As Family We Go

special One of our services at All Hallows is Commissioning our which takes Service. place at the beginning of each year. We each commit to serve the Lord together and pray for our whole church as we do so. It is a great and important start to the year for us.

At that service I usually show a video (to be honest, it is a glorified slide show) of things that we were up to in the previous year so that we can thank God for all that he has done through us in the recent past. That video is set to a song called 'For All That You Have Done' by Rend Collective, and it speaks of us serving God

together as a family. "In unity we'll stand as one, as family we'll go, shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand, into the great unknown."

They are great words to consider as we look both backwards and forwards at the start of a new year.

That sense of a church being a family is really important. We are from all kinds of backgrounds. We are from different socio-economic groups, we have different colours of skin and we represent every age The Church group. worldwide is the most remarkable family on planet earth.

Our smaller individual congregations are like little branches of that family too. So, we are a family of God at All Hallows. And, just like in a bloodline family, we are better off together and because of each other. We are not perfect, but we need each other.

That is especially true as we serve God together. We each have different gifts and abilities that God has given to us, by which we can serve him and bless each other. It is when those gifts get added together into the great melting pot of the church family that truly extraordinary things can and do happen.



The Church is not only the most remarkable family but also the greatest force for good on planet earth. We are called by God to love him, to love our neighbour as ourselves and to love each other. As we do these things transform whole communities for The world is better. better off because of this very special family.

And this community is better off because of our very special family at All Hallows. That isn't to brag, but is something for us to humbly realise. We have an important part to play in this area and we are called to serve God and witness to Jesus here.

So let's do it together, shall we?. After all, as family we go.

God bless,



The Green Zone

This month's suggestion is for each of us to look at our own hearts and motives. Gus Speth, an American environmental lawyer famously once said, "I used to think the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, eco system collapse and climate change. I thought that with 30 years of good science we could address those problems. But I was wrong. The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy—and to deal with those we need a spiritual and cultural transformation—and we scientists don't know how to do that." Environmental changes are causing a great deal of suffering to people across the world. How will you respond?

Youth Club

In the autumn of last year we had the Message Bus come to help us to kick start a youth club. We had a club before the pandemic, but the young people grew older and so we were starting from scratch.

One of the great things in the autumn was that the young people were also enjoying being together in the church hall, and using the activities there. So, there was a natural transition to a new youth club starting. We are so grateful to our fabulous team for making this club happen.

We now regularly get 25-30 young people come along. They enjoy the activities that are on offer, but mostly enjoy just being together in a safe space. The club is free entry, although money can be spent at the tuck shop. If you know any young people of high school age who might like to come along then do please invite them.





JANUARY DIARY

Sunday 8th

10:00 Commissioning Service11:30 Bring & Share Lunch6:30 Evening Communion Service

Monday 9th

10:00 Zoom Prayers

Wednesday 11th

9:00-4:00 Warm Space 9:00-2:00 Light Café 10:00-11:30 Messy Toddlers 1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought 7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Friday 13th

2:00-6:00 Warm Space

Sunday 15th

10:00 Morning Communion 6:30 Evening Service

Monday 16th

10:00 Zoom Prayers 7:30 PCC

Wednesday 18th

9:00-4:00 Warm Space 9:00-2:00 Light Café 1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought 7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Friday 20th

2:00-6:00 Warm Space

Sunday 22nd

10:00 Morning Service 6:30 Evening Service

Monday 23rd

10:00 Zoom Prayers

Wednesday 25th

9:00-4:00 Warm Space 9:00-2:00 Light Café 1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought 2:00-2:30 BCP Communion 7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Thursday 26th

7:30-9:00 Social Night

Friday 27th

2:00-6:00 Warm Space

Sunday 29th

10:00 Morning Service 6:30 Evening Service

Monday 30th

10:00 Zoom Prayers 12:30 Linda Withnall funeral

(In addition to these dates various Life Groups are taking place throughout the month. Speak to Paul or Barbara for more details.)

What's on?





10:00-11:30 Wednesday 11th January



CAP DEBT HELP

Free Debt Help Available

All Hallows has partnered with Christians Against Poverty in order to help people out of debt.

If you need support to get out of debt then contact the CAP Enquiries Team on 0800 328 0006 and they will get you booked in for your first appointment.



Warm Space

WEDNESDAYS

FRIDAYS

9:00-4:00

2:00-6:00

The heating is on in the church hall. You are warmly welcomed to come and share it, and enjoy cake and a cuppa, and some good company while you are here. Further activities will be available to enjoy at these times too.

(Other times may become available too.)

[You can find us at All Hallows Church, Councillor Lane, Cheadle.]



New or Visiting?

First Time Here?

If it's your first time here then welcome! It's great to have you with us. Here are a few short notes that you might find helpful.

Relax - You're our guest, so make yourself at home. If there is anything that you would like to know then ask a member of the Welcome Team.

Sign the kids in - The Welcome Team can show you where to take your children. Sometimes we are all in church together, but on other weeks... *Pre-School*; There are green tables in church with some activities for young children. Please, please don't be embarrassed if they make any noise during the service. *Ages 4*+; Sunday School meet in rooms at the end of the hall, down the ramp. *Sunday Youth* meet in the room off from the main worship area. All leaders have proper DBS checks.

Fill in a Communication Card - Drop it in the box on the Welcome Desk in the foyer or give it to the service leader on the way out. Please use it to ask questions, offer feedback or request prayer.

We don't expect guests to give - For those who are members or regular attenders of our churches there is an offering plate at the back, but we don't ask our guests for any money.

We have a Loop System - Switch your hearing aid to T-coil. You might find it useful to sit towards the middle.

Hang around afterwards - Come and join us for a cup of tea or fresh coffee, and for a chat.

Prayer Ministry - If you would like somebody to pray with you about something for yourself or somebody that you know then there are people who would love to do so after the service. Please make yourself known to the service leader.

Next Steps

We are all on a journey through life, and our faith is no different.

Depending upon where you are on your journey with God here are some 'Next Steps' you could take

COMMIT YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST

Commit to follow Jesus today!

RE-COMMIT TO CHRIST

It's never too late for a fresh start with faith.

DECLARE YOUR FAITH THROUGH BAPTISM

If you feel you've made a commitment to God but have never been baptised, then this could be a great step for you.

JOIN A HOMEGROUP

If you're not in one, there are a number of groups that meet in homes throughout the week to get to know each other better, look at the Bible and pray together.

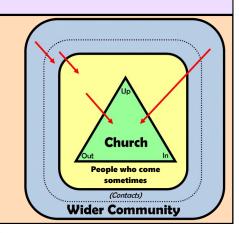
BE PART OF THE MISSION

There are lots of ways you can use your gifts to serve God, his Church and the wider community.

Loving God.

Loving each other.

Loving the people of Cheadle.



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