Prayer Focus

For us to be a God-trusting church, in order that God be worshipped as He deserves.

From the Parish Registers: October 2015

Thanksgiving

Austin Andrew Henderson



Sean Andrew Jones and Katie Patricia Millard

Funerals

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of the late Joan Morgan, Meriel Marsden, David Pearman and Edna Rose.

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, Angela Taylor, 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, Bernard & 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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G R A P E V I N E November 2015 Coming up at All Saints...



18TH NOVEMBER
COLLECTION OF OUR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
SHOE BOXES
THERE'S STILL TIME TO GET A BOX FILLED!!

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 21st November 11am till 3pm

Stalls available £15 per table. Contact Christina 01244 345649 or email centremanager@allsaintshoole.org



Help Needed!!



Chester Deo Gratias Choir Welcomes The internationally acclaimed bass-baritone Jonathan Veira Saturday November 28th 7.30pm at All Saints Church

More information on these events can be found inside





Cinema Afternoon Saturday 5th December 1.15 for 1.30pm

White Christmas



Cinema Nite Saturday 5th December 5.30 for 6pm

The Muppets
Christmas Carol

Watch the notice sheet for further details nearer the time



tearfund

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



Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm St Marks Church, St Marks Road, Saltney. CH4 8DE

Encounter North Korea—Yong Sook

Youg Sook was arrested and incarcerated in one of North Korea's notorious prison camps when she fled to China in search of food. The story of her imprisonment, escape and encounter with Christ is a testament to God's grace and faithfulness during the darkest of times—and to the fact that, despite opposition, the church in North Korea is still growing.

www.opendoorsuk.org

St Michael's Church Pre-School – has a vacancy for the post of manager from 1.1.16. Hours: approx 33 per week in term time; minimum qualification: NVQ3 in Pre-School Learning & Child Care Studies + some supervisory experience. Full info/an application pack is available from the church office (\$\mathbb{\mathbb{A}}\$15129 or email:

office@stmichaelschester.com). Closing date for applications: 6.11.15.



The Message are recruiting for two key posts in their finance team in Manchester. They are specifically looking for a Management Accountant and a Payroll officer (this is a part time role).

Interested? Contact recruitment@message.org.uk or visit http://www.message.org.uk/category/jobs for further information.

special one, as we're ${\sf A}$ nnouncing our next 'Chester Deo Gratias Choir' concert on

Welcomes

Chester **Deo**

Gratias Choir

www.jonathanveira.com. He has a website which you might like to check out - it's what he'll actually sing at this concert. It will be good whatever he chooses to do. Christian and other 'classic' songs, though I don't yet know particularly likes the 'comic' His repertoire is varied - e.g. songs from shows, operas [he some items as a soloist and he will do quite a lot on his own He's also very funny - a great entertainer. Our choir will be singing some things on their own, Jonathan will join them in sung on TV, our guest. Jonathan is a super bass-baritone of international fame - he's sung in most of the opera houses in the world, Saturday November 28th at All Saints Church. It's rather a his second book. made a number of CDs and he's just published privileged to have Jonathan Veira as On this you can hear him sing roles], as well as some

Royal Albert Hall before listen to interviews e.g. one with Aled Jones outside the a BBC 'Songs of Praise

information on the flyer or directly from me Do come if you can. Tickets are available as per the generally get a flavour of

'TIME TO PRAY'

Opportunities to pray together this month

Lunchtime Prayer

Thursday 26th November at I.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.

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7-8.30pm Monday 2 November 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.

Pause for Prayer

Wednesdays 4th & 18th November 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 IIth & 25th November

We meet fortnightly in Eagle from 7.30am to 8.15am, please join us to pray for leaders and guests who are on the Alpha course this 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.

TODDLER PRAISE

Why not join us on
Thursday 19th November
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.



Please pray for new families to come along to replace those that have left.



11th November 1-2.30pm

for those with adopted/

fostered pre-school children.

Contact Helen Ellis:

ellis.helen@btinternet.com

Messy Christmas Thursday 3rd December 3.30–5.45pm

Please note from
January 2016 Messy
Church will be held on the
3RD SUNDAY of each month
4-6pm
Church families are
welcome

Dear friends at All Saints,

I'd like to ask you to do something. Please will you make a cup of tea or coffee, find a comfortable place where you won't be disturbed for the next 30 minutes or so, and then answer the following questions before Jesus.



- How would you describe your relationship with Jesus when he first called you to follow him?
- In what ways did you see Jesus at work in your life and in the lives of others in those early days?
- What did Jesus ask you to do for him or to give up for him? How did it feel when you did that?
- How would you describe your relationship with him now? What, if anything, has changed?
- If it has changed, what do you think has caused that change in your relationship with Jesus? (E.g. pressure of work; the exhaustion of bringing up a family; disappointment about the way things have turned out; a broken relationship; something else?)
- Would you like to recapture that 'first love' for Jesus (Rev 2:4)?
- What is Jesus saying to you, or calling you to do, at this moment? (Don't worry if you're not sure.)
- How can you keep your love for Jesus alive and growing in the future?
 (Would it help to exercise one or more of the spiritual disciplines e.g. silence, fasting, service, prayer, study, Bible meditation?)

Now, please will you spend some time responding to what Jesus has shown you. You may feel full of gratitude for all he's done and want to sing and praise him. You may feel you need to say sorry, ask his forgiveness and pray that he will restore you. Or you may feel you need to ask him to speak to you clearly so that you know what he wants you to do. But come back to the place where you first met Jesus. Spend time at the foot of the cross, experiencing again God's great love for you. Let his Spirit warm your heart once again with love for Jesus.

With much love in Christ,

John Kirkland.



If you enjoy knitting, why not make a beanie hat or a hand puppet to put a smile on a child's face? Or, if you prefer sewing, make a bag or some finger puppets for a child in need. Playing with a glove puppet has been found to be very therapeutic for a child suffering from trauma or isolation the puppet becomes a little friend to talk to. The puppets are also a great way for the children to find creative ways of making their friends smile! PLEASE HELP YOURSELF TO THE KNITTING PATTERNS

THE DISPLAY TABLE

Once again we are supporting Operation Christmas Child. Please pick up a leaflet (or look on the Operation Christmas Child Website) to find the complete list of items that are welcome, a list of items that cannot be accepted and the envelope for your £3 donation by cash or cheque. If you are a UK tax payer you can also gift-aid this donation.

Please do take the time to have a look at our display at the front of church. If you would prefer to have an official Operation Christmas Child shoe box, please take one from the display table and once filled, return to our receptionist in the centre fover on preferably a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

BOXES NEED TO BE WITH US BY 18TH NOVEMBER AT THE VERY LATEST

www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk



SENIOR RESIDENTS' FELLOWSHIP

Thursday Afternoons 2.30-4.00pm Contact: Mrs Rene Peters

November

5th - Bring and Buy 12th - Frances Hibbert (Songs from Shows) 19th - Steve Tynegate (Food additives) **26th**– Tea and Chat

You are warmly invited to join us



Phone Number 07711 425 366

Dawne Rendell Care Group Co-ordinator

Please see the Care Group table in church

From Sarah Cornes.....

We have had the offer from a local choir to do a choral evensong at All Saints (as a one off event) on a Sunday evening. If anyone is interested in attending, please contact Sarah Cornes at sarahcornes@hotmail.co.uk



I am arranging another concert trip to hear 'Handel's Messiah' at Liverpool Philharmonic Hall with 'Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Choir' on Saturday 9th January 2016 at 7pm and on Friday 11th March at 2.30pm to hear 'Einaudi' including a World Premiere of his first ever Piano Concerto (with our friend Ji Liu again) and a bit of Bernstein thrown in too at the end for good

measure (Symphonic Dances from West Side story). Anyone interested, please contact Sarah Cornes at sarahcornes@hotmail.co.uk

'FOUNTAINS FESTIVE FESTIVAL'



SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 12.00 PM - 4.00PM

The Elms Medical Practice with the help of their Patient Participation Group, are organising a Christmas Festive Festival on Saturday 5th December 2015 @ Fountains Health, to help raise awareness of 'Health and Wellbeing' within the community. The Festival will consist of local businesses and charities all coming together to help raise awareness and promoting a healthy lifestyle. There will be a number of Charity Groups, Craft Stalls and demonstrations during the afternoon, to promote well-being, healthy cooking and exercise. Throughout the afternoon there will be live music from Dee-Sign Choir and the Wirral Symphonic Wind Band.

We would be grateful for your help to make a difference in our community, by contributing to the success of this superb event. We will be holding a raffle and would be grateful for any donations that could be offered for prizes.

Everyone is welcome to join us.

Many thanks from - The Elms Medical Practice

SAVE THE DATE— Carol Service Rehearsals for our Carol Service on December 20th

with an invitation to anyone who can sing in tune[!] to join

Tues 1 Dec 7.30pm Tues 8 Dec 7.30pm Mon 14 Dec 7.30pm Thur 17 Dec 7.30pm Sun 20 Dec 2.30pm





MAKING ROOM FOR JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS

What is Posada?

Posada is an old Mexican tradition where young people dressed as Mary and Joseph travelled from house to house asking for a room for the night and telling people about the imminent arrival of Jesus in the weeks leading up to Christmas. On Christmas Eve they would visit the local church to re-enact the nativity and place figures of Mary and Joseph in a crib scene.

All Saints has had 5 previous Posada Journeys which have gone from house to house during December and all have been hugely popular.

The Posada basket includes Mary, Joseph and the donkey as well as a Posada prayer and nativity story book. This year, after hosting the Posada, you will receive a knitted Christmas robin.

Who is it for?

It's for any household in the All Saints Church family.

Now what?

If you would like to take part in the Posada Journey, there will be a sign up sheet at the back of church for the next few weeks.

Hurry, places are limited!

Knitters required patterns at the back of church



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.

Food We Need This Week...



INSTANT MASH





INSTANT COFFEE

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



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 8.45am - 2.30pm but please always check the weekly diary. *Penny*, *Sheila*, *Laura* and the team



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.



Please do come along and support this event for our local community. We need a number of volunteers to cover hourly slots on various games, stalls and welcoming duties. Please see the 'sign-up' board at the back of church.

TOMBOLA



Please can you donate NEW items for the Tombola, the proceeds of which we will be donating to the Hoole Christmas
Lights Appeal

IDEAS OF WHAT TO DONATE: Chocolates, Christmas Goodies, Toiletries, Teddies, Gifts etc

BRIC-A-BRAC



Please bring any items for our bric-a-brac stall from Sunday the 15th November (not before this date as we have limited storage space). Thank you.



Can you spare an hour or two before 21st November to come to the centre and help wrap gifts for Santa's Grotto, lucky dips and label some tombola items?



many hands make light work





Please see Elaine, Christina (or Stephen) for further information Thank you!