



Glory

What ideas does the concept of somebody 'having glory' conjure up in your mind? Maybe you think of an athlete or some other sports personality who overcomes incredible struggles in order to be the best in the world at their discipline. Maybe you think of an actor picking up an Oscar and getting the recognition for their extraordinary work. Maybe it's somebody not generally known in the public eye who has done something heroic in helping somebody else and that person is getting proper public recognition for their actions.

Maybe it is more to do with real people who you know. Maybe it's a student doing well at their exams. Maybe it's somebody getting a promotion at work. Maybe it's a baby being safely born.

Maybe the use of the word 'glory' gets attached to the word 'hallelujah', and is used when something good has happened at the end of a difficult process. So, the all clear from medical test results. A pay rise that eases the burden on household finances. Finally being able to get through to speak to somebody at a call centre.

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Whilst I never want to say what people do or do not think, I would strongly guess that nobody reading those paragraphs above thought about somebody suffering as glory. Maybe there was suffering that leads to the glory in many cases. But, not that the suffering is glory in and of itself.

Yet, that is what we read in the Bible about Jesus on the cross. He once said, "*The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you the truth, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.*" (John 12:23-24)

As Jesus suffered and died those around him looked at him and saw him being defeated. His followers were both confused at how this could happen to the one they thought was God's Messiah and fearful that something similar could even happen to them now. This all looked so bad.

And yet, as Jesus suffered and died on the cross he was suffering and dying for those who would turn to him in faith. He was suffering and dying as a criminal even though he had done no wrong, and so his punishment becomes *the* punishment for the sins of those who turn to him. This was Jesus, in glory, suffering and dying so that we can be friends with God. It looked bad, but it truly was a very Good Friday.

God bless,

Paul

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Top Tips to Give You Financial Confidence

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Money worries can become all-consuming, and with increased stress levels, it can be even harder to manage your finances effectively. At Christians Against Poverty (CAP), we recognise the impact stress can have on people's lives and their money. April is National Stress Awareness Month, and therefore it's the perfect opportunity to share some of our top tips to gain financial confidence and put stress at bay.

1. Talk about money

Debt and money worries often lead to feelings of loneliness and shame, but talking about these issues can reduce stress and break the cycle of isolation. Sharing your money concerns with a trusted friend, family member or organisations like CAP could provide you with much-needed support and help move you toward the next step in taking back control of your finances.

2. Upskill your knowledge

Consider a money course to help you cope better with some of the stresses of managing on a budget. CAP offers free life skills courses and money coaching to give people the confidence and decision-making skills to live well and look after themselves. Money courses not only educate and empower you to learn about how to handle money effectively, but can also equip you with the skills to maintain a positive outlook, even on a low income.

3. Prioritise self-care

When money is tight and the bills mount high, it can be difficult to set aside time just for you, but it is important for your own wellbeing to look after yourself. Find something you enjoy doing and carve some time out of your week to rest and take your mind off the stresses of life and money-related anxieties. Consider keeping a journal and write down any worries that are bothering you, as well as things that you're thankful for. This will help organise your thoughts and can help lower stress levels.

4. Get organised

The pressures of a busy life can sometimes make it difficult to stay on top of your finances, even if you know how to budget. Losing track of your income and expenses can lead to feeling overwhelmed and out of control, but maintaining an organised approach can address this. To reduce the risk of financial stress, make a plan and stick to it where you can, finding a routine that works for you to regularly monitor bills and manage your paperwork.

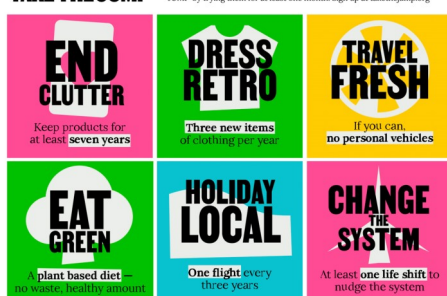
5. Ask for help

If you're finding managing your money stressful, don't be afraid to seek help. You can find more information on all CAP's services in your area at capuk.org/help. We provide free, expert debt advice, guidance on finding work and money education, all delivered face-to-face so you'll receive an effective combination of practical and emotional support. For wider support, you can visit moneyhelper.org.uk

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 to find out more.

The Green Zone

TAKE THE JUMP SIX SHIFTS that the science says we all need to make in just 10 years. 'Take The JUMP' by trying them for at least one month. Sign up at takethejump.org



Each month in our Newsletter we highlight a different way that many / all of us can act or change in order to live in a more environmentally friendly and sustainable way. This month we are returning to something that we highlighted a couple of year ago.

'Take the Jump' is an initiative that encourages people to make 6 shifts in their lives: (1) End Clutter (where possible, keep products for at least 7 years). (2) Dress Retro (just 3 new items of clothing per year). (3) Travel Fresh (if you can no personal vehicles). (4) Eat Green (eat less meat and move towards more of a plant based diet). (5) Holiday Local (one flight every 3 years). (6) Change the System (doing what we can to change the systems around us).

You can find out more at takethejump.org

Holy Week and Easter Sunday



Easter at All Hallows

Maundy Thursday (17th April)

7:00pm Communion Service

Good Friday (18th April)

10:00am A Reflective Service

Easter Sunday (20th April)

9:00-9:45am *Free bacon butties, leading into...*

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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Easter

20th April, 2025

Free Bacon Butties 9:00-9:45am | All-Age Worship at 10:00am
Holy Communion or Easter Egg Hunt & Bouncy Castle Afterwards
All Hallows Church, 222 Councillor Lane, Cheadle, SK8 2JG

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.

APRIL 2025

Wednesday 2nd

9:00-1:30 Light Café

1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought

7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Friday 4th

9:30-10:00 Prayer Meeting

Sunday 6th

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School

6:30 Evening Communion Service

Monday 7th

10:00 Zoom Prayers

Wednesday 9th

9:00-1:30 Light Café

9:30-11:00 Messy Toddlers

1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought

Friday 11th

9:30-10:00 Prayer Meeting

Sunday 13th—Palm Sunday

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School

6:30 Evening Service

Monday 10th

10:00 Zoom Prayers

Thursday 17th

7:00-8:00 Maundy Thursday Service

Friday 18th

10:00-11:00 Good Friday Service

Sunday 20th—Easter Sunday

9:00-9:45 Free Bacon Butties Served

10:00 All Age Easter Celebration

6:30 Easter Sunday Evening Service

Thursday 24th

7:30-9:00 Social Night

Friday 25th

9:30-10:00 Prayer Meeting

Sunday 27th

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School

11:15 APCM

12:00 Bring & Share Lunch

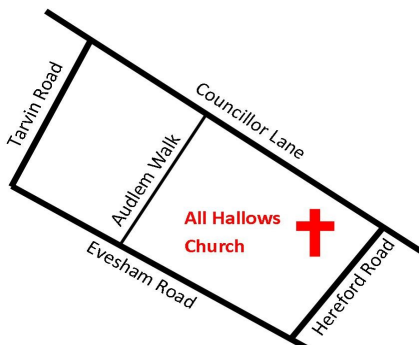
Monday 28th

10:00 Zoom Prayers

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