

**From the Parish Registers:
December 2016**



Thanksgiving

Harrison Charles Marwood King

Funerals

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of the late Tim Woodruff, Irene Roberts, Geoffrey Briggs, Vera Wheeler, Raymond Long and Norma Lord.

Please pray for the long-term sick

Especially for Iris Davies, William Barber, Chris Barrowcliff, Ken Harris, Jean Harrison, Leigh Hepplethwaite, Sarah Fletcher, Gill Holt, Pip Jones, Rachel Kirkland, Ann Kitchin, Len & Mildred Morris, Vicki Morris, Roman Simpson, Mary Symes, Freda Linfield, Phyllis Sharples, Ellie Wheeler, David Roberts, Carl Rathbone, Joyce Kirby, David Pawson, Peter Fabian, Jean Mothersole, Mary Maddocks, Liz Duckers, Mary Lavery, Catherine Wilson and others at home.

Please pray for those unable to join us

Especially for Muriel Wood, Gladys Heppell, Celia Bennion, 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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TO LIVE
LIKE
WITH
FOR **JESUS**

JANUARY 2017 GRAPEVINE



**Opportunities to
Pray together
this month**

Pause for Prayer

Wednesdays 11 and 25 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 18 January and 1st 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

7.45 for 8.00pm
on Wednesday
1st February in
the church centre

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

**Prayer
Focus**

*For us to be a gracious church,
by helping one another to grow
more like Jesus.*



Tel: 07711 425 366
Dawne Rendell
Care Group Co-ordinator

Information relating to the Care Group is in the leaflet rack in Church



Why not join us on Thursday 19th 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.



**Sunday
22nd
January
4-6pm**



Will meet on Wednesday 25th January 1-2.30pm for those with adopted/ fostered pre-school children
Contact Helen Ellis:
ellis.helen@btinternet.com



**Volunteer Receptionist/Administrative Assistant required
Tuesday & Thursday
9.30 am to 4.30 pm**

For more information call 01244 409100, email jocelyn.horton@savethefamily.org.uk or visit us at www.savethefamily.org.uk

SENIOR RESIDENTS' FELLOWSHIP

Thursday Afternoons
2.00 - 3.30pm

Contact Mrs Rene Peters



All Welcome

Frontline Church

**Rooted in Christ;
Fruitful in the World**

**Sunday 29th January
5.30 - 7.00pm**

From 5.30 tea and coffee will be served with 'bring and share cakes'; the service will start at 6 for approximately 1 hour.



ALPHA

During February, if you want to enquire about Alpha, please see Martin and Rosie Smith.

Chester Bible Focus – Save the date

**March 21st and 22nd here at All Saints'
7.30pm**

Peter Maiden will be speaking on "A letter from death row." Two evenings exploring Paul's second letter to Timothy. Tickets are £3 for one evening or £5 for both evenings. Refreshments are included.
For more details visit www.chesterbiblefocus.org.uk

Foodbank A collection crate is in the church centre foyer, along with a list of items that they would like to receive. Any unwanted Christmas chocolates, biscuits or toiletries, would also be appreciated. Thank you for your continued support.



To find out more about the work of the Foodbank and volunteering opportunities go to

westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk

*If you borrowed tables/chairs/ crockery for the Christmas period, please ensure you return them this week.
Thank you.*

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.



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)**

Chester City Passion

**Good Friday, 14 April 2017 10.30am
on the streets of Chester City Centre
Free event**

After the hugely successful production of the Chester City Passion last Easter, Chester Mystery Plays in association with Churches Together, Theatre in the Quarter and Link Up have agreed to mount this astonishing performance once more on the streets of Chester on Good Friday, 14 April 2017.

Those involved last year were astounded and profoundly moved by the number of people who came into the City to watch the story of Christ's passion unfold. The company used Chester's streets and rows as a theatre, telling the story from Jesus' entry into Jerusalem (under the Eastgate Clock) to the Crucifixion outside the West Door of the Cathedral. The 100 strong community cast was joined by children from local schools, Roman Soldiers, Karamba Samba and the Town Crier.

"So many people expressed a desire for this unique production to be seen again," commented Jo Sykes, Chairman of the Chester Mystery Plays Company. "We all felt we should make it happen despite the inevitable funding difficulties."

Matt Baker will return to direct the production and his music will once again be heard on the streets of Chester. "I'm really happy to be able to be a part of this very special event again" said Matt, "and to use our fantastic city centre as a backdrop. We'll be hoping for the glorious weather we had last time to make it perfect!"

Andy Glover of Link-Up added: "the Chester City Passion was a wonderful project to be involved in. The churches across the city worked together with the Mystery Plays and Theatre in the Quarter to produce a spellbinding celebration of theatre and faith. We are really looking forward to doing it again and to welcoming thousands of people to this exceptional event."

Dear friends at All Saints,



I've never been one for making New Year Resolutions – for one thing, I know I can never keep them – but as we begin 2017 I want to remind us of the kind of people we believe God wants us to be at All Saints.

Firstly we want to be a people who live *with Jesus*. In one sense we are always 'with Christ'. As believers we are united with Christ. We died with Christ, we have been raised with Christ, our life is hidden with Christ, and one day we shall appear with Christ when he comes to reign (see Colossians 2:20, 3:1-4). But I'm thinking more of the need to spend time in his presence day by day, delighting in him and depending on him for all we need. There are many spiritual disciplines which help us to do that, but especially we read the Bible and ask what each passage shows us of the glory of Jesus, and we fix our eyes upon him as we spend time in prayer. Just as we want to spend much time with anyone we love, so we want to spend much time with Jesus.

Next we want to be a people who live *like Jesus*. The more time we spend gazing upon the beauty and loveliness of Jesus, the more we shall become like him. Paul tells us that '*We all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit*' (2 Corinthians 3:18). One of the best descriptions in the New Testament of what it means to live like Jesus is the Fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22, 23. It is, first and foremost, a description of the character of Jesus. And it is that character which the Holy Spirit is working to produce in us as he transforms us day by day.

And finally we want to be a people who live *for Jesus*. Paul says that '*Christ's love compels us*', (2 Corinthians 5:14, 15). We see his love in that he died for us and was raised again, and our response is that we no longer live for ourselves but for him. All that we do, we do for Christ. We live for him at work, at home and at church. Our obedience is for him. Our desire to be fruitful on our frontlines is for him. Our suffering is for him.

*All for Jesus, all for Jesus!
This our song shall ever be:
You our only hope, our saviour,
Yours the love that sets us free'*
H. Bonar

May God help us to be a people who live with, like and for Jesus more and more in 2017.

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 turn what you read below into praise and prayer

Asia Bibi, a mother of five, has just spent her seventh consecutive Christmas in prison in Pakistan despite global protests. Baroness Cox, UK crossbench peer has said recently, *“Only those of us in open and free societies can be a voice to the voiceless and Christmas is the perfect season for us to renew our appeal for humanity and tolerance.”*

Please raise your voice in prayer for Asia Bibi and her husband and children.

Open Doors are holding a World Watch Event on 11.01.17 in Parliament to which MPs have been invited. Open Doors will be highlighting the link between the persecution of Christians and displacement. Prayer support for this event is requested and in particular that MPs will respond positively to invitations to attend. Also, pray for Rt Hon Theresa Villiers MP who is hosting the event.

Christians are returning to previously abandoned towns, cities and homes. Notably to Qaraqosh nr Mosul, Iraq where the return began in November 2016 and to Homs, Syria where, since the Syrian government liberated the city, Christians have been gradually returning after absences lasting several years. Pray that much needed support will be made available to enable the families to re-build their homes and lives. Also, pray that children will be able to return to their schools and be educated without fear.

As we pray this month please remember to praise God as well. Tim Keller writes, "When your soul through grace begins to praise God, you come into harmony with the rest of the universe, which is also singing. Your redeemed voice contributes its own unique chord and adds to the overwhelming beauty. Praise unites us also with one another. Here is *‘the only potential bond between extremes of mankind: joyful preoccupation with God.’* Praise the Lord."

PLEASE PRAY AND THANK YOU FOR DOING SO

More up to date prayer news can be found at barnabasfund.org/news,
opendoorsuk.org, samaritanspurse.org.uk, tearfund.org

John Chester

Recycle your Christmas Cards and help the Woodland Trust turn unwanted waste into much needed trees and preserve the UK's wildlife habitats.



Please bring your cards and put them in the box in the centre foyer.
Thank you. www.woodlandtrust.org.uk

If anyone is interested in joining the social team to help run events and come up with new and interesting ways to get together as a church family and local community, Christina would love to hear from you.

Saturday 4th February

Cinema Afternoon and Night

In the afternoon we will be showing
Inn of the Sixth Happiness

arrive 1.30 for 2pm

In the evening we will be showing

The BFG

arrive 5.30 for 6pm

£1.50 per person to cover the cost of refreshments

Tickets available soon

