

## Part-time Children & Families Worker Background to the Parish



### The Parish of St Andrew Cheadle Hulme



St Andrew's Church



Emmanuel Church

An introduction to the parish of  
St Andrew Cheadle Hulme and its two churches

There is further information about the parish on the websites:

[www.emanuelch.co.uk](http://www.emanuelch.co.uk)

[www.standy.uk](http://www.standy.uk)

Services can be seen on You Tube, and there are Facebook sites for both churches.

*Our aim is for people to become mature followers of God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, living and witnessing in the church and in the world to God's glory.*

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# Who we are and what we can offer

We are a Church of England parish in the suburbs of south Manchester, with two friendly bible-teaching churches, St. Andrew's and Emmanuel.

We are seeking part time help to re-establish youth and children's work, particularly focussed at St Andrew's church, Cheadle Rd, Cheadle Hulme SK8 5ET.

St. Andrew's originated as a daughter church of St. Mary's Cheadle in 1937 and Emmanuel began life as a daughter church of St. Andrew's in 1966 and then had a period of 23 years as a Conventional District until 2015. We are now one parish with two church buildings, but each of the churches have their own committee, and operate in some ways independently.

The work with children and young families is currently at a very low ebb. There has been a steady decline in this age group over the last two decades: and in particular following the departure of the previous youth worker and most of the young people connected with the church at that time in 2019; and also following the Covid 19 pandemic which has greatly restricted activities.

In the first part of the pandemic we held a weekly online club for Youth and Children. In the second phase we did on line Sunday club material for youth, and for children. Currently we are not making online provision, though there are people ready to run a Sunday Club for children and for youth, if any were to come to the church building for the service on Sundays at 11. The weekly Parents and Toddlers group (Little Rews) has been running since the first lockdown ended, but with restricted numbers and Covid safe practices.

We have set out in the Job description and Person Specification a detailed list of the qualities we are looking for in a new part time children and families worker. This document is to tell you something about us.

## The type of parish we are:

### ***Staffing and Leadership***

Staff Team Member	Position
<b>Clergy</b>	
Christopher Hobbs	Vicar
Prof Peter Selby	Curate/ Minister in Secular Employment
Vacant	Part Time Assistant Minister

The Vicar has overall responsibility for the Parish, leads the congregation at St. Andrew's church and chairs both St. Andrew's Church Committee and the Parochial Church Council

We are seeking a part time Assistant Minister to be based at Emmanuel church and help in the evangelism and pastoral care in the parish.

### **Other members of staff**

Gill Pennells	Administrator (Part time – 9am to 12 noon Mon- Fri)
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### **It is hoped to appoint a part time Youth and Children's Worker**

These two members of staff are based at St. Andrew's church, although the administrator prepares services and notices for both churches, and when possible the Children's and Youth worker will help meet the needs at Emmanuel Church.

### **Readers (\* = Emeritus)**

St. Andrew's	Emmanuel
Prof. Peter Budd	Mr. Mike Yates *
Dr Geoff Cooke	

<b>Licensed Pastoral Worker</b>	Jane Holland
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## ***The Area***

Cheadle Hulme is a suburban residential area. The proportion of residents with professional / managerial jobs is just above average for the Chester Diocese (reflected in the socio-economic factor of 1.05 used for calculating the parish share). The population of the parish (15,419) is unlikely to change much as the area is already well developed. The population profile per the 2011 census data for Cheadle Hulme North is:

<b>Age</b>	<b>%</b>
0-15	18
16-24	9
25-64	54
65+	19

<b>Ethnicity</b>	
Predominantly white	92
Asian	4
Mixed	2
Others (incl. Black and Arab)	2

<b>Housing Mix</b>	
Owner-occupied	76
Local Authority	12
Privately rented	10
Other	2

The area served by Emmanuel church is probably somewhat more diverse economically and culturally than that served by St. Andrew's. The opening of a mosque just beyond the parish boundary and housing built since the 2011 census has attracted a significant Asian population.

Cheadle Hulme is approx. 4 miles from the centre of Stockport, 5 miles from Wilmslow and 9 miles from the centre of Manchester. It has good road and rail connections to all three places. As well as local shopping centres in Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle and Bramhall, there are two "out of town" shopping centres nearby which include Sainsbury's and John Lewis at Cheadle Royal and Tesco and Marks and Spencer at Handforth Dean.

There is easy access to Manchester Airport (4 miles) and to the motorway network in all directions. The M60 / M61 / M62 and the M56 / M6 motorways, bring Cheadle Hulme within easy reach of the Merseyside and West Yorkshire conurbations as well as the Peak District, the Midlands, North Wales, and the Lake District.

Schools within the parish

Bradshaw Hall Primary School – Vernon Close  
Cheadle RC Primary and Nursery Schools – Conway Road  
Oak Tree Nursery and Primary Schools – Buckingham Road

Cheadle 6<sup>th</sup> Form College - Cheadle Road  
Cheadle Hulme Primary School – Cheadle Road  
Laurus Academy Cheadle Hulme – Cheadle Road  
(A special school is planned for the old Orrishmere Primary School in Worcester Rd)

### ***The Congregation***

The congregation at both churches has a number of retired people, and that is particularly marked at St Andrew's. Both churches currently have very few young people or families attending.

Most members of the congregation live either within the parish or elsewhere in Cheadle Hulme or in immediately adjoining neighbourhoods (Cheadle, Bramhall, Handforth or Heald Green).

The number on the electoral roll as at April 2021 was:

	St. Andrew's	Emmanuel	Total
	183	97	195

It is hard to gauge the usual Sunday attendance in these Covid times:

### ***2.9. Tradition of each church***

St. Andrew's originated as a daughter church of St Mary's Cheadle and has always been a classic evangelical Anglican parish in theology and practice. Bible teaching is the foundation of church life through both Sunday services, Sunday Schools and House Groups.

As would be expected, there is a range of individual views about the ministry of women but both St. Andrew's and Emmanuel value the contribution of women in the work and ministry of the parish. Their role in church services, music and the many activities of the church is absolutely crucial to the effectiveness of the work of the parish and both have had women lay readers.

As regards the charismatic movement and gifts, neither church has been particularly influenced, but neither are opposed to seeking growth in this area.

### ***2.10. Sunday Services***

Since there has been one full time ordained member of staff the Sunday pattern of services has been:

9am Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion at St Andrew's (monthly, in abeyance for now)  
10am Morning Service at Emmanuel  
11am Morning Service at St Andrew's  
6.30pm (currently 7pm on Zoom) Evening Service or Café Church at St Andrew's

Main morning and evening services include a mixture of hymns and songs, Bible reading, prayers and a sermon. The order of service is shown on a large screen and may also be on a printed sheet.

Children are in church for the first part of the main morning service, but they leave for their own activities after joining in a children's song. They remain in church for All Age Worship / Family Service when they happen. There are crèche room facilities for young ones.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are served after each service.

Cafe Church: There is a buffet table as people arrive and a guest with an interesting life story is interviewed by a member of the congregation or by the Vicar about their life and the difference God has made. There is informal seating around tables, café style. There is a short epilogue by the interviewer or the guest. This service is of particular interest to friends and neighbours who don't normally attend church.



### Music

There is a mix of traditional hymns and newer songs at each of the churches. We have an extended choir for the Carols by Candlelight service. Hymns and songs are much valued by the congregation as part of our worship and the variety means that all sections of the congregation are catered for.

Both churches also use iSing worship.

### ***Support for missions and charities***

Individuals at St Andrew's and Emmanuel have links with many missionary societies around the world, through friendship, financial support and prayer. You can find full details on the Charity Commission website for the parish, Charity number 1130324, but amongst the societies we support are OMF, Crosslinks, Message Trust, CMS and Wycliffe Bible Translators.

We also support the local Foodbank and the Manchester homeless charity Barnabus.



### ***Church buildings and history***



**St. Andrew's** church is a modern brick structure built in 1958/59 and is in a very good state of repair. In a major development in 1993 the interior of the church was re-ordered, including removal of pews and choir stalls and the addition of new entrance foyer, kitchen and crèche room. This provides a very flexible interior which is put to good use regularly for Café Church and occasionally for a range of other activities. The St Andrew's hall complex is attached to the church and in a good state of repair

There are also two huts at the far end of the car park which predate the present building. Although they are not in the best of repair, they could be used for activities and clubs.



**Emmanuel church** is a steel frame and masonry structure, built in 2001 and also in very good condition.

The original Emmanuel church building (built 1966) and adjoining hall – the former Sunday School (built 1961) are wooden structures and these remain in use (well beyond their planned lifespan) as the Church Centre. The facilities are rented out to a number of community groups (including keep fit and Tumbletots) as well as for family parties. Repairs are carried out when required in order to keep the buildings safe and generating income.

### **At St. Andrews**

There are house groups that meet fortnightly. There are prayer meetings each Monday and Friday night. (These are currently held by Zoom)

### **At Emmanuel**

There is a weekly prayer meeting (currently held by Zoom).

Other activities are in abeyance at both churches, but are normally an Older Person's Fellowship at Emmanuel, a Ladies' Fellowship at St Andrew's, and a Women's Bible study and a Men's Bible study at Emmanuel.

Members of the congregation have been encouraged to deepen their faith and become better equipped for service in the church by attending **North West Gospel Partnership** courses.

St Andrew's church building is generally used for several weekdays in October for the **Cheadle Bible Convention (South Manchester Keswick)**, open to all local churches.

The Pastoral and Outreach Committee arranges a programme of one-off activities, such as safari meals, harvest hoe-downs, quiz nights and concerts featuring Christian singers. It has also delivered cakes and Christmas presents to people in the area.

There is an Annual Parish Holiday Club for four mornings.

Little Rews and Little Fishes are pre-schooler plus carer community activities at St Andrews and Emmanuel respectively; Little Rews has adapted to continue to offer in person meetings through the pandemic.

Until the pandemic, we ran a weekly after school club at Oaktree school and have been involved in school visits with other local schools.

**The Part time Children and Families Worker's role** includes facilitating, with other leaders, the discipleship of children and young people and aims to support parents in their responsibility for their child's spiritual development and pastoral care.

The role also includes facilitating the evangelisation of children and young people within the parish. Normally, currently this would involve:

- running, with the support of other leaders, Friday night children's and youth clubs;
- an annual Holiday Club
- helping with the Parents and Toddlers groups at each church
- family events such as a light party, holiday club family fun evenings;
- links with local schools as a way of raising awareness of Christianity.
- Encouraging young people and their parents to attend North West Gospel Partnership and youth events and summer camps.



## Two Churches – One Fellowship



*Flexibility in use of worship area at St Andrew's*



*Llandudno Houseparty*

*Little Rews in lockdown*



*Fellowship over a Bring and Share Lunch and the chancel area - Emmanuel*