

**From the
Parish
Registers:
December 2015**



Thanksgiving
Rose Agnus Warren

Funerals
We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of the late Ronald Roberts and Anne Simkiss

Care Group All Saints



Phone Number
07711 425 366

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 Emlin, 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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All Saints Church

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GRAPEVINE January 2016

Coming up at All Saints...



Sunday 17th January 4-6pm

Please pray for a change for **Messy Church Plus** at All Saints as we have moved 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 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).



Sunday at 6 returns on 31st January. 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.

Christingle Service

Monday 1st February
at 6.00pm

Everyone welcome

Please help us to support the work of the Children's Society by taking a candle collection box and show our support for Hoole CE Primary School by joining us at the service.



Come and help with Christingles and enjoy watching a relaxing film at the same time.

On Monday 25th January we are putting sweets onto cocktail sticks whilst watching our DVD in Sparrow at 7.30pm. Do join us if you can.

We have 3000 sweets to put onto 1000 sticks so any help will be much appreciated.

Suitable refreshments will be provided. See Christina Beveridge or Elaine Hemmings for more details.

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>



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.

PLEASE STOP AND

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."

The Archbishop of Canterbury highlighted, in his Christmas message, the issue of the status of Christianity in the Middle East. He said that in the region where Christianity began it now faces 'elimination.' He also said that so-called I S, who he called 'today's Herods,' is 'igniting a trail of fear, violence, hatred and determined oppression.'

Will you pray?

That the erosion of Christianity in this area of the world will not continue.

That the influence of I S and its supporters will wane.

That peace will be established in the region.

That people and Christians in particular, because they seem to be suffering more than most, will not lose hope.

Other prayer needs

Syria

Samuel, a pastor of a church in Syria says that the prayers of brothers and sisters in Christ from around the world are a great encouragement to believers in Syria. He says: "Whenever I hear of this, when someone calls, and when I receive mail, I announce it in the church. People are thankful; they feel they are not alone when they hear it. They appreciate the concern of our brothers and sisters."

Please pray

That the church would continue to shine as a light in the darkness.

For protection, strength and provision for people like Pastor Samuel who are working to serve the people of Syria.

That this crisis would continue to draw many to the Lord.

For wisdom for global leaders to know how to respond to the crisis.

For the Syrian Christians living in the refugee encampment in Calais that they will be empowered to live as Christians as they await a response to their request to be allowed to enter the UK or another welcoming European country.

PLEASE PRAY

'TIME TO PRAY'

Opportunities to pray together this month

Pause for Prayer Wednesdays 13th & 27th January 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.

Alpha Prayer Breakfast Wednesdays 20th January and 3rd February

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.

Open to God
February 2nd/3rd/4th

The whole church is invited to pray together once a month. February's meeting will be in Housegroups.

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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 gracious church, by helping one another to grow more like Jesus.

Lunchtime Prayer Thursday 28th January 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.



Dear friends at All Saints,

What is God's call to you in 2016?

I believe it's possible to answer that in at least two ways, as we have discovered during the *Growing Leaders* course which we are currently running.

God's call to everyone is to know him, to love him, to trust him, to follow him and to be filled with his life. The call to discipleship is our primary call and is the same for every Christian. At the start of a New Year it can be helpful to ask how I am fulfilling that calling and how my relationship with Christ is growing.

But God has a secondary call for each of us. How does God want me to spend my time and energy as a child of God? And that will be different for each person. Some are called to be teachers, others to work in a shop. Some are called to work in an office, others to work at home. Some are called to marriage, others to singleness. Some are called to care for children, others are called to look after the elderly. And this calling may change throughout our lives.

One of the things which we may want to do at the start of 2016 is to review what God is calling us to do with our lives. How can I live out my discipleship as a unique individual made by God? How can I do all I do – not just my paid work or my ministry in All Saints – as though I am doing it for the Lord (which I am)?

Discovering our secondary calling is not a quick process and involves a growing knowledge of ourselves. It may well involve reflecting on the spiritual gifts God has given me – and there are assessment tools we can use to help us with that. It will involve my heart's desires – what am I passionate about? It will take account of the natural abilities which God has given me from birth, my personality, and my life experiences, both good and bad, which will have shaped me. Some writers use the acronym SHAPE to help us work through though five areas.

What is my SHAPE?

- Spiritual Gifts
- Heart attitude
- Abilities
- Personality
- Experiences

It may be difficult for some of us to find time to do this, but I wonder whether we could each take a significant amount of time – a day, or half a day perhaps – to get alone with God and prayerfully consider our calling.

It's also helpful to discuss what we think God is saying to us about our priorities with someone else who knows us well and who will be honest with us. But the goal is to live a life which bears fruit by bringing glory to our Father in heaven. And the way we do that will be different for each of us.

With every blessing for 2016,
John Kirkland.

LITTLE ACORNS
will meet on 13th Jan
& 10th Feb, 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
January 14th, 21st and 28th
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 21st January
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.



All Saints Church, Hoole

VACANCY

Caretaker/Verger for 10 hours per week

This role will involve evening and weekend work as well as a willingness to work flexibly as requested by the Centre manager

In response to the continuing growth of the work of the Church Centre the PCC has approved the appointment of a caretaker/verger. If you feel this may be something that God is calling you to inquire further about please speak, in the first instance, with Christina Beveridge or John Chester who will provide you with a Job Description and Person Specification.

Contact details – Christina Beveridge 01244 345649

Closing date for applications: 25thth January 2016.

To start immediately or as soon as possible following appointment.

*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



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



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.**