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The Parish News Sheet of All Hallows Church

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Sunday Services

10:00 Morning Worship
6:30 Evening Worship

For Years 1-6

Mondays

3:30ish-5:00pm

(8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th January)



Breakfast at the Church

Tuesdays 8:00-

10:00am

(9th, 16th, 23rd &

30th January)

Parent And Toddler Church

Wednesdays 10:00-11:30am

(10th, 17th, 24th & 31st January)

For Years 7+

Thursdays

7:30-9:00pm

(11th, 18th & 25th January)



The last Thursday

of the month

12:30-2:00pm

(26th January)

Fridays 10:00am-Midday

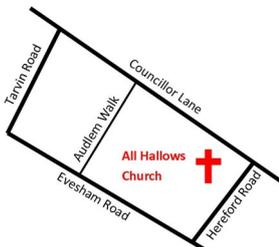
In the church foyer

(5th, 12th, 19th & 26th

January)



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An Ending. A Beginning.

There are some things that a vicar does that are sad and difficult, yet at the same time are a real privilege.

Supporting a family through bereavement is one example. But, as is the case with many other jobs, there are some things that we sometimes find ourselves a part of which are just plain sad. This month I am involved in one of those moments.

In 1939 with great vision a new church was planted on Boundary Road, Cheadle. It was to be given the name St Philip's. As the estate grew it was good for the people to have a church there, and to have a church that cared for and did so much for the wider community.

Many local residents remember sending their children to the youth clubs, or going with them to toddler groups, or enjoying the Christmas festivities at the church. St Philip's has been a beacon of the light of Jesus on the Boundary Estate for 78 years.

But, times do change. The numbers of people who are committed to attending church regularly has fallen over the years. The area is served by a number of good churches, of a variety of Christian denominations. I, for one, celebrate that variety. People are much more mobile today and so are more likely to get in their car to travel, rather than walk to the nearest church or youth group or whatever.

These things are not a complaint. They are just where we are at and what the modern world is now like.

But, like some other churches, like many community groups of a whole variety, St Philip's has now succumbed to these changes in our society. So, in January we will hold our last service at St Philip's and close our doors for public acts of worship for the last time.

However, that does not mean that the Church will be abandoning the people who live on the



Boundary Estate. I have already said that there are a number of good churches that serve this wider area. The St Philip's patch still falls into the Church of England parish of All Hallows, as it has done since 1984; and so the C of E will still be there for local people. It will just look a bit different as to how we might 'be there' in the future.

To finish I want to pay tribute to the people of St Philip's Church. I've already described them as being a beacon. Since I came to the parish in December 2014 I have found good friends at the church, and found a people who humbly love God and love their neighbour as themselves. As a vicar, that is all you can really ask for from your congregation.

Rev Paul Cumming