

Image - Crisis Pregnancy Support



We are officially recognised as a satellite of Image. Under our coordinator Val Williams, we offer a confidential service for those struggling with pregnancy decisions, post abortion support, miscarriage and child loss. Helpline 0333 7720237 or text 07860 017037

Healing Rooms
Every Wednesday
5.00pm - 6.30pm
In Costa Coffee, Congleton Tesco
Every Thursday in Costa Coffee at
Freeport, Talke
6.00pm - 7.30pm



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 Follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

Prayer ministry using Sozo principles.



To book an appointment, call Paul & Merle Williams on 07985782803. Leaflets with further details of Sozo prayer ministry are on the stand.

Sozo prayer has resulted in amazing testimonies and lives transformed.

Christian Counselling and Listening Service



We offer a confidential service helping people through many life issues. Please contact the office for more details or to book an appointment. Louise, our counsellor, is very happy to meet church members and couples in her home to ensure anonymity. Confidential Tel. No. 07583 039860.

Family Support Ministry



We offer a support service for families and individuals who are in any sort of need. Please speak to Joanna who can be contacted through the church office.

Regular Weekly Gatherings (Term Time)

Monday
Ladies Bible Study (babies and toddlers welcome) in the Children's Room 10am-12noon
 Contact Linda Talbot (01260 408578)

Youth Life Group
 Sue & Geoff 7.00pm (01260 289626)

Men's Bible Study (people's homes)
 8pm-10pm
 Contact Paul Williams, 01260 280965

Tuesday
Early Morning Prayer Meeting
 6.30am - 7.30am

Life Groups
 7.30pm: Andy & Claire & Pip (01260 275802)
 7.45pm: Tony & Linda (01782 951030)
 8.00pm: Hans & Yvon & Eleanor (01270 875187 or 01260 271465)

Jubilee Club & Job Club
 10.00am Contact Will Spendilow - Church Office

Little Angels - 12.15pm
 (In hall with a picnic, then in the Family Room)

Thursday
Mum's Space
 9.30am - 12noon
 Family Room (babies & toddlers welcome)

"Feed Each Other" Bible Study
 10.00am - 12noon (at Church)
 Penny Dossett 01260 274305

Worship School
 4.30pm-6.00pm
 Callum Davies 07446 134113

Worship Band Practice
 7.30 - 9.30pm

Life Group
 8.00pm: Peter & Brian (01260 275574 or 408225)

Friday (Children and Youth)
 Friday's Fab: 5.30 - 7.00pm
 Rock Solid: 7.00 - 8.30pm
 MaxLife: 8.00 - 9.30pm

Sunday
Young Adults Life Group
2.30-4.30
 Callum Davies 07446 134113
 James Dixon 07546 077450

2nd December 2018

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Welcome

If you are new to the church do please **introduce yourself** to a member of the **Welcome Team**, and join us for coffee or tea after the service in the Social Room. **We would love to meet you!**

There is a **loop system** operating for the hard of hearing which works best at the front of the church. Please advise one of the Welcome Team if you need the volume altering.

Baby changing facilities are available in the disabled toilet.

We all worship together for the first part of our service. After notices, birthdays and our offering, **children** go out to **Sunday's Cool** groups. For **children under 2** there is a parent led group which meets in the Family Room.

Our service ends around 12 noon and your children should then be collected from their groups.

Our children's offering supports four sponsored children in orphanages in China and Romania. Please encourage them to contribute.



Safeguarding: If you need to use the toilet facilities during the service please use the ones near the back of the main hall and **not** those in the Social Room Corridor. Thank you.

Health and Safety Notice In the event of a fire your children will be escorted to the Fire Assembly Point by the leaders and helpers who have their names in the register. **Do not** go to collect your children but make your own way to the assembly point in the car park. Thank you!

First Sunday of Advent - Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Being the first Sunday in the month we will be **Praying for our Prodigals** and sharing in **Holy Communion** and this part of our service will be led by Marge's Life Group and Paul Williams will be preaching.



Our New Life Choir will also be leading us in worship.



Today we light the first candle of the Advent wreath. This is the candle of HOPE. With Christians around the world, we use this light to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of God's Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. May we receive God's light as we hear the words of the prophet Isaiah, who wrote about the coming of Jesus, the Light of the world, 740 years before he was born:



"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness -- on them light has shined." -- Isaiah 9:2



An evening of Christmas Music Tonight 7.00pm

Lynne Ashmore (flute), Rob Glassonbury (piano) and Karen Foster (harp) will be entertaining us to a wonderful evening of Christmas music. Seating will be cabaret style and please bring your own drinks; glasses and nibbles provided.

Please ensure your name is on the *flip chart* if you are coming. Entrance is free and donations are requested for International China Concern.





My Giving
Boxes of **WEEKLY ENVELOPES** for 2019 are available the oak table for those who have requested them. Also, a reminder from our Treasurer for those who were changing their **standing order** to advise their banks themselves. Thank you.


Notice of Church AGM
Sunday 27th January 2019 7.00pm
Our AGM will be held as above and all church members, i.e. those who registered on our church database, are encouraged to attend. An agenda will be made available in January.

Preachers for December
Sun 9th: Paul Williams
Sun 16th: The Greatest Journey
Family Christmas Service
Sun 23rd: Shane Wright
Sun 30th: Hans Degens

Sunday Prayer Ministry Team
Members of our Prayer Ministry Team are always available after the service. They can be contacted at the back of the Main Hall and have badges to identify themselves. Prayer takes place privately.



10.30 am
Sunday 16th December – The very greatest journey – all age Christmas Service.
An opportunity for the whole church family to come together to celebrate Christmas. Everyone is invited to dress up as a character from the Christmas Story. Our children and young people will be helping to lead us as we worship together.



Tesco Collection



A big thank you to all who helped with the collection on Thurs, Fri & Sat.



Please pray for our Schools Work


Mon	Listening Service	Eaton Bank
Mon	Assembly	CHS
Mon	Bible Explorer	Havannah
Mon	Assembly	Marton
Tues	Go Fish	CHS
Tues	C U	Eaton Bank
Tues	Spire Trust	Daven
Tues	Spire Trust	Havannah
Tues	Open the Book	Smallwood
Tues	Assembly	CHS
Wed	Listening Service	CHS
Wed	Assembly	CHS
Thur	Bible Explorer	Astbury
Thur	Assembly	CHS
Thur	Open the Book	Quinta
Thur	Assembly	Havannah

Open Doors Monthly Prayer Meeting
This Tuesday evening 7.00 - 7.45pm
Counselling Room
Please join our small faithful group praying for our Christian brothers and sisters around the world who are persecuted for their faith in Jesus.



We give a special welcome to guests from our current Alpha courses who are joining us for worship this morning.


They will hopefully also be joining us for drinks in the Social Room after the service so please do your best to **'say hello'**.



Next Sunday (9th Dec)
Sunday's Cool Christmas Party will be during the normal Sunday's Cool session- come and celebrate Jesus' birth.



We continue to thank God for everyone taking part in our current Alpha courses and ask for everyone's continuing prayer cover. Final session this week **'What about the church'** and **'How do I make the most of the rest of my life'**



1 Peter 2 v 9 "You are chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God...."

Christmas Calendar for New Life 2018

Tonight	7.00pm:	An evening of Christmas Music
Sunday 9th Dec	7.00pm:	Reflective Candlelit Carol Service with the traditional nine lessons and carols
Tuesday 11th Dec	10.00am: 12.30pm:	Jubilee Club Christmas Party Little Angels Christmas Party
Thursday 13th Dec all day:		Christmas Hampers
Friday 14th Dec	5.30pm: 7.00pm: 8.00pm:	Friday's Fab Christmas Party Rock Solid Christmas Party Max Life Christmas Party
Saturday 15th Dec 11am-12noon:		Carol Singing in Bridestones Centre (opp. Argos)
Sunday 16th Dec	10.30am: 3.30pm: 3.30pm:	Family Christmas Carol Service involving our children and young people Nursery Nativity Service (older children from Sunday's Cool needed for candlelit procession) "Christmas Without a Loved One" at St Peter's
Thursday 20th Dec	7.30pm:	Town Carol Service at St Peter's Church
Friday 21st Dec	9.00am:	Congleton High School Carol Service at Astbury Church
Christmas Eve	5.30pm:	Christmas Eve Extravaganza with carols, Christmas songs, mulled wine and an early visit from Father Christmas.
Christmas Day	10.00am:	Short service with carols and Holy Communion Children please bring a toy/present
Sunday 30th Dec	6.30pm:	Carol Service at Holy Trinity Mossley
New Year's Day	11.00am:	Church Walk followed by egg & chips (names on the flip chart please)