

From the Parish Registers: July 2016



Funerals

Mavis Dunn, Anthony Mottershead, Margaret Dilley,
Doreen Quick, Gerrard Blythin and David Evans

Weddings

Andrew Collier and Sarah Cooke-Fox
Ian Robinson and Laura Webb

Thanksgivings

Josiah James Durdant-Hollamby, Archie Julian Stephen and
Rosa Taylor Long

Please pray for the long-term sick

Especially for Iris Davies, William Barber, Chris Barrowcliff, Reg Bolton, Ken Harris, Jean Harrison, Leigh Hephlethwaite, 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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TO LIVE
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WITH
FOR

JESUS

AUGUST 2016

GRAPEVINE



SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

You may still have a Summer holiday to come - but perhaps you've already had yours? Don't worry - there's always the Church Weekend to look forward to in October.

Hopefully you've already given me your booking form and at least some money, but if you haven't yet, do consider coming - there are some places left. I guarantee a brilliant weekend of fun, fellowship [good] food - and good teaching which will be relevant for us as a Church at this time.

Do come. October 14th- 16th. Cloverley Hall - just south of Whitchurch. If you're quite new to All Saints, this is a great weekend to get to know some people better. See me if you want to know more and/or pick up a booking pack from the back of church.

Vicki

An opportunity to pray together over the summer

Pause for Prayer Wednesdays 10th & 24th August 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.

Summer Study 2016

fellowship and encouragement over the summer

Wednesdays 10, 24 and 31 August, 10am - 12noon

This year's theme.... **The Good, The Bad and The Ugly**

If you'd like to, bring a packed lunch for afterwards.

Hot drinks are provided.

For more details see Anita or Hilary



As you may know, the café has now closed until further notice. We would like to thank Penny, Sheila and Laura, who have formed the core team in café since it opened, for all their hard work in making it such a success, and we would also like to thank all the volunteers for their invaluable service as well. Penny is moving to be nearer to her family for health reasons and Laura and Sheila have decided the time is right to step down from café and seek God's will for the next chapter in their lives.

We are looking for a new café manager who will share the vision for the café and who will have the relevant skills and qualities to run the café in the future and build a team around them. We intend to advertise the post in early September, with a view to interviewing applicants in late September and re-opening the café in mid-October, and we hope that many of the existing team will be part of the new team. However, if you are interested in knowing more about the post – we have a job description and person spec. – please have a word with John Kirkland who will be happy to talk to you about it.

NEW CHURCH CENTRE BOOKING SYSTEM

Our new Church Centre booking system is now live! We no longer use a paper based system but an online one. If you want to check whether the church centre has a room available for something, you can go online to check at: centre.allsaints.church

This will let anyone check whether the centre is booked at any particular time. If you would like to make a request to book a room, then you can do this by e-mailing Christina as usual centre@allsaints.church

If you have a church e-mail address you can also log in using your e-mail address and password to check exactly what is going on, and you can also request to book a room online, but as before, this must then be confirmed by Christina on the system.

If you have any questions, please talk to either Christina or Rick!



Saturday 1st October
Harvest Supper
and Barn Dance



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Saturday 8th October
Cinema Afternoon and Night

Afternoon, arrive 1.30 for 2pm
Evening, arrive 5.30 for 6pm

(Films to be decided)



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Saturday 19th November
Christmas Fair
11am-3pm



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Saturday 26th November
7.30pm
Deo Gratias Concert



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Saturday 3rd December
Cinema Afternoon and Night

Afternoon, arrive 1.30 for 2pm
Evening, arrive 5.30 for 6pm

(Films to be decided)



Sarah Dale would appreciate prayer support as she is spending much of the summer and Autumn travelling with Mission 24. She will be visiting northern Ireland, Birmingham, Grantham, Slovakia as well as Uganda (8-15 August).



Sunday
at **6**

Will return in
September....



There will be no Messy Church in August but we will see you on September 18th.



Summer SPECIALS

Friday 5th & Monday 22nd August
10am-12 noon

Housegroups restart week beginning 12th September.
Discussion guides will be available on Sunday 4th.

LITTLE ACORNS
will meet on
Wednesdays
14 & 28 September
1-2.30pm for those with
adopted/fostered
pre-school children
Contact Helen Ellis:
ellis.helen@btinternet.com



Alpha Prayer Breakfast
will meet again on
14th September



starts back on
Friday 9th and Monday 12th
September



starts back on
Monday 12th September

TODDLER PRAISE
Why not join us on
Thursday 22nd September
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.



Dear friends at All Saints,



Now the dust has begun to settle on the European Referendum, it's worth asking how we can pray as we go forward as a nation. Following the Archbishops' lead, I'd like to suggest several things we can pray for.

We can pray:

- For wisdom to know what God is calling us to be as a nation. The Archbishops ask "what values and virtues should shape and guide our relationships with others" in the years to come?
- That we will be "a generous and forward-looking country", remaining "hospitable and compassionate, builders of bridges and not barriers".
- That Britain will continue to seek the common good in Europe and in the world, "rejecting narrow nationalism and selfish individualism".
- For a national unity in which the divisions and cultural rifts which the referendum has exposed will be healed.
- For the fears of those whose vote reflected feelings of having been "left behind by current economic policies and politics" to be heard and understood, and for them to be addressed.
- For our neighbours, friends and work colleagues from overseas, who may be feeling fearful and insecure at the moment, to be reassured that their contribution to Britain is still valued.
- For Britons living and working abroad who are uncertain about what leaving the EU will mean for them.
- For those under 25 who mostly voted for Britain to remain to know that they have a significant future within Britain.
- For other European countries where sections of the population may feel motivated to follow Britain's lead.
- For the political will to tackle poverty, climate change and the refugee crisis. And, perhaps most of all as Christians, for the church's witness to God's will for unity, peace, reconciliation and love for neighbour, remembering that it's only in Christ that those virtues can truly be found.

To quote Tim Dakin, Bishop of Winchester, "I hope that we can come together by focusing on what unites rather than on what divides us. As Christians, we believe in the importance of sharing love and solidarity with our neighbours, at home and abroad, and our mission to live by these values remains unchanged."

With love in Christ,
John Kirkland.

PLEASE STOP AND READ

SHARE FOR PRAYER SECTION

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

1 Corinthians 12:26

Please stop for a moment and consider how you would feel and what you would hope for if what you read below described what is happening to Christians in your country.

A few examples of what life is like for Christians in Egypt:-

For the second time in two weeks Christian homes were attacked and some set on fire when a rumour was started that one of a number of new houses being built by Christians was going to be converted to a church. Permission to build had only been given after the believers signed a pledge that none of the buildings being built would be used for "religious rituals."

Regarding the building of places of worship a rule has been in place since 1856 that new church buildings cannot be constructed without the personal approval of the head of state.

The kidnapping of young Christian women is a regular occurrence in response to which very little is done by the authorities. Recently it was reported that 7 women were kidnapped and forced to renounce their Christian beliefs and to marry.

Church buildings are regularly attacked and burned.

There have been recent reports of Christians being murdered in brutal ways following which little appears to have been done to identify the perpetrators or to protect others.

Please pray as the Holy Spirit leads you for Egyptian Christians and for those who don't condone what is happening but who often feel helpless to intervene.

Encouraging news.

President Al-Sisi is reported to be taking initiatives to improve the lot of Christians including ordering the repair of damaged church buildings and beginning a process that will result in the implementation of a civil constitution that will give full rights to Christians.

A group of Muslim people recently intervened to protect a church minister who was being physically attacked by a group of people.

Other news from nearer home.

A weekly Sunday afternoon service in the Farsi language is being held in Liverpool Cathedral and is attended by between 100 and 140 people who are mainly refugees.

Last year a quarter of all confirmations in the Bradford Diocese were of asylum seekers from Iran.

PLEASE PRAY AND GIVE
THANKS FOR WHAT GOD IS DOING



Phone Number
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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 fruit and tinned puddings**. 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



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)

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Minis

From September, "Minis" toddler group needs some lovely volunteers as kitchen helpers.

This is what it entails:

- Just once a month on a rota for 2 - 2 1/2 hours.
- Choose between a Monday or a Friday, term time only.
- It is quite hard work but very rewarding (ask Ann Cottier or Ruth Drapes, our outgoing team, for details!).

The benefits are:

- Lovely chats with fellow helpers and the Minis parents and carers .
- Free toast and drinks.
- Being part of something big that reaches out to our wider community.

For further details, please contact Helen Ellis or Katy D-H either personally or by email: minis@allsaints.church

Pastoral Care Team

We are looking to appoint the following people:

A Pastoral Care Team Co-ordinator – please have a word with John Kirkland for more details and a job description.

One or more people to take Home Communion to church members who can no longer get to Sunday services – again, have a word with John for more information.

Refreshment Rota

Debbie Wood is looking for a few more people to serve the drinks and biscuits after the 10.45 service on Sunday mornings. The more people who offer, the less often you will need to do it! Please have a word with Debbie to volunteer.

ALL SAINTS

DEFIBRILLATOR APPEAL

Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously to the cost of a defibrillator for All Saints. We now have sufficient money to purchase one and we are therefore closing this appeal, but we are very grateful for your support.

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.



Volunteer with us!
Would you enjoy
spending a few hours
a week....



Driving our van? We need people to deliver and collect food around Chester, Ellesmere Port and Neston. Hours are between 9am-1pm, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri.

Helping at one of our sessions? Why not volunteer at one of our sessions welcoming visitors, giving out the food, and signposting them to further help. We have vacancies at:

Salvation Army, Ellesmere Port, Fridays, 1pm-3pm
Matthew Henry Evangelical Church, Blacon, Fridays, 10am-12noon
Wesley Methodist Church, Chester, Mondays & Thursdays, 2pm-4pm
Trinity Methodist Church, Ellesmere Port, Thursdays, 10am - 12noon

Inspiring others to cook? If you have a passion for cooking and like talking to people and encouraging them to develop their own cooking skills our Pop Up Cooking team might be for you!

Contact Petra on 0151 355 7730 or email volunteer@westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk for more information and to ask for an application form.

Alpha for the future – Alpha in the Community

The way All Saints is doing Alpha is changing. Alpha itself is changing.

Why?

In a changing world, it is harder to get people to commit to a weekly course. Shift work, family pressures and competing leisure activities all get in the way.

What is happening to Alpha?

1. Going Global

Global Launch this autumn – watch out for TV ads featuring Bear Grylls – a new High Definition Film series covering each of the Alpha talks. These have been recorded at various locations around the world with TV presenters: Toby Flint & Gemma Hunt (we saw Gemma at Spring Harvest), people like Jackie Pullinger, and Francis Collins: Director of the Human Genome Project all joining with Nicky Gumbel to make a first rate series of films.

2. Going Local

All the talks, training and question prompts are downloadable and can be run on a laptop or smart TV in places and at times to suit both hosts and guests.

What about All Saints?

We have run Alpha 3 times a year for about 12 years – we've had big groups and small groups – and over that time we've had other churches working with us sharing the load. For the last two years, All Saints has continued largely alone.

The leadership team has decided that we should change the way we do things from this September. Ron & Helen will be able to support the church through that change.

Fruitfulness on the Frontline, the Autumn House Group programme last year, showed us that we each have a frontline – those people we meet day by day, week by week who are not yet believers – people we can pray for, people we can invite for a social time and – maybe – invite to Alpha.

What will Ron & Helen and the Church Leadership do?

We have downloaded the material and will supply the manuals to resource All Saints people to run an alpha in a home or in a pub or café, or maybe book a room here in the church. Some people have already offered to host an Alpha in their home; some have offered to run an Alpha in someone else's home.

But I don't know enough to lead an Alpha

The filmed talks are the knowledge base. The list of questions to ask to start discussion is given in the Team Guide - all you need to do is to read them. And then provide a friendly environment in which discussion can take place. Maybe you can share your own personal story where appropriate.

Don't be afraid to say: "I don't know". Do offer to find out. Do ask our leaders, wardens, readers and preachers for help with the answers.

Ron & Helen will try to guide you or even come alongside you.

How do I go about it?

First Pray for your frontline people – watch out for God's guidance about who to approach. Invite and, if the invitation is accepted, decide a suitable time and location. (Note: You could meet daily, weekly, fortnightly, monthly – whatever is best for you and your guests) – **PS don't worry if the invitation is declined – just keep praying.**

Let Ron & Helen know – they will try to get you the resources you need.

It is good to have a second person alongside you when leading a group so again let Ron & Helen know and they will try their best to find someone.

Keep praying.

There is a trailer, and the first talk is designed a launch session, so you could just invite to that one session and then arrange further sessions if your guests would like to go further.

What do I need and what support will I have?

You will need a venue – your home, your guest's home, a café or pub, a room in the church centre – somewhere where both you and your guest/s will be comfortable.

You will need either a PC/laptop or a Smart TV with a USB input or simply a DVD player and an ordinary TV.

At some point you will need a Bible (or selection of Bibles) and pen and paper to write down any unanswered questions.

We will supply invites for you to give out; talk to Ron & Helen about this.

We will give you guidance about how to run sessions.

We will supply leaders guides and guest handbooks.

We will supply a customisable programme for you to use.

We will supply the teaching material on either DVD or Memory Stick, or you could download it yourself from the Internet.

We will advise you if you need a shorter form of the course.

We will endeavour to help you run Alpha if you need it.

Other Resources

Whilst this is about Alpha – we also have

Christianity Explored on DVD or Memory Stick

Uncover which doesn't need a PC or DVD

Discipleship Explored on DVD

Contact Details

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