

# All Hallows News



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## New Life, New Hope

For a few reasons I've recently found myself thinking back to Easter Sunday 3 years ago. I'm sure that you will remember it well as we had not long been in 'lock-down' and the world felt very strange.

Everything was so uncertain. Numbers of cases of, what we were all then calling, Coronavirus were continuing to increase. The number of people dying was increasing and the new Nightingale hospitals were being quickly arranged. It was clear that lock-down would continue for some time, but we didn't know how long and what its implications would be.

Mothering Sunday was something that families missed out on, but the first really big event was Easter Sunday.

In preparation for a talk at the youth club a few weeks ago I found myself watching back my sermon, which I had filmed on my own in church for our online service that Easter.

Looking back it feels quite grim. I hope that what was said captured the mood at the time, and if it did then it shows just how much more positive our mood is today.

But during that sermon I focused on a theme which is actually relevant all of the time.

For the disciples the Friday had felt like their world was falling in, but (as an old preacher said) "But they don't know that Sunday is a-comin'."

What we see at Easter is the most amazing good news that the world has ever known. However bad things might look, "Sunday is a-comin'".

Jesus' death on the cross was to take the punishment for my sin and your sin. Easter Sunday proves to us that God was pleased with this substitution and to prove it to be so he raised Jesus from the dead. Not only that, but it also tells us that death is not something that we



need to fear in any way. Because we serve a Saviour who has beaten death.

We will all have days and periods of time which feel grim, like the disciples did on what we call Good Friday. During those times we need to cling to Jesus and remember that "Sunday is a-comin'."

But until Jesus comes again we live in a time when there will be all kinds of struggles. The Bible shows us that we can hold both lament and victory at the same time. We lament with our struggles and the pain of people we love, but we hold to the victory that Jesus is alive, that Sunday is a-coming and that one day all things will be good and right.

Happy  
Easter!

*Paul*

## The Green Zone

This month's Green Zone suggestion might seem really obvious to some people, but for others they need a little bit of encouragement to do it. Recycle! The bins are even provided for us by the local Council so it is really easy to do.

Some people can understandably get a bit confused as to what products can be recycled. Stockport Council's website is really helpful in working out what to do. So maybe this month spend a little bit of time finding out what can go in what bin.

Check out <https://www.stockport.gov.uk/what-you-can-put-in-your-bins>.



# Easter Celebrations

For Christians, Easter Sunday is by far the most significant day of the year. Christmas is a great day with lots of fantastic things happening throughout that period of time, but the significance of Easter Sunday is unmatched.

Therefore, on the morning of Easter Sunday we would like to invite you and any guests that you bring to a special celebration at church. Firstly, bacon butties will be served between 9:00 and 9:45. We stop serving then so the kitchen team can be ready to head in to church by the start of the service.

The service itself will be celebratory and will be for all ages to worship and celebrate at together.

Afterwards, Holy Communion will be served, there will be an Easter Egg hunt at the same time, and we will have our usual refreshments (and the bouncy castle will be up).

It's party time and everybody is invited!



## Easter at All Hallows

**Maundy Thursday** (6<sup>th</sup> April)  
7:30pm Communion Service

**Good Friday** (7<sup>th</sup> April)  
10:00am A Reflective Service

**Easter Sunday** (9<sup>th</sup> April)  
10:00am All Age Easter Celebration  
(followed by Holy Communion or an Easter Egg Hunt and Bouncy Castle for children)  
6:30pm Evening Service



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### APRIL DIARY

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Palm Sunday**  
10:00 Morning Service  
6:30 Evening Communion Service

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
10:00 Zoom Prayers

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00-2:00 No Caf  Today

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 Maundy Thursday Holy Communion

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> - Good Friday**  
10:00 Reflections

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> - Easter**  
9:00 Bacon Butties  
10:00 All Age Easter Celebration  
6:30 Evening Service

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 No Zoom Prayers

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00-2:00 No Caf  Today

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 Morning Service  
6:30 Evening Service

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 Zoom Prayers  
7:30 Leaders & Preachers Meet

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00-2:00 Light Caf   
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought  
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
7:00 Rural Dean Commissioning Service @ All Hallows

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
10:00 Morning Service  
11:30 Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
12:15 Bring & Share Lunch  
6:30 No Evening Service

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00-2:00 Light Caf   
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought  
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30-9:00 Social Night

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 Morning Service  
6:30 Evening Service

(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?



**THE LIGHT CAFÉ**  
ALL HALLOWS CHURCH  
CHEADLE

**OPEN WEDNESDAYS**  
*9:00AM - 2:00PM*

SERVING BREAKFAST,  
LUNCH, HOME MADE  
CAKES & FREE DRINKS



**TODDLERS**

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE  
*9:00AM - 12:00AM*



All Hallows Church  
Cheadle

## Social Night




**27th Apr**

7:30-9:00 on the last Thursday of the month.

## MESSY TODDLERS


Isn't taking place in April,  
but will be back on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

**AGE:** High Schoolers  
**DAY:** Wednesday (term time)  
**TIME:** 7:00-8:30  
**VENUE:** All Hallows Church Hall  
**COST:** Free + money for tuck shop



**Youth Club**

*A youth group with great activities available.*



# Start!

by Robin Gamble

Discovering Christianity  
in six small-group sessions



**life GROUPS**

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

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## Christians Against Poverty



**Free Debt Help Available**

All Hallows has recently partnered with CAP 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.



# 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.

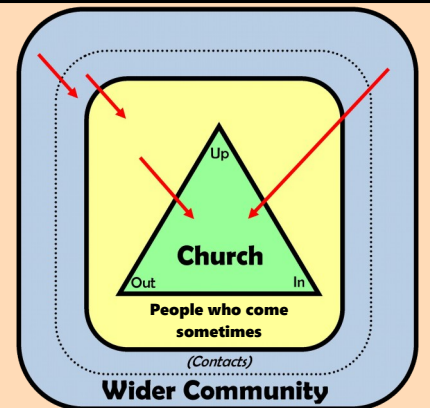
**JOIN A HOMEGROUP**  
If you're not in one, there are a number of groups that meet in homes throughout the week to get to know each other better, look at the Bible and pray together.

**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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