

**From the Parish Registers:
November 2015**



Baptisms

Olivia Callaghan Evans, Eleanor Nicholson
and Declan Oscar Gorman

Weddings

Christian Mark Ellis and Joanne Elizabeth Day

Funerals

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of
the late Bernard Hollins, Patricia Molloy and Olivia Christmas.

Please pray for the long-term sick

Especially for Iris Davies, William Barber, Chris Barrowcliff, Reg Bolton, Ken Harris, Jean Harrison, Leigh Hepplethwaite, Mr Fitton (U3A leader), Sarah Fletcher, Gill Holt, Pip Jones, Rachel Kirkland, Ann Kitchin, Edna Lloyd, Len & Mildred Morris, Vicki Morris, Roman Simpson, Lesley Sheills, 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, Jean & Alan Dawson, Frances Eglin, June Hollins, June Roberts, John Speare and others.

Keeping in touch

Office hours 9am-3pm Monday—Friday

There are plenty of ways to contact the Church:

Call 01244 322056 to speak to vicar John Kirkland or administrator
Helen Dymond or email: office@allsaintshoole.org

Call 01244 345649 for church centre bookings or to speak to centre manager
Christina Beveridge or email: centremanager@allsaintshoole.org

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GRAPEVINE December 2015




John, Kate and the family would like to wish you all a joyful Christmas and a peaceful New Year.



Carol Singing in Hoole

The four Hoole churches will be singing carols for an hour from 10am, on Saturday 19th December, on the corner of Charles Street and Faulkner Street. Everyone is invited to take part.



We want to deliver a Christmas card, from the four Hoole churches, to every home in the parish, inviting people to our Christmas services. The cards are bundled in streets and can be found on the table at the back of church. Please will you collect one or two bundles and deliver them before the 20th December. Many thanks!

THANK YOU to all who have helped with providing food for this term's Alpha and Freedom in Christ Course.



The next term will begin on January 14th. We will be running Alpha, Christianity Explored, and Parts C & D of the Freedom in Christ Course.

We will be needing help with catering again, but we will also need help with serving, washing up and resetting Eagle for Minis for the following day.

Please contact Ron or Helen if you are able to help in anyway.



Alpha and Christianity Explored will be starting on January 14th in the Church Centre meeting at 7pm for a 7:15pm meal followed by discussion.

Alpha is suitable for people wanting to learn more about Christianity, or as a refresher.

Christianity Explored is an opportunity to study and discuss what Mark's Gospel has to say about Jesus.

Other (Beta Plus) courses on offer from time to time:

Discipleship Explored is an opportunity to study and discuss what Paul has to say in his Epistle to the Philippians.

Freedom in Christ helps us to deal with those things which are a barrier to us growing in our faith

Our Alpha, Beta, Beta Plus course brochure has more details about these courses and can be found in the information racks.

Uncover is a less formal opportunity to study (and discuss) the Gospel of Luke and is available for individuals and small groups to work through at their leisure.

For more information on any of these courses please speak to:

Ron & Helen Glenn

Alpha Co-ordinators for All Saints, Hoole

alpha@allsaintshoole.org

<http://www.allsaintshoole.org/alpha>



Christmas Cards are now available.
Please come and have a look and support Tearfund.

Christmas Cards for the Church family can be pinned to the board at the back of church. The money that you save by sending just one card to the whole church can be placed (in an envelope) in the basket. This year we will be supporting 'spacecheshire' who aim to provide local children who have additional needs with the opportunity to play in a friendly and safe environment. Also to provide a space where parents and carers can gain support, information, advice and the opportunity to meet other parents or carers in a similar situation. Further information can be found at www.spacecheshire.org



Senior Residents' Fellowship
Christmas Lunch in Eagle
Thursday 10th December
12 for 12.30pm



Carol Service Choir

We had a good rehearsal on Tuesday but we could do with more singers, particularly - though not exclusively - tenors.

If you can sing in tune please do consider joining us for the next 3 rehearsals which are

Tues 8th, Mon 14th and Thurs 17th all at 7.30pm and then the afternoon of the service [20th].

It's helpful if you can read music but not absolutely necessary!

Tuesday 22nd December
CAROL SINGING AROUND THE
WARDS AT THE COUNTESS
Meet in the chapel at 6.30pm,
followed by refreshments.
All welcome.



'TIME TO PRAY'

Opportunities to pray together this month

Pause for Prayer

Wednesdays 16th & 30th
December 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 17th December 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 9th & 23rd December

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.



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Next meeting on Monday 11 January, 7-8.30pm. A space run by the All Saints Youth, with a focus on prayer and worship. We want to see God turn up and do amazing things.

Prayer Focus

For us to be a church that reaches out to the community, to engage with those parts of the parish that still need to know the good news of Jesus.

Dear friends at All Saints,



It's a time of preparation. The nursery must be got ready. The car seat must be bought. The clothes must be borrowed or given. For my daughter and her husband it's a time of preparation as they wait for their first child in January.

It's a time of preparation. The presents must be bought and wrapped. The tree must be found and the lights mended. The food must be ordered and cooked. For all of us it's a time of preparation as we wait for Christmas Day.

It's a time of preparation. The Father must prepare for the birth of his Son. The promises must be made to his people Israel, describing the character of his Son and telling them what he will do. The visual aids must be given, picturing why the Son must come to rescue his people. For the people of God throughout the Old Testament, it was a time of preparation for the coming of Christ.

We prepare because we believe that something will happen. The child will be born. Christmas will come. And then it happened.

God the Father's present to us has arrived. The gift of his own Son, born of Mary, laid in a manger, announced by angels, seen by shepherds, worshipped by foreign Magi.

But not just God's present to us. God present with us. Immanuel (which means, 'God is with us' says Matthew).

Present with that young couple celebrating the birth of their firstborn, just like Mary and Joseph in Bethlehem. Present with the refugees driven from their home, just like the Holy Family forced into exile for their own safety. Present with the grieving families, just like the people of Bethlehem, mourning after Herod had massacred all the boys under two. Present with the elderly whose hopes have just been fulfilled, like Anna and Simeon in Jerusalem as they saw the Christ-child.

Jesus. God's present to us today. But we need to receive him by faith.

Jesus. God present with us. But we must welcome him into our lives.

With much love in Christ this Christmas,

John Kirkland.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO FILLED A SHOE BOX
AND/OR DONATED ITEMS.
194 BOXES WERE COLLECTED FROM ALL SAINTS



Chester Aid to the Homeless (C.A.T.H.)

The All Saints Sleep out Team
slept out on
Friday 4th December



Please get your sponsor money in
quickly so that it can be sent to
CATH

IF YOU HAVEN'T SPONSORED THE TEAM,
IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE!



Café's last day this year is
Tuesday December 8th,
after which our merry
band of volunteers will be
putting their feet up for a much-
deserved rest.

We'll be back again on Monday
January 4th and will be looking
forward to seeing you again.

Thank you for your continued support.
With Christmas Blessings, Penny

Care Group All Saints



Phone Number
07711 425 366

Dawne Rendell
Care Group Co-ordinator

Please see the Care Group
table in church

PLEASE STOP AND READ

SHARE FOR PRAYER SECTION

This is a new addition to Grapevine and is in response to the current amount of suffering in many of the areas of the world. Information will be provided which will help us focus our individual prayer in support of Christians suffering for their faith in Jesus and for people in general who are affected by conflict.

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

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

1 Corinthians 12:26

OPEN DOORS

"We dream of a world in which every Christian who is persecuted is remembered and supported by other Christians."

Will you pray?

1. Ethiopia - the worst drought in decades has left millions of Ethiopians facing months of severe hunger and hardship. As a result there is a major food crisis looming. Tearfund say it is the people in poverty who in conflict (and other situations like drought) pay the highest price. Pray that needs will be met.
2. India – a) for the protection of Christians who are becoming increasingly vulnerable to a campaign of attacks and enforced 're-conversion' by Hindu radicals. b) for wisdom for church leaders struggling to get permission to build churches. Pray for good legal advice. c) Praise God for those strengthening the church through literacy and livelihood projects and biblical training.
3. UK – for Muslims who have become Christians as there are increasingly reports of individuals being physically attacked and feeling they are not being welcomed or supported in churches. In Bradford, in the last two weeks, Nissar Hussain was attacked outside his home and suffered fractures to his hand and kneecap. He feels unsupported by police and church leaders in Bradford who will not acknowledge this happened as punishment for his becoming a Christian.
4. Tanzania – 3 churches were destroyed by fire (arson) in November. Pray for the safety of Christians and their places of worship.
5. OCC Shoebox Appeal - This year Operation Christmas Child aims to send thousands more that they will all safely reach their intended destination and will bring much joy to the children who receive them.

PLEASE PRAY

John Chester

Devised by the Junior Company...

Directed by Peri Wightingsale & Henry Wardle

A Tale of 2 Toy Shops

11th & 12th December



7:30pm

All Saints Church

£4 Adults

£3 Concessions


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Food We Need This Month...


The foodbank provides food for 3 days to families assessed by frontline care professionals as needing help. A collection crate is in the church centre foyer, along with a list of items that they would like to receive. Thank you for your continued generosity.



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.


christians against poverty




We 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.



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



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



The Traidcraft Stall Come and see Patience after the 10.45am service or see us at Café during the week. We have some new lines for you to try too, so come along and help support Fair Trade.



Helen Ellis
Families Work
Co-ordinator



Minis finishes on Monday 7th &
Friday 11th December and
starts back on Monday 4th &
Friday 8th January



Sunday 17th January
4-6pm

Please pray for a change for Messy Church at All Saints as we move from the 1st Thursday after school to the 3rd Sunday every month 4-6pm. We are hoping that this will allow working parents to come and join the other members of their family.

Alongside the usual crafts and activities we are planning to have a sporty activity (Sweaty Church?!) which will be attractive to some people in particular. We will still have our Celebration time and cooked meal all together.

Families welcome to come and join the fun although Messy Church is particularly suitable for school age children (younger siblings welcome).



Dinkies finishes on Monday 14th December and will start back on Monday 4th January



Will meet on Wednesday 9th December and then 13th January 1-2.30pm for those with adopted/fostered pre-school children
Contact Helen Ellis:
ellis.helen@btinternet.com



TODDLER PRAISE

Why not join us on Thursday 17th December 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.



Advancing respite and palliative care for young adults in the North West

To every member of All Saints', Hoole:
Greetings to our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Grace and Peace to you from Gill, Steve, Denise, Janet, Simon, David, Sue, Herbie, Joan and George, fellow workers with you in the Kingdom of God and Trustees of Life NoW!

We give thanks to God our Father every time we remember you. We praise the Lord for your generosity and kindness given to the work of Life NoW. We celebrate your time and energy, dedication and commitment to the relief of young people with life-limiting conditions and not least to their families.

Your consistent and continuous contributions to this vital work never fails to encourage and inspire us.

Time and again you give of yourselves as Christ gave of himself. Your example is a testimony to us and others to what a Church looks like that is dedicated to the service of Christ and the well-being of all peoples.

To every member, whether leaders of groups raising funds for Life NoW, participants who donate through coffee and cakes, arts and crafts, through general giving...to each and every one we give our heart-felt thanks in the Lord!

We rejoice in who you are!
We celebrate with you the Saviour's Birth!
And we pray together with you:
Your Kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Amen!
Alleluia!