

Prayer Focus

For us to be a Spirit-filled church, ensuring our church life, including corporate worship, is increasingly open to the work of the Holy Spirit.

Care Group All Saints



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Dawne Rendell
Care Group Co-ordinator

Please see the Care Group table in church

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.

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

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All Saints Church

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GRAPEVINE February 2016

Coming up at All Saints...

Coming Soon: Lent Suppers

For 5 Tuesdays in Lent we will once again be holding Lent Suppers. If you haven't been to a Lent Supper before they are a great way to meet other members of All Saints, enjoy a simple meal of tasty soup, cheese, crusty bread and our special Lent Supper fruit cake, and at the same time give to those in need. This year we will be supporting Christian Aid.

Lent Suppers are for everyone; come on your own, bring your friends, bring your family etc.

Drop in any time between 5.00 and 7.00pm. There is no charge for the suppers but we will be taking donations for the work of Christian Aid. Do come along – we would love to see you. Tuesdays 16th and 23rd February and 1st, 8th, 15th March and a Good Friday Lunch on 24th March.

If you are able to help at Lent Suppers by making soup, Lent Supper fruitcake (recipe available) or serving at one of the suppers, please contact Elaine Hemmings elaine.hemmings@allsaints.church

Cinema Afternoon and Nite

on Saturday 27th February.

In the afternoon we will be showing **'The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'**, arrive 1.30 for 2pm. The evening showing will be **'Minions'**, arrive 5.30 for 6pm. Tickets are available from Christina and the church office, £1.50 per person to cover the cost of refreshments.



'TIME TO PRAY'

Opportunities to pray together this month

Pause for Prayer Wednesdays

10th & 24th February 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.

Open to God

Wednesday 2nd March

The whole church is invited to pray together once a month.

Lunchtime Prayer Thursday

25th February 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 17th February & 2nd March

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.



Penny will be opening the Café from 4.30pm for you to buy hot food, tea, coffee and delicious cakes before the start of the service at 6pm.

LITTLE ACORNS
will meet on 10th February
1-2.30pm for those with
adopted/fostered
pre-school
children
Contact Helen Ellis:
ellis.helen@btinternet.com



SENIOR RESIDENTS' FELLOWSHIP

Thursday Afternoons
2.00-3.30pm

Contact: Mrs Rene Peters

February 11, 18 & 25

We meet on a Thursday afternoon for companionship and for social activities. You are warmly invited to join us.

TODDLER PRAISE

Why not join us on Thursday 11th February 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.



Cheshire Ride for Life NoW

Sunday 4th Sept 2016

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





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

Dear friends at All Saints,

It doesn't seem very long since we were celebrating Christmas and yet, within a few days, it will be Lent. Lent is a time for examining ourselves, repenting and seeking the grace of God's Spirit to live Christlike lives. As the apostle Peter wrote, *'I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.'* [1 Peter 2:11]



Peter recognised that there are in all of us desires which, if we don't wage war against them, will destroy our soul with terrible consequences. It's easy to think of those desires in terms of sexual lust or the desire for an excess of alcohol or some other stimulant, but often the sinful desires are more subtle and respectable. We follow the siren voices of our culture and desire the kind of life we see pictured in the adverts.

But Peter calls us to 'abstain' from giving in to those desires. To avoid giving them headspace. To replace them with something positive and good. And he tells us to do that so that we may *'Live such good lives among the unbelievers that... they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us'* [1 Peter 2:12].

Peter's concern is that we will bring glory to our loving heavenly Father who gave his Son to rescue us from the destructive work of sin. We do that, he says, not just by changing our behaviour, but by addressing our desires. That's where we need to start in Lent. Not just by giving up chocolate or alcohol for a few weeks, helpful though some people find that, but by taking up the fight at the level of our desire for that which is contrary to God's will.

And Peter helps us to do that by reminding us who we are. We are *'aliens and strangers in the world'*. The greatest truth about us is not that we are British citizens but that we belong to Jesus. What matters ultimately is not British values but Christ's values. That's where we need to put our focus so that, more and more, our desire will not be for the life the world offers, but for the life that Jesus gives, both here and in eternity.

With love in Christ,
John Kirkland.

Confirmation Service
Sunday 15th May
6.30pm
at Christ Church, Newtown



Please talk to John Kirkland if you are interested in being confirmed or renewing your baptismal vows

Do you have a new diary??
 Well - please let me give you some dates to put in it!
OCTOBER 14th - 16th
 our 2016 Church Weekend Away at Cloverley Hall.



Please do mark the dates now, before something else creeps in. I can guarantee a great weekend. Do join us.



The Messy Church team are very grateful to God for the great response to our first new style Messy last month. There were lots of new people and particularly dads, all enjoying our sports stream as well as engaging with the other activities on the theme of "Healthy body, healthy soul". This month (February 21st) we are doing "Messy Great Escape" - learning together about how God helped the Israelites to escape the hands of Pharaoh and his army. There will be chariots, swords, shields and an enactment of the parting of the waters, allowing the Israelites to escape.

If you could save plastic milk bottle tops, we could do with them please.



Recycling for Cheshire

We're (re-)establishing a furniture reuse project in Chester and we are wondering if you may be able to help or support it.

The project collects reusable pre-loved furniture, appliances, bikes and household items and provide or sell at low cost, helping people access furniture they might otherwise not be able to afford.

Whilst sadly Blacon Community Trust is going into liquidation, there is still a need for a furniture reuse scheme. We're working with a team to help ensure such a scheme remains in Blacon and to broaden its focus to cover Upton, Hoole and the rest of Chester.

The new project is looking for people to help – as volunteers, Trustees and/or to provide specific expertise. We would particularly like to hear from people with experience or knowledge in Finance, Social Enterprise, Marketing and retail, HR and Volunteer management.

If you are interested in helping and would like to know more, please contact me.

Naomi Graham
 Website: www.cfrf.org.uk



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.



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)

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



Our Traidcraft Stall

will be re-stocked soon.

Last few sale items available.
 Come and pay us a visit.



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.”*

A matter for praise.

Can you name a country in Europe where the government wants Christianity openly taught in schools? Or where a small denomination (Baptist) has contact with 1% of the nation's children every school day?

The answer is perhaps surprising – Hungary. Three years ago the government changed the law, allowing state schools to become church schools. Nearly 50 schools have since become “Baptist schools. Almost overnight a denomination with 12,000 members was responsible for some 17,000 students and 2,000 teachers

Will you pray?

1. That children everywhere will not be denied the opportunity of hearing the gospel for themselves and that Christians will not be prevented by their governments from talking openly about faith in Jesus.
2. Barnabas Fund has identified that there are more converts from Islam to Christianity than ever before. Many of these new Christians face serious persecution. Prayer is a tool that we can use to support them.
3. That the erosion of Christianity, particularly in the Middle East, because of the widespread persecution of the Church, will be halted.
4. That Albanian church leaders and their families many of whom have very little contact with other church leaders will have opportunities for support and fellowship.

Focus on Kenya

Christians in Kenya are suffering because of an increase in radical Islam as fundamentalist forms of Islam champion the grievances of Muslims against the government and are building hostility towards the other, non-Islamic communities.

Pray that –

- The government will act wisely.
- The supply of arms will be stemmed.
- That moderate Muslims, of whom there are many and who have generally lived in peace with Christians, will not be intimidated to join in the violence and persecution which is on the increase.

PLEASE PRAY

MISSION 24
Equipping the church reaching the world

Impact Training Week

10th-13th February

Billinge Family Church

Evangelist Jonathan Conrathe has been in full time ministry for 26 years. He ministers widely in missions to churches and leaders across a variety of denominations and networks around the UK as well as overseas. Jonathan lives in south Lincolnshire and is sent out with the prayer backing of his home church, Kingsgate Community Church in Peterborough. He is married to Elaine and they have three sons.

Come and be trained by experienced evangelist, Jonathan Conrathe...

Wednesday: Evangelism? Why? (7.30pm)

Thursday: Authority of the believer / Receiving Power / Deliverance
(9.30am-3.30pm)

Ministering Healing (7.30pm)

Friday: Understanding the Prophetic / Bind & Plunder / Evangelism: our message & ministry (9.30am-3.30pm)

Saturday: Town Centre Outreach

Suggested Donation: £24 per day or £40 for the whole course

Free for those who cannot afford it.



31 Crank Road, Billinge, Wigan, Lancashire.

To sign up email info@billingefamilychurch.org or call Rachel on 07743449332
www.billingefamilychurch.org

Starts Wednesday 10th February at 7.30pm. If you have any queries please contact Sarah Dale sarahdale125@btinternet.com and for further information contact the Billinge Church Office

City Passion. Good Friday.

On Tuesday, Steve Tynegate and I went to a meeting in town to hear about the proposed City Passion on Good Friday morning. We came away thinking that this sounds a really exciting project, and we were tasked to spread the word. The organisers are hoping for a turn out of not just hundreds, but into 4 figures. Just think of the impact this will have on the people who are in Chester city centre on that morning. Another frontline!

I attach below a letter from Jane Dawson, one of the organisers and who is the contact person for this event. I have highlighted the rehearsals which you would be involved in - there aren't many. All the information we have at this stage is included in the letter.

Please do consider being involved in this. If you don't want to / can't be involved in the actual production perhaps you could consider going to the city centre that morning and be part of the spectator crowd. It promises to be quite spectacular!
Take the whole family!

Blessings
Vicki

Letter from Jane Dawson

Hello all,

I'm delighted to let you know that Chester Mystery Plays and Theatre in the Quarter are working together (with Churches Together in Chester City Centre and Link Up) to produce a City Passion, based on the 2008 Chester Mystery Plays script on the morning of Good Friday (25 March 2016).

Matt Baker will be artistic/music director. He will be pulling together three short pieces - entry to Jerusalem and the Last Supper; the Trial; the Crucifixion - to form the City Passion which will be performed in three city centre locations (the Cross, outside the Town Hall, outside the West door of the Cathedral).

We are all really excited about this collaboration which will be a great curtain-raiser for the 2018 production of the Chester Mystery Plays! If it goes well (and of course it will!), the hope is that it will be produced annually. As always - we need you!

We are looking for people to join the chorus (which will double as the crowd/s), actors to play a few characters and musicians. All those involved would be volunteers.

Chorus: you don't have to have been involved before or to know the music - there will be a few rehearsal sessions. Anyone over 16 who wants to be involved in the chorus can be (provided you have a reasonable singing voice!), but you must be prepared to double as the crowd.

Actors: there are only a few parts and the main focus is on the music rather than the spoken word, so we can't guarantee that everyone who auditions can be involved (unless you also sing and would like to be in the chorus).

Musicians: you will be "unplugged"! We hope to accommodate everyone who is interested, but your instrument/s must be portable. You do have to be prepared to perform outdoors, whatever the weather, and to move from the Cross to the Town Hall and the West door. We cannot provide seating.

If you would like to be involved, please respond to this email indicating whether you would like to be in the chorus, play a character or be a musician (or any combination) and I will put you onto a distribution list to receive further information, updates etc. If you don't wish to be involved there's no need to do anything - I will only get back in touch with those who have expressed an interest.

The draft rehearsal schedule (subject to change!) is as follows:

Monday 1 February from 6pm Main Character auditions

Friday 5 February 6 - 9pm Read through and music rehearsal

Saturday 13 February 9.30 - 11am Music rehearsal

Friday 26 February 6- 9pm Main Characters

Friday 11 March 6 - 9pm Main characters

Sunday 13 March 1 - 4pm full group rehearsal

Friday 18 March 6 - 9pm main characters

Sunday 20 March 1 - 4pm full group rehearsal

Wednesday 23 March 6 - 8pm final rehearsal

Friday 25 March 9am call (and final run through) for 10.30 performance

I do hope that you will want to join us for this great project and very much look forward to hearing from you.

Jane Dawson
jane.dawson18@sky.com

Northgate Church has been confirmed as the rehearsal venue.