunday 30th August - Rev'd Kura Mutimwii
Joint Service at Headle Green URC - 10.30am

Please note the two joint services in July and August will start at 10.30am

Friendly Cuppa Time

The meeting in July will be on **Wednesday 29th July 2026**. Usual time 10am -12pm.



The meeting in August will be on **Wednesday 26th August 2026**, although this possibly may change into a Lunch and Chat.

Please come along even if you have never been before and bring a friend.

Elaine

Eco Church

Just a couple of things for you to think about in July and August.

July - Plastic Free



Try to reduce how much plastic you buy during the month of July. Make a concerted effort to buy loose fruit and vegetables and plastic free versions of things you would normally buy. Plastic Free July is a global movement that helps millions of people be part of the solution to plastic pollution – so we can have cleaner streets, oceans, and beautiful communities.

In Plastic Free July we're thinking about laundry, a top source of microplastic pollution. Fibres from synthetic clothes (polyester, nylon, and acrylic for example) shed tiny fibres during washing and drying. These enter the sewage systems and are hard to filter out. Use a microfibre bag or ball to catch the fibres. Learn more about reducing plastic pollution in the laundry process at plasticfreejuly.org/get-involved/what-you-can-do/plastic-free-laundry/ and more about this year's campaign at plasticfreejuly.org.

August - World Plant Milk Day – Saturday 22nd August 2026

World Plant Milk Day is an international day that celebrates plant-based alternatives to dairy milk. Take the 7-day dairy-free challenge and encourage your friends and family to join in too.

Aiming to accelerate the transition from dairy milk to the rich variety of plant-based alternatives, it's a great way to reduce your impact on the planet.

August - Wildlife Care

Looking after wildlife in the heat. Times of drought and dryness can be dangerous for wildlife. Provide water for birds and insects - put a dish of water out to help wildlife stay hydrated. Insects, small mammals, birds, and even badgers, foxes, and deer could benefit. A stone in a plant saucer helps bees to perch and drink without drowning. These small actions make a big difference and are just some of the ways we can live out our calling to care for God's creation.

Elaine

Holiday At Home

This year " Holiday at Home" is on **Tuesday 18th August, Wednesday 19th August and Thursday 20th August.**



If you know anyone who would benefit from this opportunity for our annual get together, held in our church, would you please let me know so that I can chat to them about it or if you have been before we would love to see you again.

We will also need volunteers to drive people to the venue and volunteers to come along and help our attendees enjoy a three day break from home with friends.

If anyone is interested in coming along, please can you speak to me so that we can make sure we have a good number of guests and helpers on these days.

Thank you

Carole Perkin

CtiBW - Kids Summer Club



The Summer club is on for four days in the first week of August, Starting on Tuesday 4th August.

If anyone can spare any time to help during the four days please let me know.

Elaine

CtiBW - Youth Week

In June there was a youth week arranged by Reagan from Foords Lane, it was centred around Bramhall High School, where we were allowed into several lessons each day, there was prayer walks and a lunch, it culminated with a Gaming and Gospel evening on the Friday, which was held at the Methodist Church.

Anthony made pizza for them all. There were 72 teenagers plus helpers. During the refreshments a young lady gave her testimony it was very moving and very brave.

It was a challenging evening with so many.

Elaine

Church Family and Friends

Sue Vernon

It was with great sadness that we learnt of the passing of Sue. Sue has played a massive part in our church family. She has served as

an Elder, she has been responsible for coordinating the pastoral care within church, working particularly hard when we were unable to worship during covid, making sure people were ok and keeping in touch with everyone. She has done an amazing job organising the rentals, building relationships with the hirers and ensuring they are happy and she has used her significant skills to provide flower displays in church on a Sunday and decorating church for Christmas.

We have all been touched by Sue's kindness and thoughtfulness, it might have been a concerned phone call or a quick chat in church or a bag of apples from her garden. Sue has made sure people receive cards for significant birthdays or celebrations and quietly went about getting everyone to sign them.

Sue's smiling presence has welcomed us all into church and her calm poise, grace and charm has enhanced our church fellowship.

Sue always supported social events and was happy to help serve teas and wash up, she preferred a back-room role rather than seeking the limelight. Sue was very encouraging and supportive to those taking on new responsibilities and roles.

Sue coped with the passing of Barrie with great dignity, supported by her faith and her family. Sue and Barrie were very proud of their family and loved spending time with all the extended family. Outside church, Sue enjoyed activities at the Brookdale Club, dancing, holidays and she was passionate about her garden.

Sue was a loyal and supportive member of our fellowship, and she will be greatly missed by us all.

Our thoughts and prayers are with her family, in particular, her three children, Karen, Tim and Debbie, her seven grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren at this very sad time.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to Jean and Joe on their Dimond Wedding Anniversary at the end of July. We hope they have a splendid day.

Congratulations also go to Alistair Mochrie who is celebrating a significant birthday in August.

We send our love and best wishes to them all.

We remember all those in our fellowship who are unwell, particularly friends who have been in hospital, those waiting for test results and those experiencing worries over loved ones. We remember those who are missing family. We hold them all in our prayers.

Sue

Missional Partnership Prayer Calendar

Each Church has prepared a prayer for you. This month we pray for **Gatley URC and Cheadle Hulme URC**



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.**

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**

Prayer Corner

Please let me know if you would like any specific prayers added to our prayer corner each month. Sue Matthews

Please pray for our Government, may they put personal ambition aside for the good of the nation

Please pray for those in our fellowship who are unwell in hospital or at home

Please pray for those who have recently lost a loved one

We pray for World Leaders at this time of political unrest

Please pray for all those affected by war; particularly the people in Ukraine

Please pray for those running activities for the young and the elderly over the summer holidays

The Lectionary Readings for July and August 2026

The readings may not always correspond with those chosen by our preachers, but this information could be used for personal reading.

Sue Matthews



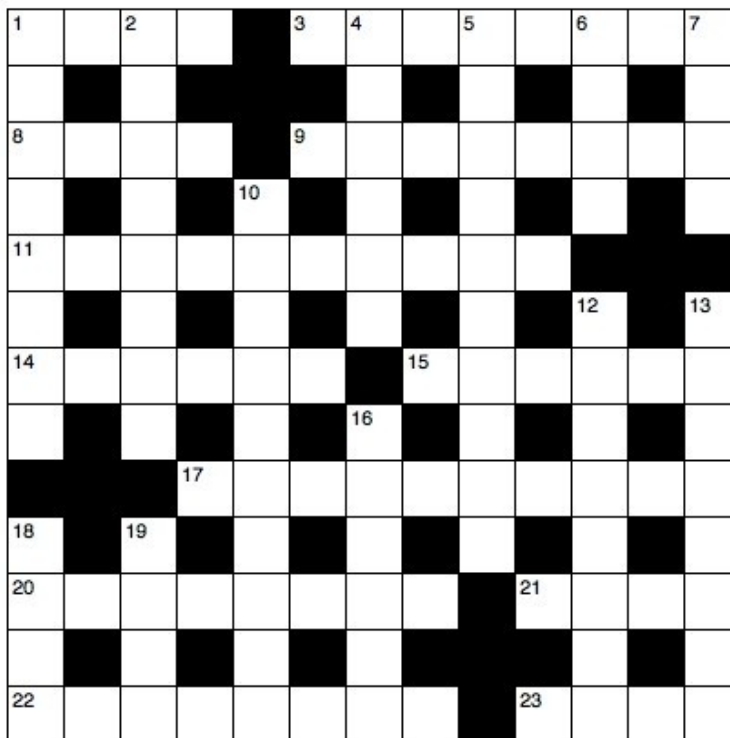
Week beginning	First reading and Psalm	Alternative first reading and Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
July 5th 2026	Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17	Zechariah 9:9-12 Psalm 145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
July 12th 2026	Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112	Isaiah 55:10-13 Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
July 19th 2026	Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24	Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
July 26th 2026	Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128	1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136	Romans 8:26-3	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
August 2nd 2026	Genesis 32:22-31 Psalm 17:1-7, 15	Isaiah 55:1-5 Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
August 9th 2026	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b	1 Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
August 16th 2026	Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8 Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-287
August 23rd 2026	Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124	Isaiah 51:1-6 Psalm 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
August 30th 2026	Exodus 3:1-15 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b	Jeremiah 15:15-21 Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28

Crossword Challenge

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)

- 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis 25:34) (4)
 19 Rear(anag.) (4)



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)

Answers June 2026

Across: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

Down: 1, , World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils, 20, Give.

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