

**From the Parish
Registers:
February 2016**



Funerals

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of the late Mary Davies, Iris Ashford and Lesley Sheills.

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.

Please pray for the long-term sick

Especially for Iris Davies, William Barber, Chris Barrowcliff, Reg Bolton, Ken Harris, Jean Harrison, Leigh Hepplethwaite, 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, 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

Our web address is www.allsaints.church
Follow us on Twitter [@allsaintshoole](https://twitter.com/allsaintshoole)



Care Group All Saints



**Phone Number
07711 425 366**

Dawne Rendell
Care Group Co-ordinator

*Please see the Care Group
table in church*



All Saints Church

GROWING • LOVING • SERVING

GRAPEVINE March 2016

Lent Suppers

this Tuesday will be hosted by Jim and Helen's housegroup. Drop in any time between 5pm and 7pm. 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.

Maundy Thursday 24th March

We are now going to hold an additional Lent Supper on Maundy Thursday. This will be instead of the Good Friday lunch which will now not take place. It will run at the usual time of 5-7pm.

The church will also be open during this time for you to reflect on Jesus' last evening on earth. There will be a number of stations set up around church with readings, reflections, prayers etc for you to use. It will be suitable for all ages.

If you can help make soup and/or cakes for the Maundy Thursday supper or help on the evening please contact Elaine Hemmings by email elaine.hemmings@allsaints.church

Good Friday

Passion Play in Chester City Centre

Starts at 10.30 on Good Friday morning, ending no later than 11.30; please come and watch, and share the experience! There will be an 'entry into Jerusalem' from the Eastgate up to the Cross outside St Peter's, where the drama will begin. We then move up to the Town Hall, and then across to the Cathedral west door.

Good Friday Meditation at 10.45am

Although we expect that many will want to take part in the Passion Play in the city, we will also run a Good Friday Meditation service as usual for those who can't or would prefer not to go into the city. However, we will not be able to offer a children's activity this year as we anticipate families and children's leaders will be at the Passion Play.

'TIME TO PRAY'

Opportunities to pray together this month

Pause for Prayer Wednesdays 9th & 23rd March 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 6th April, 7.45 for 8.00pm

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

Lunchtime Prayer Thursday

24th March 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 16th & 30th 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.



SUNDAY 20TH MARCH, 4-6PM

Please pray for our newly re-organised Messy Church this month that it will continue to attract more and more families especially as we now run sports activities alongside our usual crafts and games.

LITTLE ACORNS
will meet on 9th March
1-2.30pm for those with
adopted/fostered
pre-school
children
Contact Helen Ellis:
ellis.helen@btinternet.com



SENIOR RESIDENTS' FELLOWSHIP

Thursday Afternoons
2.30-4pm

Contact: Mrs Rene Peters

MARCH

10th - Bill Holt (A Teacher's Tale)
17th - Age UK (Light Exercise)
24th - Maundy Thursday Service in Church
31st - Tea and Chat

You are warmly invited to join us

TODDLER PRAISE

Why not join us on Thursday 17th March 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,

'Can anything separate us from the love of God?' That was the question we asked the other Sunday morning, expecting the answer *'No'*. Someone suggested that our sin can separate us from God's love and, although we tried to give an answer to that in the service, I think it might be helpful to expand on it a little.



Firstly, it is true that sin separates us from God and his love. Isaiah tells us that *'It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore'* [Isaiah 59:2]. Sin reveals itself in many different ways but, in essence, it's our failure to give God his rightful place in our lives; it's the unbelief which worships other things or other people rather than the living God. Because of that sin, everyone is guilty before God and everyone is separated from his love and everyone needs rescuing if they are to have a relationship with God and enjoy his love.

It's for that reason, supremely, that God's Son Jesus came into the world and died on the cross. There he took the punishment that our sin deserved, being separated from his Father as he cried out on Good Friday, *'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'* At that moment he was shut out of God's presence in order that we might enter in.

Secondly, therefore, it's because Jesus died in our place that believers can never be separated from God and his love. When we turn from our unbelief and trust Jesus and what he did for us, we are accepted by God; now when God looks at us he sees us clothed with the perfection of Christ; we are free for ever from being condemned [Romans 8:1]. We may still sin, we may feel that we have failed as Christians, we may hear the voice of Satan telling us we are condemned and separated from God's love, but we are *in Christ*, and nothing *'will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord'* [See Romans 8:31-39].

Thirdly, we may not always feel God's love. There may be many reasons for that, including the knowledge that we have committed *that sin* again. It's true that we need to confess our sin to God and ask his help to turn away from it, but it's not true that God has stopped loving us or that we have been separated from his love when that happens. We are still *in Christ* through faith in him. If we were run down by a number 99 bus before we had time to repent, God would still welcome us into his presence as his child.

As we celebrate Good Friday and Easter this month, let's ask ourselves several questions. Am I *in Christ*? That is, have I put my trust in Jesus and his death to rescue me from being separated from God? Is there any sin I need to repent of as a believer in order that I may enjoy more fully the reality of God's love in my life? And am I rejoicing that nothing, not even my sin, can separate me from the love God has for all those who are in Christ Jesus?

With love in Christ,

John Kirkland

Confirmation Service

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



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

SAVE THE DATE

Costa Holidays

2016

17th, 18th and 19th August



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 **noodles, puddings and cereal**. Thank you for your continued support.

CHESHIRE ON FILM AT THE GROSVENOR MUSEUM

Archive film showing quirky local traditions and fascinating daily life in and around Cheshire over the last hundred years will be screened at the Grosvenor Museum this March.

'Cheshire on Film' is a specially selected compilation of films from The North West Film Archive at Manchester Metropolitan University. They are being screened as part of its programme to make this captivating collection available to the public of the North West region.

There will be two separate screening for people to enjoy on Tuesday March 8 at 2pm and 7.30pm.

The footage includes views of Edwardian life in Chester in 1907 and shows the women of Neston on their annual Ladies Walking Day of 1910. The last of Chester's trams are seen running through the city in 1930 and in 1942 the children of Elworth are recorded as they adapt to School life in Wartime. A trip along the Weaver Navigation sees the world famous Anderton Boat Lift in operation, and delicate silk fabrics produced in Macclesfield are turned into fine cloth in Colour in Silk from 1954.

Join the residents of Ellesmere Port as their refuse collections are revolutionised in 1961 and see how the County's famous Cheshire Cheese is produced on a farm at Mollington in 1980 in an episode of the BBC's Homeground series.

Councillor Louise Gittins, Cabinet Member for Culture Leisure and Wellbeing said: "This is a great opportunity for the people of Chester and the local area to enjoy an afternoon or evening with a difference, and take a look back at life in and around Cheshire in the past century". Tickets cost £6 or £5 concessions. Ticket sales and more information can be found on www.westcheshiremuseums.co.uk.

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



The Traidcraft Stall

is now fully restocked!

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.



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.”

Focus on Pakistan.

Tensions are high in Pakistan following the execution of a Muslim man for killing the governor of Punjab for whom he was his bodyguard. The governor had spoken out against the countries harsh blasphemy laws, arguing that they discriminate against religious minorities. He also called for a pardon for Asia Bibi, a Christian woman who was sentenced to death in 2010 for blasphemy, which she denies. Tensions are now running high.

There has been a call for Christians to “....., please keep Pakistan in your prayers. I suspect there will be repercussions for our brothers and sisters in Pakistan over the recent execution ...”

Will you pray?

For protection for Christians in Pakistan
For the swift release of Asia Bibi
For a change in Pakistan's blasphemy laws

In addition it is reported that in recent times 11,550 Pakistani Christians have entered Thailand seeking asylum. They have not been welcomed and hundreds are held in Bangkok's filthy and overcrowded immigration detention centres, while others are simply thrown in jail.

Please pray for provision and strength for the Pakistani Christians in Thailand.

Other items for praise and prayer.

Praise

- that the authorities in Turkey have overturned an order banning 4 different congregations sharing the one church building in Bursa. The building has been used for Christian worship since the 1880s. It's reported that approx 200 people meet there weekly for worship.
- That 43 Syrian Christians who were being held captive by IS have been released.

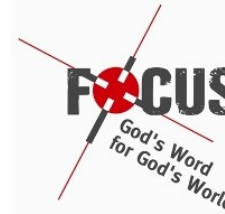
Pray

- that those released who have all lost both their houses and their livings will be provided for.
- For Christians in Cameroon who are suffering almost daily at the hands of Boko Haran identified as the deadliest jihadi group in the world.

Invitation

Following John Benson's moving message last Sunday and his call for the church to pray for persecuted Christians worldwide, this is an invitation for those who can to meet on Thursday 14th April at 7.30pm to talk about how we might appropriately respond. Speak with John Chester for more information.

PLEASE PRAY



Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th March

All Saints Church at 7.30pm

Speaker—Rob Munroe

Sowing the Seeds of Revival—Lessons from the Life of Hezekiah

Rob is Rector of Cheadle in the Chester Diocese—the church

where he was converted in 1980.

www.chesterbiblefocus.org.uk

CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Are you a regular member of All Saints? Are you on the Church Electoral Roll? If you are 16, have been baptized and either live in the parish or have worshipped regularly at All Saints for at least six months, you can apply to be on the roll. This allows you to vote for PCC members at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, or even to stand for election yourself!

Pink forms are available from the back of church. Once you have completed your form please return it to the church office before Easter if possible, or by Sunday 3rd April at the very latest. Thank you.

Announcing the

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Wednesday 27th April 2016 at 7.30pm in Church

You are warmly invited to attend the APCM, as we give thanks for God's faithfulness and share the vision for All Saints in the year to come. Any other business for the agenda to John Kirkland by Sunday 17th April please.

ANNUAL ELECTIONS

WE SHALL ELECT OUR TWO CHURCH WARDENS TO SERVE FOR THE NEXT YEAR AND FOUR PCC MEMBERS TO SERVE FOR THREE YEARS. NOMINATION FORMS WILL BE ON THE BLUE NOTICE BOARD IN THE COMING WEEKS

The Annual and Statutory Reports will be available on Sunday 17th April. This year we are trying to reduce the amount of printing and will therefore be uploading the reports to our website. We ask that where possible you refer to the website, if however you would like a paper copy, please let the office know. Thank you.

Much Ado about Nothing
 Directed by Peri Nightingale

b-it
 theatre company

Performed by The Youth Theatre
 Adapted from William Shakespeare

Friday 18th March: 7pm	All Saints Church Centre
Saturday 19th March: 2pm	Adults: £6
Saturday 19th March 7pm	Concessions: £4

Book tickets online at www.the-b-it-theatre-company.com

New Year New Church Domain Name!

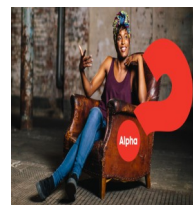
You may have noticed that we have been slowly moving all of the church e-mail addresses to a new domain name. We are moving over from @allsaintshoole.org to the new address which is @allsaints.church as part of an upgrade of the whole church IT system. The main new e-mails are:

John Kirkland is now vicar@allsaints.church
 Helen Dymond is now office@allsaints.church
 Christina Beveridge is now centre@allsaints.church
 Chantal Proctor is now finance@allsaints.church

All of those people and organisations which had e-mail Addresses under the old @allsaintshoole.org system now have equivalent new ones @allsaints.church, and I hope everyone involved now knows about this! These include alpha, marriageprep and safeguarding. For the time being we will continue to forward all e-mails from the old allsaintshoole.org addresses to the new @allsaints.church ones.

We are also moving the church web site over to a new address which is unsurprisingly www.allsaints.church! Again, any enquiries and searches to the old address will be forwarded to the new one.

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to chat to Rick Hemmings, or you can e-mail me at rick.hemmings@allsaints.church



The Next Course at All Saints Church Centre starts April 21st 2016 at 7:15pm and finishes by 9:30pm each evening.

The **Alpha Course** is internationally recognised and has been televised on ITV.

The Alpha Course is designed to help you understand and explore Christianity and what faith in Christ means for yourself.

Each session is a friendly social occasion and includes a presentation, usually by DVD, and followed by discussion and a chance to ask questions.

The course has 7 sessions with a half-term break. There is also an Away Day included with this course, which gives an opportunity to learn about the Holy Spirit and to spend a relaxed time with each other.

There is no charge, though donations towards the costs of materials and food are appreciated.

“Please pray for people on your Frontline, and whether this is the moment to invite them to the next Alpha Course”