## From the Parish Registers: August 2016

#### **Funerals**

Cynthia Pauline Noden



#### Weddings

Gareth Colebourne and Donna Moloney Arthur Beech and Jessie Jones

#### 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, 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







#### Costa del Canal Ways 2016

A massive thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's Costa holiday such a great success. You are a fabulous team. Thank you also to everyone who came as a guest. We really enjoyed your company and hope you had a wonderful time.

We are pleased to announce our new monthly evening service

## Frontline Church Rooted in Christ; Fruitful in the World

The service will take place on the last Sunday of each month with the first one this month on 25th September from 5.30 - 7.00.

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

The format will vary each month, but will consist of topical discussion relating to world events, testimony, sharing of experience, exploration of gifts and much more as God guides us.

It might be prayer-focused one month, praise-focused the next, or a mixture, but each month it will be God-focused to enable and equip us for our day-to-day frontlines.

Any questions, if you would like to be involved or have ideas, please speak to James Baird.



We are seeking to appoint a

#### CAFÉ MANAGER At All Saints Church, Hoole

Do you have a heart for the local community?

Are you able to build and support a team?

Have you got the experience and skills to run a café?

If so, we need you!

Contact John Kirkland for a Job Description and Person Specification <a href="mailto:vicar@allsaints.church">vicar@allsaints.church</a> or 01244 322056

Closing date for applications: 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016

To start as soon as possible

www.allsaints.church

There is an occupational requirement that applicants are committed Christians



# Firm Roots Cancer Support Strength for today; hope for tomorrow



COFFEE MORNING with craft stalls Friday 30th September 10.30am at St Mark's Lache and Saltney

# Summer Holiday done and dusted?

Well, don't worry there's always the church weekend to look forward to in October.

Hopefully you've already given me your booking form and at least some money, but if you haven't yet, do consider coming - there are some places left. I guarantee a brilliant weekend of fun, fellowship, [good] food - and good teaching which will be relevant for us as a Church at this time.

Do come. October 14th-16th. Cloverley Hall - just south of Whitchurch. If you're quite new to All Saints, this is a great weekend to get to know some people better. See me if you want to know more and/or pick up a booking pack from the back of church.

Vicki

#### **CHESTER BIBLE FOCUS**

Tuesday 27th & Wednesday 28th September All Saints Church at 7.30pm

God is stranger than you think but closer than you know

Speaker—Krish Kandiah

Krish is founder of Home For Good, a Christian fostering and adoption charity.

www.chesterbiblefocus.org.uk



#### ALPHA

We have run Alpha 3 times a year for about 12 years – we've had big groups and small groups – and over that time we've had other churches working with us sharing the load. For the last two years, All Saints has continued largely alone.



The leadership team has decided that we should change the way we do things from this September. Ron & Helen will be able to support the church though that change.

Fruitfulness on the Frontline, the Autumn House Group programme last year, showed us that we each have a frontline – those people we meet day by day, week by week who are not yet believers – people we can pray for, people we can invite for a social time and – maybe – invite to Alpha.

#### How do I go about it?

Pray for your frontline people – watch out for God's guidance about who to approach. Invite and, if the invitation is accepted, decide a suitable time and location. (Note: You could meet daily, weekly, fortnightly, monthly – whatever is best for you and your guests.) PS don't worry if the invitation is declined – just keep praying.

Let Ron & Helen know – they will get you the resources you need. It is good to have a second person alongside you when leading a group so again let Ron & Helen know and they will try their best to find someone.

Keep praying. There is a trailer, and the first talk is designed as a launch session, so you could just invite to that one session and then arrange further sessions if your guests would like to go further.

#### What do I need and what support will I have?

You will need a venue – your home, your guest's home, a café or pub, a room in the church centre – somewhere both you and your guest/s will be comfortable.

You will need either a PC/laptop or a Smart TV with a USB input or simply a DVD player and an ordinary TV.

At some point you will need a Bible (or selection of Bibles) and pen and paper to write down any unanswered questions.

We will supply invites for you to give out; talk to Ron & Helen about this.

We will give you guidance about how to run sessions.

We will supply leaders' guides and guest handbooks.

We will supply a customisable programme for you to use.

We will supply the teaching material on either DVD or Memory Stick, or you could download it yourself from the Internet.

We will advise you if you need a shorter form of the course.

We will endeavour to help you run Alpha if you need it.

Who will you invite?

https://vimeo.com/155827580

Please talk to Ron or Helen if you would like more help or information alpha@allsaints.church

#### **'TIME TO PRAY'**

Opportunities to pray together this month



#### **Pause for Prayer**

#### Wednesdays 7 & 21 Sept 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 September 7th in the Church Centre.

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

## Alpha Prayer Breakfast Wednesdays 14 & 28 September

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.

#### **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.

# uill meet on Wednesdays 14 & 28 September 1-2.30pm for those with adopted/fostered pre-school children Contact Helen Ellis: ellis.helen@btinternet.com



# September 18th, 4-6pm

#### SENIOR RESIDENTS' FELLOWSHIP

Thursday Afternoons 2.30 - 3.30pm

8th - Coach Travel (Alun Jones)

15th - 'CHIFUNDO' Malawi (Rev S Flynn)

22nd - Church Youth Work (Sam Durdant-Hollamby) 29th - Tea and Chat

All Welcome

Contact Mrs Rene Peters (340485)

#### TODDLER PRAISE

Why not join us on Thursday 22nd September 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.



#### The Traidcraft Stall

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.



Dear friends at All Saints,

What's happening about ...? That's one of the questions I get asked regularly, and *Grapevine* is a good place to try and answer it with regard to some aspects of our ministry at All Saints.



First of all, the Café. As I wrote last month, we are very grateful to Sheila, Penny and Laura who had the original vision for the café and then made it happen; we are grateful too to all the volunteers who have supported the café and without whom it would not have been possible to run it. As you will know by now, Penny is moving nearer to family for health reasons and Sheila and Laura both feel the time is right to step back to seek God's will for the next chapter in their lives. We are advertising for a new café manager — please see the advert elsewhere in *Grapevine* and please do draw it to the attention of anyone you think might be suitable — and we have drawn up a job description which explains how important the café is as a ministry of All Saints and as an opportunity for mission within the local community. We hope that many of the existing volunteers will be eager to continue as members of the new team — please can you let me know whether that is the case or not — but we also recognise that the new manager will need to expand the team.

What this does mean, sadly, is that the café will not be reopening in September, although it may be possible to have a limited version open one or two sessions each week, at which drinks are served, as a place to meet. If you're interested in making that happen, please come and talk to me. Our prayer is that we will have a new manager in place by October and that café will open again shortly after that. Please join me in praying for that.

Secondly, *Sunday at 6*. The team responsible for planning and leading that service each month met at the end of July and we discussed the vision for the future. We believe that it's right to continue meeting on the last Sunday of each month at 6.00pm, and that the focus should be to equip one another for life on our frontlines. For this reason we are renaming the service *Frontline Church* (not to be confused with the church of the same name in Liverpool) and we will include time to share stories from our frontlines, prayer for each other, sung worship, and talks which relate to the issues in the news that people are discussing on our frontlines. The aim is to be: *Rooted in Christ; Fruitful in the World*. Please do join us for the next service on 25<sup>th</sup> September at 6.00pm, with drinks from 5.30pm beforehand.

Thirdly, the website. We anticipate that the new website will go live in the next month or so. At the moment Christopher Wilkinson is training staff to use various aspects of the new platform and others are writing material for the new site, but we are keen to have it online as soon as possible. Look out for it at <a href="https://www.allsaints.church">www.allsaints.church</a>

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

As we continue to pray for the persecuted church worldwide this month it is good to be reminded that God's presence is very real in the most hostile environments for Christians.

Here are some examples.

- 1000 women from mainly Muslim areas of Cameroon attended a unique 4 day conference which was for the purpose of helping to equip women to face persecution in that country.
- A Christian TV station in Pakistan, which went off-air after all its equipment was destroyed in an arson attack, is now broadcasting again thanks to financial help from Christians in other parts of the world. The station is a spiritual lifeline for Christians living in areas where it isn't possible to have a church. One regular viewer wrote "we felt that we have a church in our own home" (again).
- Muslims in Pakistan's Punjab province are helping 8 Christian families build a new church. It will be the first ever church in the village.
- Prince Hassan of Jordan who is a Muslim has recently spoken out in support of Christianity in the Middle East. He highlights that to lose Christianity from its birthplace would be to destroy the richness of the tapestry of the Middle East.
- 2 pastors in South Sudan facing 8 charges which carry the option of the death penalty have been released by a judge.

The above examples all come from Barnabas Fund publications. More prayer needs can be found at barnabasfund.org/news, opendoorsuk.org, samaritanspurse.org.uk, tearfund.org

Do be encouraged as you pray.





#### We Need your Help!

Save the Family is looking for volunteers for their residential centre for Cotton Edmunds site.

Join a dedicated team of friendly, helpful staff and volunteers and contribute massively to our work. From the office to the outdoors there are a range of positions and skill levels available including Play Assistant, Family Mentor, Gardeners, Drivers. Grants Researcher and more. It's a perfect way to spend a few hours, refresh a CV, meet new people and use skills while helping others in need.

For more information call 01244 409100, visit www.savethefamily.org.uk or follow us on Twitter and Facebook @SaveTheFamilyUK.



#### **Phone Number** 07711 425 366

Dawne Rendell Care Group Co-ordinator

Please see the Care Group table 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. By doing so, it will be possible for us to keep updated on those being prayed for. Thank you.



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 boxes of 80 teabags, 100g coffee, rice pudding, pasta sauce, UHT milk, juice and tinned meat. Thank you for your continued support.



#### **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)