



**Dean Row Chapel, Wilmslow SK9 2BX**

**Chapel website: [www.deanrowchapel.co.uk](http://www.deanrowchapel.co.uk)**

**Services every Sunday at 11.15 a.m.,**

**Meditations – Friday evenings 7.00pm-7.30pm**

**All enquiries regarding weddings, baptisms,  
Naming ceremonies or funerals should be made to  
Mrs. Peggy Charmer 01606 892039**

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January – March 2012**

***Meditation for a New Year by Amanda Poppei (Unitarian Universalist)***

My friends, we have arrived.

We are here, in this New Year.

We have crossed the boundary of time, into the next year, with all its resolutions and plans and schedules ahead of us.

Let us pause, for just this moment, before we move boldly onward.

Let us pause to hear the breathing of those around us,  
to feel their presence with us.

To know their presence in our lives.

Let us pause to consider the trees, their branches stripped bare,  
their elegant architecture on display.

Let us pause to feel the spirit of life and love that ties us to each other, that winds its way through our very bones and settles in our hearts.

Before we march forward, armed with New Year resolutions that will shortly be forgotten in the day-to-day of living, let us notice what it is that remains every year, every day. What exists beyond schedules and months, beyond time. It welcomes us to life, not just at the start of the year, but every day. And let us answer . . .

Amen.

**Services of Worship at the Haldean Chapels January to March 2012**  
**Services at Hale Chapel begin at 9.30 unless otherwise stated**  
**Services at Dean Row Chapel begin at 11.15 unless otherwise stated**

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|   | <b>Hale Chapel 9.30am</b>                  | <b>Dean Row Chapel<br/>11.15am</b>           |
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January  | Mike Cuerden                               | Mike Cuerden                                 |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January  | Rev Andrew Parker<br>(including Communion) | Rev Andrew Parker<br>(followed by Communion) |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> January   | Tom Grimshaw                               | Tom Grimshaw                                 |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January   | Ken Howard                                 | Ken Howard                                   |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January   | Anna Jarvis                                | Anna Jarvis                                  |
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| Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February   | Chrissie Wilkie                            | Chrissie Wilkie                              |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February  | Mike Cuerden                               | Rev Alex Bradley                             |
| Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> February  | Ken Johnson                                | Ken Johnson                                  |
| Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February  | Rev Penny Johnson                          | Rev Penny Johnson                            |
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| Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> March  | Tom Grimshaw                               | Tom Grimshaw                                 |
| Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> March   | Tony Cupper                                | Tony Cupper                                  |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> March   | Anna Jarvis<br>(Mothering Sunday)          | Anna Jarvis<br>(Mothering Sunday)            |
| Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> March   | Rev Penny Johnson                          | Rev Penny Johnson                            |

| <b>Sidesmen's Rota</b>                   |                                   |                                       |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>January 2012</b>                      | <b>February 2012</b>              | <b>March 2012</b>                     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs Elias           | 5 <sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs M Cupper | 4 <sup>th</sup> Mr Wenham & Mrs Hardy |
| 8 <sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Cuerden         | 12 <sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Gylee   | 11 <sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Booth       |
| 15 <sup>th</sup> Mrs Rodger & Mrs Hollis | 19 <sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Briscoe | 18 <sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Cuerden     |
| 22 <sup>nd</sup> Mrs Charmer & Mrs Scott | 26 <sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Earp    | 25 <sup>th</sup> Mr & Mrs Elias       |
| 29 <sup>th</sup> Mr Upham & Mrs Mitchell |                                   |                                       |

**Details of later dates are displayed in the Vestibule. If the date allocated to you proves to be inconvenient please try to exchange it. If you are unable to do so please inform Elizabeth Earp so that an exchange can be arranged (0161 439 3079). Additional volunteers are always welcome. If you are willing to join the Sidesmen please contact Elizabeth.**

## **Chairman's Letter**

Once again we are approaching Christmas, a time to reflect upon what it means to each of us as individuals as part of our Christian Faith. We know that the exact date of Jesus' birth is unknown, but buried in every myth is a gold grain of truth.

Following on we shall stand at the door of a New Year with all the hopes for our Chapel and it's Ministry. The Haldean Committee has now advertised our vacancy through the proper channels and, I am pleased to say that there has been quite some interest expressed. We hope that this will turn into formal applications and that we will be able to interview early in the New Year.

Looking back over our Chapel's long history, there is much to be proud of in our Forbears struggles and their courage and determination to overcome what faced them.

Under our Trust Deed of the 5 November 1750, George, Earl of Warrington granted the Trustees a 500 year lease at ten shillings and six pence per annum for the use of the Meeting House or Chapel for the Worship of Dissenting Christians from the Church of England.

The Trustees were simple folk, Yeomen Farmers, Farriers, Tanners, an Innkeeper, Sadler, Soap Boilers and Tallow Chandlers and a Tobacconist.

Over the last five years we have, as you are all aware, been faced with our own challenges and disappointments. It would serve no purpose in raking over 'old coals'; it is now behind us and we must look to the future.

As on other occasions in the past, the majority of you worked hard to overcome our disappointments and you did so much to keep the special community spirit alive, that has always been special in our Dean Row Family. Some I know left us or stayed away during the difficult years, I understand and offer no criticism, for we are all free to choose. But for all of you who stayed I say 'thank you' and like our forbears I am proud of you all.

If we are wise and honest we can always learn from those things that unfortunately go wrong. I believe that it is important that we recognise, and our Ministers, that the Ministry must be directly between the Minister and individual members of the Congregation. The Officers must not, however well intended, find themselves standing between the Minister and the Congregation, for it can only lead to misunderstanding.

Each of us has a voice together. We are the voice of the Chapel. If we are silent, then the Chapel is silent. Together with the Minister at the heart of the Chapel we can have a voice that can be heard in a Community as secure as Dean Row Chapel as a place of Christian Worship.

Maggie joins me in wishing you and your families a Happy New Year.  
God Bless – Tony

### **Secretary's report (Chrissie Wilkie)**

Last year left us in quite a turmoil. Our Minister left us to take up a new challenge, but I think that we have done very well in keeping our Pulpit well supplied with interesting and sometimes challenging Preachers. For this we owe thanks to Mike Cuerden who has given us variety and a good mixture of Ministers and Lay people. He has to date filled the Pulpit until the end of March.

Our Pulpit Vacancy went onto the General Assembly list with a closing date of 31 January. This means that by the time we have gone through the rigorous interviewing process, if we manage to appoint a new Minister, it is likely that they would have to give their three months notice to their current Congregation. Therefore it is probable that if a suitable candidate is voted on by our Congregation, the new Minister will take up their post with us by early July. Let us all hope that we have suitable candidates and do not have to re-advertise. I am ever the optimist.

I wish you all a Happy New Year with everything that you might wish for yourselves, with much love to you all – Chrissie

### **Women's League (Anne Gemmell)**

We made a MASSIVE amount of just over £1,000 at our Christmas Coffee Morning, Sunday sales and Stroke Club sales. We couldn't believe just how generous everyone had been. It was a really good morning and our thanks go to all our helpers and to Peter Godfrey who played Christmas carols for us - and even took requests! Did you know - I WON THE TURKEY!! On the 10 December we had our first Christmas Sing Song led by Peter Godfrey with class turns, picnics, mince pies and Dorothy and Anne's special brew. Our grateful thanks to Peter for all the hard work he put in. A small profit of £130 was made for the Women's League funds.

### **Family Group (Anne Gemmell)**

The Toy Service was a great success, and we thank everyone who supported us. The toys have now been dispatched, and 'Big Storage' who distributes them we absolutely thrilled at the amount we had taken in. Cathy and I wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy Christmas and New Year, and thank you once again for all the support you give us.

## Mike's Musings

*Melvyn Bragg writing in the Telegraph on the wonders of the King James Bible –*  
It is our “National book” and not only inspired many great philanthropists, (such as Wilberforce), but “fed many of our great writers and gives us much of our daily speech still”.

*Khalid Khoja (Syrian Opposition Leader) quoted in the Independent.*  
“All revolutions are created by crazy men, not by wise men”.

*Arthur Schopenhauer quoted in the Associated Press*  
“Talent hits a target no one else can hit; Genius hits a target no one else can see”.

## Events in January, February and March

**15 January Chapel Breakfast** - Come and join us at 9.30am onwards for a Continental Style Breakfast in the hall. There will still be coffee after the service, but we thought we would try a breakfast - and if we get the support and it all goes well, perhaps we could do this on a regular basis - say once every couple of months or so, It will be completely free of charge, but a list will be put up at the beginning of the New Year, and if you could put your name down, just for catering purposes, this would be great. Hope to see you there!

## Dean Row Book Club

All gatherings start at 8 pm and we meet on the last Wednesday in the month. New bookworms are always welcome. Please contact Wendy Cuerden for further information. Tel: 0161 439 8165

The following books have been chosen to February 2012:

Wednesday 25 January  
***Taken on Trust*** by Terry Waite

Wednesday 29 February  
***Time After Time*** by Molly Keane

## Musings (from Subvert)

God doesn't give you the people you want; He gives you the people you NEED... to help you, to hurt you, to leave you, to love you and to make you into the person you were meant to be.

Growing old is not so bad when you consider the alternatives.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

### **Baptisms in October, November, December 2011**

|                 |                  |                              |
|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| Dean Row Chapel | 1 October 2011   | Juliette Handbyo             |
| Dean Row Chapel | 9 October 2011   | James Lister                 |
| Dean Row Chapel | 22 October 2011  | Lily Lomas                   |
| Dean Row Chapel | 30 October 2011  | Joshua James Green           |
| Dean Row Chapel | 13 November 2011 | Willow Mai Houghton-Prescott |
| Dean Row Chapel | 20 November 2011 | Edward Branson               |
| Dean Row Chapel | 4 December 2011  | Ava Barton                   |

### **Weddings in October, November December 2011**

|                 |                   |   |
|-----------------|-------------------|---|
| Dean Row Chapel | Sat. 8 October    | Fyles/Davidson                                |
| Hale Chapel     | Sat. 22 October   | Mullen/Scott                                  |
| Dean Row Chapel | Sat. 5 November   | Hetherington/Pratt                            |
| Dean Row Chapel | Sat. 19 November  | Clarke Pemberton                              |
| Dean Row Chapel | Sat. 17 December  | Whittaker/Callaghan                           |
| Dean Row Chapel | Thur. 29 December | Renewal of Vows<br>Andrew and Carol Warburton |
| Dean Row Chapel | Sun. 31 December  | Duffy/Barton                                  |

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Anne Gemmell (0161 439 2302)**

**Wardens:  
Ian Booth 01625 262819 and  
Ian Briscoe 0161 485 5033.**

**Family Group:  
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Anne Gemmell (0161 439 2302)**

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**Items for Newsletter to Chrissie Wilkie**