



# Parish Profile: St Andrews & Emmanuel



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## Who We Are

We are an evangelical Church of England parish in the suburbs of south Manchester. We have two distinct church buildings, St Andrew's and Emmanuel, with their own congregations and atmosphere. Both have the same core values and vision based on the word of God in the Bible. We share the same mission to reach out and share the love of God with our local community. Our churches are seeking to work more closely together and grow younger, wider and deeper.



“

...the people are caring, friendly and welcoming, everyone works well together...

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# Our Parish Today

## Our Strengths

- Strong, caring community in both churches.
- Welcoming to all.
- Willingness to try new things.
- Working together in teams.



## Our Challenges

- To build our congregation.
- To bring more families and children into our church family and encourage the children involved in our weekday activities to know and love God.
- To restructure our services to better fulfil the needs of both congregations.
- To make St Andrews and Emmanuel the centre of our wider community and to use our connections with the local community to understand the needs of our neighbours.

## Our vision for the future

- To develop a range of opportunities for all ages of both congregations to bring us closer to God.
- To inspire and help church members take steps towards a deeper knowledge of God and more faithful discipleship.
- To support and develop new and existing pastoral care arrangements for the members of the church family.
- To help both congregations to make the necessary changes in our thinking, expectations, priorities and activities in order to bring God's message to the people of Cheadle Hulme.
- To explore and develop new and existing opportunities for community engagement and evangelism particularly to those groups not currently prominent in our church family.
- To develop children's and young people's work both within and beyond the church community.
- To work in partnership with other churches towards our common calling to discipleship and mission.

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*St Andrew's is a great place to be. Yes, there are lots of challenges, nevertheless, there is also a lot going on and there is so much enthusiasm to reach out to our community.*

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# Our New Vicar

We are praying for a minister who will preach God's word from the Bible, pray with us and for us, and encourage and inspire us to do the same, an inspirational Bible teacher.

We are looking for a minister who will inspire the congregations of our two churches to continue to be outreach focused and to enable us to connect more with our local community in a way that is relevant to them and leads them to Christ. A minister who is a committed evangelical able to draw people in and ignite an infectious passion for God. We hope to find someone with exciting new approaches to bring more people into the churches.



An essential part of the minister's job will be to develop children's and young people's work and bring more families back to our congregations.

Our new minister will be able to work with, lead and connect with a diverse range of people, wherever they are and whatever their situation.

We appreciate the need for personal devotion reflection and growth. We are looking for someone for whom that will be a personal priority and something they will encourage and develop in us all.

We need a minister with effective and sympathetic pastoral skills. A skilled enabler and collaborative team worker with the ability to discover, encourage and develop gifts that enable others to reach their full potential.

We hope for a leader who will work in partnership with other churches towards our common calling to discipleship and mission.





## Essential Personal Qualities

- Passionate about glorifying Jesus
- Open to the leading and working of the Holy Spirit
- Effective pastoral skills
- Empathetic, open, approachable, genuine, down to earth, pragmatic and maybe a good sense of humour!

## Essential Leadership Qualities

- Passionate in preaching and teaching the word of God
- To develop a vision and inspire and motivate us all to work together to achieve it
- Sympathetic and encouraging towards all the church family from the traditional to the charismatic
- Enthusiastic about evangelism
- Discerning and motivating of lay ministry.

## Desirable Qualities

- Experience with family and youth work
- A background in promoting and encouraging the church in its ministry of pastoral care
- Ability to motivate lay people to pray and receive prayer
- Ability to train a curate
- The ability to encourage and support Anglican and Ecumenical groups and clergy within the local area.





# Our Parish

Cheadle Hulme is a suburban residential area to the south of Manchester and close to the Peak District

The proportion of residents with professional / managerial jobs is above average for the area which is predominantly white. The population is unlikely to change greatly as the area is already well developed, although over 100 houses are in the process of construction to the SE of the parish.

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 includes Sainsbury's and John Lewis at Cheadle Royal and Tesco and Marks and Spencers at Handforth Dean



There is easy access to Manchester Airport (4 miles) and to the motorway network in all directions making Cheadle Hulme within easy reach of all parts of the North West.

The socio-economic mix of the areas of the parish are served by St Andrews and Emmanuel are quite different. Therefore the character of the churches and the challenges faced by them reflect this.

There are a variety of schools in the parish, 4 primary schools, a secondary school and a sixth form college. Links have been built up with these schools over the years.



## The Clergy



***Rev. Peter Selby***  
***Curate & Minister in***  
***secular employment***

## Lay Worker



***Jane Holland***  
***Pastoral Worker at Emmanuel***

## The Readers



***Peter Budd***  
***St Andrews Lay Reader***



***Geoff Cooke***  
***St Andrews Lay Reader***



***Mike Yates***  
***Emmanuel Lay Reader***  
***(Emeritus)***

## Other Staff Members



***Gill Pennells***  
***Church Administrator***  
***(Part Time)***



***Fiona Beck***  
***Children & Families Worker***  
***(Part Time)***

Invaluable support in leading services and preaching is provided by other lay members of the congregation, enabling us to utilise the skill of all.

# Our Services

The Principal service at both churches is the morning service (10:00 a.m. Emmanuel, 11:00 a.m. St. Andrew's). This is generally a Service of the Word, with a service of Holy Communion once a month since Covid. Currently a common sermon series is used at both churches with the preacher delivering the same sermon at both.



Attendance for the Sunday morning services is about 70 at St Andrews and 30 at Emmanuel.

Following lockdown, the evening services have largely remained online.

Children are in church for the first part of the main morning services, but they then leave for their own activities. We run a Sunday Club for primary aged children. Older children are given the option of staying in Church or helping as Young Leaders. There are crèche room facilities for young ones, or toy bags are offered if parents prefer them to remain in Church.

Tea, coffee and biscuits are served after each service.

Café Church normally takes place on 4th Sunday at 6:30pm (except July, August and December) There is a buffet table as people arrive and a guest with an interesting life story is interviewed by a member of the congregation about their life and the difference God has made. There is informal seating around tables, café style. There is a short epilogue. This service is intended to be of particular interest to friends and neighbours who don't normally attend church.

This summer, we are trialling short services for the children and families of our midweek groups, 'K@STA' and 'Little Rews'. We are also hoping to reintroduce All Age worship

Special services are held on an occasional basis, such as healing services.



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*...always prepared to encourage new groups...*

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We use a variety of music in worship.

St Andrews has a three manual organ, grand piano, keyboards, drum kit and recently upgraded sound system and mixing desk.

Our musician resources vary with members of the congregation, and we are fortunate to have a congregation member who is very talented organist, pianist and composer. Singers and other musicians are drawn from the congregation. When musicians are not available, iSing Worship (<https://www.isingworship.com>) is used successfully.



There is a mix of traditional hymns and newer songs in each service that are much valued by the congregation as a part of our worship and the variety means that all sections of the congregation are catered for.

Emmanuel has singers and a musical group to lead the worship on keyboards and guitars. There is a small organ which is used occasionally, and they have also recently introduced iSing Worship.



Prayer meetings are held twice weekly on Zoom. There are fortnightly house groups with around 45 church members involved. Small group sessions including 'Christian Explored' and 'Alpha' courses have been recently run.

The church is generally used several weekdays in October for the South Manchester Keswick, open to all local churches. This is a collaboration arrangement with St. Mary's Cheadle.

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*'...There is always  
someone willing to help...'*

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# Our Church & The Community

St Andrews and Emmanuel have both enjoyed good relations with the surrounding community. We are keen to build on this.

'K@STA' (Kids at St Andrews) runs every Friday night during term time for primary school aged children. We also have secondary aged pupils acting as Young Leaders. There are over 100 children on the register but weekly attendance ranges from 40 to 60 children. 12-14 volunteers help each week on a rota basis from a pool of 35 volunteers.

'Little Rews' runs at St Andrews every Thursday morning during term time for all pre-school children, including babies. Currently we have had over 60 different children join us since the start of 2022.

'Little Fishes' runs every Friday morning during term time for all pre-school children, including babies at Emmanuel Church.



A Holiday Club for children in the area, normally in either the summer or Easter holidays, is run based at St Andrews and this contains a strong element of teaching but with plenty of fun! There is increasing sharing of leadership between the two churches at these events.

St Andrews has a café (The Way In) in the foyer every Monday morning and Emmanuel has a café (Infuse) on a Saturday once a month. Newcomers to church find these are events that are easy to come to.

'Shalom', a small informal group meet on a Saturday at St Andrews. On alternate Thursday mornings at Emmanuel Senior Seekers meet for bible study, prayer and conversations over a cup of coffee. A monthly Tuesday afternoon Ladies Fellowship takes place at Emmanuel.

In the past year family events such as a light party, light-trail, train day and family fun days at both churches, have been successful and very well attended.

“...Has amazing church members who give ideas, time and energy to organise events and groups for church and the local community...”

A team from Capernwray Bible College come for a week each year and when an exciting program of events is created to reach out to the community.

Other events we have enjoyed include 'a march in March for our missionaries', a distribution of hampers to the needy in our parish and quiz nights



Individuals at St Andrews and Emmanuel have links with many missionary societies around the world, through friendships, financial support and prayer.



**St Andrew's** has adopted several Mission Partners whom we seek to support regularly as a church. We pray for them, share their news and help to support them financially and practically; a total of £11,200 was given from church funds in 2021. This total included a one-off donation of £1,000 in support of Festival Manchester 2022.

Our Current mission partners are: Wycliffe Bible Translators, MAF (The Parker family in Uganda) OMF (Levi Booth in Japan), Crosslinks, Church Mission Society, Tearfund, UCCF (Joey Kirkham), Christians in Schools, True Freedom Trust, The Boaz Trust, Barnabus, St Ann's Hospice and the Message Trust.

We Support Chelwood Food Bank (as part of a Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme initiative) with donations of cereals and toiletries with other sundry items and Barnabus (a local homeless charity) by collecting food and clothing.

Emmanuel supports, financially and through prayer, the work of the Barnabas Fund, CMS mission partners Andy & Kati Walsh in Brazil and Christian Relief Uganda (CRU). We also support Chelwood Food Bank. In 2021 we also supported the Frances House Children's Hospice and the Children's Society.

Both our churches have well established links with Churches Together in Cheadle Hulme. Activities include three Worship and Prayer Meetings each year, open air Christmas and Easter Services in Oak Meadow and organisation support from the local churches for the Chelwood Food Bank.





# Church Buildings & Resources

**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 the removal of pews and choir stalls and the addition of a 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 Andrews 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 pre-date the the present building. Although they are not in the best of repair, they are still used for activities.



Significant repairs and refurbishment have been carried out recently including the addition of a new audio system and control desk.

**Emmanuel church** is a steel frame and masonry structure, built in 2001 and is 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.

Facilities at both churches are rented out to community groups: for example the Amaretti Chamber Orchestra, perform 3 times a year, and the church is valued as a rehearsal venue by Stockport Symphony Orchestra. The U3A meet monthly and weekly groups include exercise classes and Tumbletots, as well as other 'one off' gatherings.

Schools use the facilities for Christmas concerts.





## The Vicarage

The Vicarage is a modern, five-bedroom detached house on a corner plot, with a separate garage. in a very good condition internally and externally. The house has a good sized, well-kept gardens and is in a pleasant area.

It is located near bus routes and only 5 minutes' walk from St. Andrew's church and local shops. It is under 10 minutes walk to local primary schools, Cheadle Hulme Primary and Oak Tree. There are two secondary schools, one 2 minutes away and one 30 minutes away (the latter is Cheadle Hulme High School, an outstanding school) and a sixth form college across the road. Cheadle Hulme School, an independent school with both junior and senior sections is nearby

# Church Houses

There are two other houses owned by the church.

## **Emmanuel Church House, 198 Bruntwood Lane.**

A modern five-bedroom detached house, with integral garage. Situated on the site of Emmanuel Church. In very good condition internally and externally, following extensive refurbishment in 2014/15. Following the departure of the Associate Minister it is rented to a family on a 6 month rolling contract.



## **68 Henley Avenue**

A modern three-bedroom link-detached house, with integral garage, in very good condition. The house is currently rented out on a 6 month rolling contract.



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*...Our buildings are fantastic, adaptable, multi purposed and well equipped...*

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Quotations are from the survey of the congregation taken in 2022 to help us prepare this Parish Profile.





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