



## Abide with me

The words to the hymn 'Abide with Me' will be known to many people up and down our country; or at least the words to the first verse anyway. It is part of the tradition of the FA Cup final, and is usually sung about 15 minutes before kick off. It was first sung at the 1927 FA Cup Final between Cardiff City and Arsenal, and has been a permanent fixture ever since. Its purpose is to bring both sets of supporters together in one big act before the start of the match.

The hymn was written by a clergyman, Henry Francis Lyte. He is said to have written the hymn whilst he was suffering from tuberculosis in 1847, and based the words on things that he had said when visiting a dying friend in 1820. Sadly, Lyte died about 3 weeks after writing the hymn.

So, there is definitely a sad story behind the hymn. Yet, it is a hymn which lifts our eyes above the gloom and helps us to see that our struggles do not define us and that God is always able and available to help us.

*Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;*

*The darkness deepens, Lord with me abide.*

*When other helpers fail and comforts flee,*

*Help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

During the month of November each year, on Remembrance Sunday, we hold a special service in which we remember our loved ones who have died. We make sure that we invite families from funerals we have conducted over the past year or so, but we all know that grief and bereavement can run deeply for many years for people, so this service is for anybody and everybody. At that service we remember that God abides (lives) with us.

Jesus tells us that "those who mourn will be comforted" (Matthew 5:4), and we read in Isaiah 40:29 that God "gives strength to the weary." God abides with us and helps us through grief. But, it isn't just through the loss of a loved one that God helps us with. There are all kinds of ways that 'darkness' can overcome us; and God will be there to give us strength, whatever it is that we are facing. If we will ask him and let him.

You are very welcome to join us for our Service to Remember, 6:30 on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

God bless,

*Paul*

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# 5 Tips to Help Your Kids Towards Financially Freedom

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With Talk Money Week 2024 happening this month, it's the perfect time to start talking to kids about how to manage money whilst also refreshing your own budgeting skills.

Having just launched new budgeting resources for children and young people to use, we at Christians Against Poverty (CAP) are eager to spread the word about the importance of teaching kids how to manage money. After all, learning how to build and manage a budget provides a solid foundation for a financially secure future. Here are five top tips for adults looking to help the kids in their life to get to grips with money.

## 1. Talk about money as a family

You can engage your children in conversations about money from an early age. Talk about how to make wise spending decisions, the benefits of using a budget and the importance of saving. Teaching them about budgeting is a great way to show that if they can't afford it, having a tantrum isn't going to change anything!

## 2. Show children how to manage money

Modelling good spending and saving habits as adults can be a very effective way of teaching children about money management. Why not demonstrate how you plan your finances by letting them see your own budgeting spreadsheets, which will show them how you manage household income and expenditure?

## 3. Include kids in decisions about money

Try involving your children in some of the family spending options – they don't have to be large expenditures. You could treat each child to a 'decision day' where they can take it in turns to decide what to spend a set amount of money on, or consider giving them some pocket money (it doesn't have to be a lot) to help them make their own choices about money.

## 4. Challenge the family to save

A great way of encouraging children to save is to set savings goals as a family, perhaps for a holiday or a day out. Get creative and make it fun – you could even have a display on the fridge to show targets. Doing this as a family not only teaches the principle of saving, but also shares the responsibility with everyone. Then, when your children express an interest in wanting to buy something, encourage them to save up their pocket money. Since they've practised patience through saving as a family and reaped the benefits, they're more likely to make similar choices with their own money.

## 5. Get help

There are lots of brilliant free resources out there, created by money experts, to help you teach the children in your life about budgeting and money management. CAP has recently launched Money for 9 to 11 year olds and Money for 14 to 16 year olds resources which are available to download for free from [capuk.org/kidsandyouth](https://capuk.org/kidsandyouth).

For guidance on managing your own money as an adult, sign up for free, expert money coaching in your community at [capuk.org/trymoneycoaching](https://capuk.org/trymoneycoaching). Talk Money Week is an initiative set up by the Money and Pensions Service and this year it's happening from 4 to 8 November. Find out more at [maps.org.uk/talk-money-week](https://maps.org.uk/talk-money-week).

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a UK charity working with over 800 affiliated churches to deliver debt help, budgeting guidance, support to find work, life skills education and more. Visit [capuk.org](https://capuk.org) to find out more.

## The Green Zone



This month's idea to be more environmentally friendly at home is to shower better. One of the biggest uses of energy in our homes is the heating of water, whether that be a hot water tank or other electrical heating systems. Showers are not exempt from that and so having shorter showers means using less water that has been heated, produces less carbon emissions and saves you money. So, it's a big win in every way.

But, and this will likely become more and more important as we go forward, the ability to use less water is also crucially important a lot of the time. So, shorter showers also means less water usage. Depending on your shower, you could even get an eco showerhead, which reduces water usage and then heating costs too.



# Special Events Coming Up

*If you have been bereaved  
we would like to invite you to a*

## **'Service to Remember'**

*loved ones who have passed away*

**6:30pm, 10<sup>th</sup> November**



## **Christmas at All Hallows**

[www.allhallows-church.org.uk](http://www.allhallows-church.org.uk)

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December (6:30-7:00pm)**

*'Carols on the Green' (by the Councillor Lane Post Office)*

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December (10:00-11:00am)**

*Nativity Family Service (with a part to play for every child)*

**Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> December (6:30-7:30pm)**

*Blue Christmas (for those struggling at this time of year)*

**Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December (6:30-7:30pm)**

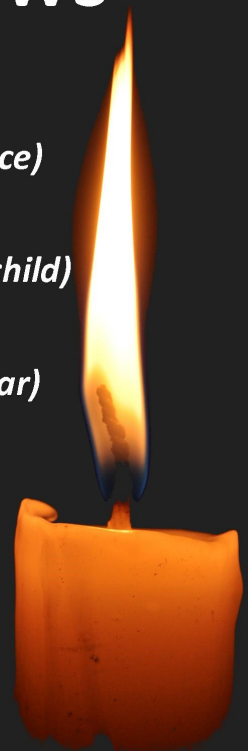
*Carols by Candlelight*

**Christmas Eve (4:00-4:30pm)**

*Christingle Service*

**Christmas Day (10:00-11:00am)**

*Christmas Day Family Service*



# 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 one of the Welcome Team by the front door.

**We don't expect guests to give** - For those who are members or regular attenders 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—drinks are served in the hall and we usually gather in the lounge to chat.

**Prayer** - If you would like someone to pray with you — either prayer for you or for someone you know — there are people who would love to do so after the service. Please make yourself known to the service leader.

**Children & Youth** - Once a month, the whole church worships together. On other weeks, there is a Sunday School for primary aged children. One of the Welcome Team can show you where Sunday School meets. For pre-school age children, there are green tables at the side of church with activities. Please don't be embarrassed if your children make any noise—they are welcome here and are part of the service, too! All our children and youth leaders have DBS checks and have undergone safeguarding training.

## 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 LIFE GROUP

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. Speak to one of the church team to find out more.

## NOVEMBER 2024

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

10:00 Family Baptism Service (*followed by Bring & Share Lunch*)

6:30 Evening Communion Service

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Zoom Prayers

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>

9:00-1:30 Light Café

1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought

7:00-8:30 Youth Club

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup>

9:30-10:00 Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Remembrance Sunday Service and Sunday School

6:30 Service to Remember

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Zoom Prayers

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

9:00-1:30 Light Café

9:30-11:00 Messy Toddlers

1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought

7:00-8:30 Youth Club

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup>

9:30-10:00 Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Morning Communion Service & Sunday School

6:30 Evening Service

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Zoom Prayers

7:30 PCC (*followed by refreshments at the Vicarage*)

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

9:00-1:30 Light Café

1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought

7:00-8:30 Youth Club

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:30-10:00 Prayer Meeting

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School

6:30 Evening Service

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Zoom Prayers

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>

9:00-1:30 Light Café

1:00-1:30 BCP Holy Communion

7:00-8:30 Youth Club

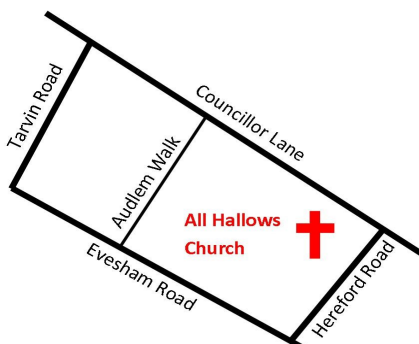
### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Social Night

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