

**From the Parish Registers:  
September 2016**

**Adult Baptism**  
Marsha Hayes



**October 2016**

**Funerals**

We extend our sympathies to the family and friends of the late Sheila Martin, Gloria Poole, Susan Fellwell, Harold Williams and Grahame Jones.

**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, Edna Lloyd, 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, 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](mailto:office@allsaints.church)

Call 01244 345649 for church centre bookings or to speak to our centre manager Christina Beveridge or email: [centre@allsaints.church](mailto:centre@allsaints.church)

Our web address is [www.allsaints.church](http://www.allsaints.church)  
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# NOVEMBER 2016 GRAPEVINE



Coming up this month.....

**Operation Christmas Child**

14th November, collection of our shoe boxes  
*There's still time to get a box filled!*



**Christmas Fair**

Saturday 19th November, 11am—3pm  
Stalls available £15 per table  
Contact Christina 01244 345649  
or email [centre@allsaints.church](mailto:centre@allsaints.church)



**Chester Deo Gratias Choir**

Advent Concert  
Saturday November 26th, 7.30pm



*More information on these events can be found inside*

*Save  
the date*

Saturday 3rd December

## Cinema Afternoon and Night

In the afternoon we will be showing

### Sun Valley Serenade

arrive 1.30 for 2pm

The evening film is yet to be decided

arrive 5.30 for 6pm

*£1.50 per person to cover the cost of refreshments*

*Tickets available soon*

# 'TIME TO PRAY'

Opportunities to pray together this month



## Pause for Prayer

**Wednesdays 16 & 30 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.*

## Open to God

**7.45 for 8.00pm on Wednesday 30th November in the Church Centre.**

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

## Alpha Prayer Breakfast

**Wednesdays 9 & 23 November** 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.

## Frontline Church

Rooted in Christ; Fruitful in the World



**Sunday November 20th 4-6pm**

**Messy Trust looking together at the 23rd Psalm**

**Sunday 27th November from 5.30 - 7.00**

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

## TODDLER PRAISE

Why not join us on 17th 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.



## SENIOR RESIDENTS' FELLOWSHIP

Thursday Afternoons  
2.00 - 3.30pm

Contact Mrs Rene Peters (340485)

10th - Bring and Buy  
17th - Tea and Chat  
24th - Bell Plates (U3A Players)



All Welcome

## LITTLE ACORNS

will meet on Wednesdays  
9 & 23 November  
1-2.30pm for those with adopted/fostered pre-school children  
Contact Helen Ellis:  
[ellis.helen@btintnet.com](mailto:ellis.helen@btintnet.com)



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 **canned mixed vegetables, porridge oats and biscuits.**

Thank you for your continued support.

## OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTEER

**Tesco Supermarket Collections**

**1st - 3rd December**

We need volunteers to hand out shopping lists to shoppers as they come into the store and to help collect donations of food as they leave. Collections take place at the Chester City store on Frodsham Street and the Tesco on Sealand Road .

If you are interested in helping out please email [volunteer@westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:volunteer@westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk) or ring 0151 355 7730.



**Phone Number  
07711 425 366**

**Dawne Rendell  
Care Group Co-ordinator**

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

## 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.



**TRAIDCRAFT**  
Fighting poverty through trade

## The Traidcraft Stall

Come and have a look after the 10.45 service. We have some new lines for you to try too so come along and help support Fair Trade.



## AA MEETINGS

**Tues 12-1.30pm & Fri 7-8.30pm All Saints Church Centre**



christians  
against  
poverty

**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)**

## Church Weekend Helen's Story

Hi Vicki,

On Friday night the question was asked to Steve and Andrea, 'If you were a bird, which one would you be?' Andrea said she would be a peacock because they had lovely feathers and they were beautiful, and so was she. This thought kept turning around in my mind all night as I think the total opposite of myself due to incredibly low self-esteem and lack of confidence.

We were then asked to discuss among ourselves what we were hoping to get out of the weekend. I was asked this and could not give an answer as I had not given it much thought so I suppose I did not think I would get anything other than a lovely time with my church family.

On Saturday morning in the second session Steve asked if we could pray with each other. I was not able to join in, due to forgetting to reorder my antidepressant tablets so not functioning very well without them. I was just going to sit and pray by myself. This was when God began to work in me. He sent Chantal over, who asked if she could pray with me, to which I agreed as I trusted her as I knew her very well. She began very gently to pray words over me saying exactly everything I had been thinking about that morning. One of the things she said was how much God loved me and I was to Him beautiful on the inside and outside. This was beginning to get exciting. We went to coffee and I had lots to think and pray about.

Later on that afternoon I had the great privilege of going on the boat with Jim and Helen. My two very special friends, Hilary and Jackie, were also there. We had such a beautiful time together but on the way back we had to go through a very deep lock. Hilary and I were sitting outside on the front of the boat and as we went into the lock we pulled up right in front of the lock doors. I was able to really have a close look at the walls and remarked to Hilary about how dark and messy the walls were. It was then that God spoke to me and said: 'That is what you were like before you gave your life to me 40 years ago; you have been through a lot of tough times since then but right from the start of your new life with me I had taken all that away, but you keep taking handfuls of your old life back and therefore you're not able to move on totally from your past black days'. Then the doors of the lock opened and I looked up and saw the most beautiful view of the canal. It was just like a beautiful living picture which I was actually in. God then said to me you are beautiful to me and you are able to do such amazing things. Let go of the past and live in this beautiful future I have for you.'

This was so amazing I just wanted to write it all down and pass it on to the wonderful All Saints' Family who have arranged this weekend of Encountering God.

Thank you so much Vicki for organising such a lovely weekend!

Helen

Dear friends at All Saints,

I want to mention a number of events that are happening this month.



First of all there is the **Vision Evening** on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. We are holding this for two reasons. At the APCM in April I spoke about releasing the missional imagination of the congregation, asked people to pray about what God wants us to do in order to demonstrate that Jesus is King in Hoole, and said that we would have an opportunity to share those ideas and explore whether others have a similar vision. On the 14<sup>th</sup> we will have an 'open mic' for members of the congregation to share what they believe God has been saying to them. The second reason for the evening is to share what we believe God said to us as a church during the church weekend. We read some of the feedback from the weekend at the morning service the following Sunday, but there were some longer words and pictures which we want to share as well so that we can consider them and pray into them.

Before that, there is **Remembrance Sunday** on 13<sup>th</sup> November. It will be 100 years to the day since Robert Cecil Morrison, Irish hockey international and former Curate of All Saints, was killed in action during the Battle of the Somme. Mr Morrison chose to go to war as a combatant and not as a chaplain, and there is a memorial window to him on the north side of the church, next to the organ pipes. We also have a home communion set which was given to him by the parish when he went to war and which was returned to us after his death. We continue to use it regularly in taking communion to the housebound. We are in touch with relatives of Mr Morrison and one of them, Brian Harper, a Church of Ireland clergyman, will lead our intercessions on the 13<sup>th</sup>. There will also be a small display of documents relating to Mr Morrison for people to look at.

On Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November we are holding a **World Church Sunday**, with a special emphasis on the Persecuted Church. In the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats (Matthew 25), Jesus called us to visit those in prison – probably for their faith – and Hebrews 13:3 says we must 'remember those in prison as if you were their fellow-prisoners, and those who are ill-treated as if you yourselves were suffering'. Our sermons that morning will help us to think about how we can support the suffering church and we will have a bring-and-share lunch after the service in which we can find out more and think about how we can be involved in supporting those suffering or in prison because of the gospel.

Please do put those dates in your diary and support each of them if you possibly can.

With love in Christ,  
*John Kirkland.*

### Prayer Focus

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

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 prayer

The government of Hungary announced in Sept the creation of a new government department to aid persecuted Christians, mainly in Syria and Iraq. The initial aim is to raise awareness and provide support for those who are sadly largely being ignored by most European governments.

Contrast that with recent decisions and actions taken in the UK.

Two Zimbabwean church leaders who have been seriously persecuted by the Mugabe government have recently been refused entry into the UK.

Two Pakistani Islamic leaders who have been campaigning to “honour” the murder of anyone opposed to Pakistan’s blasphemy laws were granted visas to tour UK mosques and during the visit were formally welcomed at Lambeth palace.

The UK has promised to re-settle 20,000 Syrian refugees by 2020. Christians made up 10% of Syria’s pre-war population but projections based on those who have already arrived suggest that fewer than 400 (1.9%) of those granted refuge will be Christians.

More up to date prayer news can be found at [barnabasfund.org/news](http://barnabasfund.org/news), [opendoorsuk.org](http://opendoorsuk.org), [samaritanspurse.org.uk](http://samaritanspurse.org.uk), [tearfund.org](http://tearfund.org)

PLEASE PRAY AND THANK YOU FOR DOING SO

## A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

**SUNDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**  
**WORLD CHURCH SUNDAY AT ALL SAINTS**

The services will focus on the needs etc of persecuted Christians. Following the 10.45 service there will be a bring and share style lunch followed by an informal session when we will hear a powerful and moving testimony, be able to spend time praying and will talk about how we can support those suffering for their faith.

More information in the notice sheet next week.

*John Chester*

tearfund

## Christmas Cards

are now available on the card stall at the back of church. Please come and have a look and support Tearfund.



**Café Manager** – Please keep praying for the appointment of a new café manager. We have a further application which we will be considering early in November and we would love to be able to re-open the café in the New Year. If you are interested in volunteering in the café when it re-opens, please have a word with John Kirkland or Sam DH.

POSADA  
MAKING ROOM FOR JESUS THIS CHRISTMAS

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS**  
*mini Christmas Stockings required for Posada and the Crib Service. Patterns available from the back of church and the centre foyer.*

## 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 lots of 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 mini Christmas Stocking with a special 'gift' inside.

## 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 in a couple of weeks leading up to Advent.

Hurry, places are limited!



## CAROL SERVICE REHEARSALS FOR OUR CAROL SERVICE ON DECEMBER 18TH

Tuesday Nov 29th, Tuesday Dec 6th, Monday Dec 12th and Thursday Dec 15th [all these at 7.30pm]  
Sunday Dec 18th in the afternoon, before the Service in the evening.

**All singers are welcome. No audition - but the ability to sing in tune is rather important! Would love to have some new singers this year - even young ones!!**

# Advent

Concert 2016

Chester Deo Gratias Choir  
Conductor - Vicki Bulgin

Saturday November 26th 7.30pm  
All Saints Church, Hoole Road, CH2 3HZ

**Music** by Byrd, Parry, Rutter, Mathias - and much more

**Guests** The handbell ensemble 'Bronze Carillon'  
Director Kate Sawallisch

**Tickets** centre@allsaints.church  
Telephone: 01244 345649

**Price** £8.00; concessions £6.00  
to include a free glass of wine

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Local Government

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As you may know, Hoole has been shortlisted for the

## Great British High Street Awards in the 'Local Centre' category.

Please vote and spread the word with family, colleagues and friends.

**YOU CAN VOTE EVERY DAY FROM EACH EMAIL ADDRESS YOU HAVE  
UNTIL FRIDAY 18TH NOVEMBER**

<http://thegreatbritishhighstreet.co.uk/finalist-local-centre>



**SENDING A MESSAGE OF LOVE**

to children around the world

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.

If you would prefer to have an official Operation Christmas Child shoe box, please take one from the back of church or the centre foyer and once filled, return to our receptionist on preferably a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.

**BOXES NEED TO BE IN BY MONDAY 14TH NOVEMBER AT THE LATEST.  
THANK YOU!**

ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
Vicarage Road, Hoole, CH2 3HZ

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 19th November

11am–3pm



Please do come along and support this event.  
This is a great opportunity to engage with our local  
frontline and to get ready for Christmas.

We will need a number of volunteers to cover hourly slots on  
various games, stalls and welcoming duties.

Please see Elaine, Christina (or Stephen) if you are able to help or  
sign up on the blue boards at the back of church.

Thank you!

## 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  
13th November  
*(not before this date as we have  
limited storage space).*  
Thank you.



Can you spare an hour or two before 19th November  
to come to the centre and help wrap gifts for Santa's  
Grotto, lucky dips and label some tombola items?