

**From the Parish Registers:
March 2016**



Thanksgiving

James Mac Reynolds

Wedding

Ashley Michael Thomas and Sarah Louise Cartwright

Funerals

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of the late
Lorraine Howlett and Sue Wilcox

Please pray for the long-term sick

Especially for Iris Davies, William Barber, Chris Barrowcliff, Reg Bolton, Ken Harris, Jean Harrison, Leigh Hepplethwaite, Sarah Fletcher, Gill Holt, Pip Jones, Rachel Kirkland, Ann Kitchin, Edna Lloyd, Len & Mildred Morris, Vicki Morris, Roman Simpson, Mary Symes, Freda Linfield, Phyllis Sharples, Ellie Wheeler, Zoe Greenwood and others at home.

Please pray for those unable to join us

Especially for Muriel Wood, Gladys Heppell, Celia Bennion, Alan Dawson, Frances Eglin, June Hollins, June Roberts, John Speare and others.

Keep in touch

Office hours 9am-3pm Monday to Friday

There are plenty of ways to contact the church:

Call 01244 322056 to speak to our vicar Rev John Kirkland
or our administrator Helen Dymond or email: office@allsaints.church

Call 01244 345649 for church centre bookings or to speak to our centre manager
Christina Beveridge or email: centre@allsaints.church

Our web address is www.allsaints.church
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All Saints Church

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GRAPEVINE April 2016

Coming up this month at All Saints



The next Alpha Course at All Saints Church Centre starts April 21st 2016 at 7:15pm and finishes by 9:30pm each evening.

To book or for further information,
contact All Saints Office on 01244 322056
or email alpha@allsaintshoole.org



Date for your diary.....

Cinema Afternoon and Night

on Saturday 23rd April.

In the afternoon we will be showing 'Lady in a Van', arrive 1.30 for 2pm.

The evening showing will be 'Inside Out', arrive 5.30 for 6pm.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Wednesday 27th April 2016 at 7.30pm in Church

You are warmly invited to attend the APCM, as we give thanks for God's faithfulness and share the vision for All Saints in the year to come. Any other business for the agenda to John Kirkland by Sunday 17th April please.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

WE SHALL ELECT OUR TWO CHURCH WARDENS TO SERVE FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND FOUR PCC MEMBERS TO SERVE FOR THREE YEARS. NOMINATION FORMS ARE ON THE BLUE NOTICE BOARD IN CHURCH.

The Annual and Statutory Reports will be available on Sunday 17th April. This year we are trying to reduce the amount of printing and will therefore be uploading the reports to our website. We ask that where possible you refer to the website, if however you would like a paper copy, please let the office know. Thank you.

PLEASE STOP AND READ

SHARE FOR PRAYER SECTION

“If one part [of the body] suffers, every part suffers with it.”

1 Corinthians 12:26

The sources of most of the information in this section will be Barnabas Fund (barnabasfund.org/news), Open Doors (opendoorsuk.org), Samaritan's Purse (samaritanspurse.org.uk), Tearfund (tearfund.org)

OPEN DOORS -“We dream of a world in which every Christian who is persecuted is remembered and supported by other Christians.”

Christians in many parts of the world continue to be exposed to persecution from loss of livelihood, homes and their lives. Below are a few examples on which to focus prayer and as an encouragement for us to actively support our Christian brethren who are suffering in many countries where governments do little to support them.

PLEASE PRAY

Egypt

4 teenage boys, all Christians, have recently been sentenced to 5 years in an adult prison for making a private video which has been interpreted as mocking Islam. The subject of the video was the activities of Islamic State.

President al Sisi who has been attempting to support Christians at a national level.

Turkey

For protection for Christians and Jews as it is reported that Islamic State is actively planning to attack churches and synagogues and to do so with a particular focus on children and young people.

Pakistan

Aasia Bibi, a Christian mother of 5 who continues (since 2010) to be on death row having been convicted of blasphemy.

Christians in Lahore where approx. 74 people were killed and more than 370 injured at an Easter celebration event in a park. There were some Muslims amongst the dead and injured.

Sudan

Civil war in Sudan led to the new country of South Sudan being established (in 2011) the population of which is mainly Christian and Animist. The war has continued and it is estimated that 2.8 million people are now close to starvation.

Nigeria

More and more Christians are becoming displaced after Muslim Felani herdsmen attacked and killed 500 Christians in February.

Indonesia

20% of mission workers are reported to have given up due to pressure, loneliness and threats of imprisonment. Numerous regulations have been put in place to curb evangelism.

Invitation

Following John Benson's recent call for the church to pray for persecuted Christians worldwide, this is an invitation for those who can to meet in the Church Centre on Thursday 14th April at 7.30pm to talk about how we might appropriately respond. Speak with John Chester for more information.

PLEASE PRAY

Prayer Focus

For us to be a Christ-centred church, bringing people to Christ and helping them to belong to the church.



'TIME TO PRAY'

Opportunities to pray together

Pause for Prayer Wednesdays

20th April & 4th May at 7.30am

An opportunity to meet together in prayer for the life and work of the church. We meet every other Wednesday in Sparrow, from 7.30am to 8.15am (alternating with the Alpha prayer meeting). Caffeine is provided! There will be opportunities for both spoken and silent prayer. Please come along if you think this might be for you.

Lunchtime Prayer Thursday

28th April at 1.30pm in the Church Centre

We particularly like to pray for things like Dinkies, Minis, Messy Church and the children and young people in Sunday Club, Pathfinders and Franks.

Alpha Prayer Breakfast

Wednesdays 13th & 27th April

We meet fortnightly in Eagle from 7.30am to 8.15am. Please join us to pray for leaders and guests who will be on the Alpha course next term.



Sunday 17th April
4-6pm

“Jesus' friends”, looking at Jesus and his friendship with Lazarus, Martha and Mary.



Little Acorns

will be enjoying a day out on Wednesday 13th April. Contact Helen Ellis: ellis.helen@btinternet.com for details



A baby & toddler group to support those with adopted/fostered children

SENIOR RESIDENTS' FELLOWSHIP

Contact Mrs Rene Peters

Thursday Afternoons
2.30 - 4.00pm

April

14th - Outing

21st - Jennifer Furber
(Young Carers)

28th - Tea and Chat

All Welcome

TODDLER PRAISE

Why not join us on Thursday 21st April at 9.30am for refreshments, then a short time of worship in the chancel— welcome songs, a Bible story, prayer, and finishing with our special song before our craft activity.



The picture of a small boy lying face down in the sand on a Turkish beach last year really made me think what I could do to help those children who find themselves in desperate situations through no fault of their own. This is where I really need your help. On April 24th I will be running the London Marathon to raise funds for Save The Children. I'm aiming to raise £3,000.

In the UK alone Save The Children are aiding 1.6 million children who live in severe poverty. Being born into poverty dramatically reduces a child's chances of a better life.

Save the Children works in more than 120 countries to alleviate suffering, particularly from preventable diseases. Many succumb to preventable conditions and diseases and many die through malnutrition.

Save the Children responded to 97 emergencies in 54 countries delivering life-saving food, water, healthcare protection and education to over 5 million people in 2015. You can sponsor me on-line at

virginmoneygiving.com/GeoffCollins or www.justgiving.com/Geoff-Collins2

I will also have sponsor forms in church. You can read about my training and fundraising at geofftherunner.wordpress.com

Thank you, Geoff Collins



A group of fundraisers from All Saints, led by John Lewis, are aiming to raise lots of money for Life NoW by holding a cycling sportive. For those of you new to the term, a sportive is a challenging cycle ride but not a race. The Life NoW sportive will be a ride of either approximately 70 or 40 miles around the beautiful Cheshire countryside. We aim to attract up to **400**...yes **400**...cyclists. The event will begin and end at The Cheshire Sports Club, Upton and take place on 4th September, 2016.

This is a grand endeavour and will take a lot of organising and a lot of support. We know how generous the people of All Saints are and so we would like you to commit this event to mind at the start of 2016.

There are lots of ways to help, even if donning luminous lycra is not your "thing"....

- ◆ **PRAY** continually for the success of the event and the safety of all who take part
- ◆ **VOLUNTEER**. We will need marshals, support staff, people to man food stations.....about 20-30 volunteers will be needed
- ◆ **DRUM UP SUPPORT** If you have family, friends or colleagues who are keen cyclists, please encourage them to sign up for a great day's cycling (details below). There is an entry charge for taking part and they will not have to seek any extra sponsorship. Although, if they would like to they can sign up for that. The more cyclists, the more money will go to Life NoW
- ◆ **PROVIDE SPONSORSHIP**. If you have contacts with firms or businesses who would like to sponsor such things as printing please let us know. The more sponsorship, the more money will go to Life NoW

And, if donning lycra is your thing

- ◆ Sign up to ride in what will be a great event. You can do this by going to www.britishcycling.org.uk/events/details/140495/Cheshire-Ride-for-Life-NoW

PLEASE HELP US TO MAKE THIS A FANTASTIC FUND-RAISER AND A SPECIAL EVENT FOR ALL

For further details speak to John and Alex Lewis, Ian Percival, David and Ann Cottier



Dear friends at All Saints,



I want to share with you why we are considering *Encountering God* in our sermons and housegroups this term. A few months ago I was in a meeting at which we discussed our corporate worship on Sunday mornings. Several people commented that they were finding it a real struggle to engage with God during public worship, and we tried to explore why that was and what we could do about it.

I suspect that we might all give a slightly (or very!) different answer to that question, depending on our background and preferences, but we ended up talking about the kind of worship culture that God desires at All Saints. It is true, of course, that worship is a whole-life response to God and isn't just limited to what we do when we meet on a Sunday morning (see Romans 12:1,2 for example). It's also true that we come together to encourage one another and to spur one another on to love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24,25) and not just to meet with God. But we do come together in the presence of God to hear his Word and to respond to him in repentance and faith, praise and thanksgiving, obedience and with the whole of our lives.

How then can we experience more of the presence of God in our lives and in our corporate worship? We recognise that we can't manufacture or command an encounter with God. God alone chooses when and how to reveal himself to his people and there is no technique by which we can guarantee it. But we believe it will help us to consider a number of encounters with God in the Bible. We will see how we can be more open to God revealing his presence as we meet. We will raise our sense of expectancy that God wants us to experience a greater intimacy with himself. We will be moved to pray that God will indeed visit us in his glory as we are gathered together.

Please will you then make this your prayer as you come on a Sunday morning: 'Lord, will you meet with us this morning? Will you grant us a greater awareness that you are present with us by your Spirit? Will you speak to us through your Word? Will you warm our hearts so that we may love and serve you in the whole of life?' As we all make that our prayer, I trust that the Lord will hear and answer our cry.

With love in Christ,

John Kirkland.

The Local Access Forum managed by Cheshire West and Chester Council has vacancies for new members. The forum aims to make a real difference to improving and developing outdoor access including developing paths and green corridors across West Cheshire.

For further information about the work of the forum, contact Mike Norbury, Green Infrastructure Officer on 01244 973393 or email TotalEnviroment@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk (please title emails "Local Access Forum"). The closing date for expressions of interest is Wednesday 20th April.



Save the Date

**Church Weekend Away
14th - 16th October 2016**

Booking forms will be coming out in a few weeks time.

Do put the date in your diary!!

FORTHCOMING CONCERT

Our next concert trip out will be on Saturday 16th July 7.30 to the Liverpool Phil to hear the Classic fm concert 'last night of the summer pops' with lots of the old rip roaring favourites—Handel's Zadok the Priest, Holst's Jupiter, Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance plus Purcell's trumpet tune - our very own scouse 'last night of the proms'. Likely cost £25 total to include a contribution towards petrol and parking etc. Please contact me as soon as possible if you wish to reserve a space sarahcornes@hotmail.co.uk



For further details, call Sarah Collard on: 01948 860 294

£5 Admission fee
inc. Tea & Scone, Cake, produce & bric-a-brac stalls
(Children free, Dogs on leads welcome)

Sunday 24th April 2016
2pm - 5pm

Tushingham Hall, SY13 4QP

by kind permission of Peter Moore-Dutton

in aid of the Hospice & Tushingham Church

Bluebell Walk



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www.hospiceofthegoodshepherd.com
Charity reg no: 315516

Care Group All Saints



Phone Number
07711 425 366

Dawne Rendell
Care Group Co-ordinator

Please see the Care Group table in church



A collection crate is in the church centre foyer, along with a list of

items that they would like to receive. This month they particularly need **tinned meat, noodles & UHT milk**. Thank you for your continued support.

PRAYER LIST REQUEST FORM

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list, please make sure you complete a green request form from the leaflet rack at the back of church or the office. By doing so, it will be possible for us to keep updated on those being prayed for. Thank you.



AA MEETINGS

Tues 12-1.30pm & Fri 7-8.30pm All Saints Church Centre



christians against poverty

CAP do not have a Centre Manager at the moment so the centre will be closed until further notice. Please join us in prayer as we seek God's guidance about the future.



Bible in One Year app
Highly recommended Bible app developed by Holy Trinity Brompton (Home of Alpha)

We are a Fairtrade Church and have a regular Fairtrade stall on Sundays. Why not visit our **Café** during the week, where fair-trade and locally produced items are available? We are **usually** open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8.45am - 2.30pm but please always check the weekly diary.
Penny, Sheila, Laura and the team



The Traidcraft Stall

Come and have a look after the 10.45 service or at Cafe during the week. We have some new lines for you to try too so come along and help support Fair Trade.

