



All Hallows News



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Thank You

We have our Thanksgiving Sunday coming up in July, when we are able to give towards a particular capital project that will be taking place at the church. This year that project is to make the main church warmer in the winter—as it is often a little on the cool side.

Also in July we are starting a new preaching series in our Sunday morning services, where we are looking at Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1st Century Christians in the Greek city of Corinth).

One of the things that Paul writes early on in his letter to them is how thankful he is...

"I always thank God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. For in him you have been enriched in every way..."

[1 Corinthians 1:4-5a]

Paul was thankful to God because of what God had done in the lives of the Christians in Corinth, and how they were a little bit different because of that.

At our Thanksgiving Sunday we thank God for the work that he is doing in our lives and for the things we have seen him do in and through each other. And we have so much to be grateful for.

One of the things that we are grateful for is that God meets our needs as a church and that he inspires each of us to be generous. So we give financially out of our gratitude to God and his church.

But, this is also a very special Thanksgiving Sunday because we are grateful to God for something (or somebody) so important to us.

Catherine and Gilly have now completed their curacies at All Hallows,

and so have trained to be ordained ministers in the Church of England. Both of them will still be based at All Hallows, although Catherine will be taking up a chaplaincy position at Hindley Prison in the coming weeks.

So, this is a significant moment in which we celebrate with them all that they have achieved, we thank them for all that they have done (and continue to do) among us and we give God an huge 'Thank You' for bringing them to our church.

Personally speaking I have really enjoyed working with them both and am so glad that they will still be a part of our church.

Our gratitude inspires us all to change for the better and to give ourselves, and we are so grateful for all that God does in us.

God bless,

Paul

JULY 2023

Sunday 2nd

10:00 All Age Baptism Service
6:30 Evening Communion Service

Monday 3rd

10:00 Zoom Prayers

Wednesday 5th

9:00-1:30 The Light Café
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought
7:00-8:30 Youth Club (Water Games)

Sunday 9th—Thanksgiving Sun

10:00 Morning Service
11:45 Bring & Share Lunch
6:30 Evening Service

Monday 10th

10:00 Zoom Prayers

Wednesday 12th

9:00-1:30 The Light Café
10:00-11:30 Toddlers
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Saturday 15th

2:00-4:00 Cream Teas

Sunday 16th

10:00 Morning Communion Service
6:30 Evening Service

Monday 17th

10:00 Zoom Prayers
7:30 PCC

Wednesday 19th

9:00-1:30 Light Café
1:00-1:30 BCP Communion

Sunday 23rd

10:00 Morning Service
6:30 Evening Service

Monday 24th

10:00 Zoom Prayers

Thursday 27th

7:30-9:00 Social Night

Sunday 30th

10:00 Morning Service
6:30 Evening Service

Monday 31st

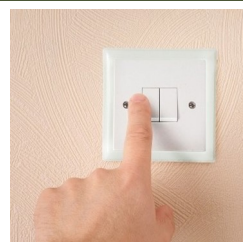
10:00 Zoom Prayers

As well as these events, Life Groups meet during the week—to join one of these small groups, speak to Paul or Barbara.

The Green Zone

This month's tip is an obvious one—switch it off. Switch off lights if you are not in the room. Don't leave the TV on constantly in the background. In fact, anything electrical should be switched off when not needed.

That saves energy and it also saves you money.



A Year With an Electric Car

There is a big push for manufacture and industry to become more sustainable this decade and for us to burn less fossil fuels. Electric Vehicles (EVs) are a huge part of that, with the sale of all new cars in the UK due to be electric from 2030. But, people understandably have so many questions and apprehensions about how they work, and there is so much misinformation that is thrown about that it can be hard to know what to believe. Well, we bought our EV in July last year and so this is my reaction to many of those questions after a year's ownership.

Why go fully electric rather than hybrid (petrol and electric car)?

We did a lot of research into this. Our reasons for choosing a full EV are that they are better for the environment, there is less maintenance each year, the life of an EV is significantly longer than for a hybrid and because hybrids are heavier than an EV (they have petrol and electric parts) they also require more energy to run on a day-to-day basis.

What about the range of EVs? Will I just break down?

I haven't heard of any EV driver breaking down due to no power. The display in an EV shows you how many miles you have to go, all of the way to zero. Our car has a real world range of about 200 miles (although in certain conditions we could get 250 miles). But, most of our driving is nothing like that. We probably do that many miles in a normal week, so we half charge our car once or twice a week (while we sleep) and that is fine.

Won't the battery just die like in my mobile phone?

Let's be honest, we don't have great experiences with batteries in most other products, but it turns out that battery technology is actually massively better than what we are given in our phones. We had a service recently, and after 15,000 miles of driving our car still has 98% of its original battery life. (It has lost less than 2% of range.) So, if that continues, by the time that the car has driven 150,000 miles it would have lost under 20% of its battery life and range (so still 160 miles). Petrol cars would likely be scrapped by then. Our own car has a 7 year warranty (including battery), and EVs today have an expected life of between 200,000 to 300,000 miles—and newer EVs will go further.

What about the range in winter and doesn't the battery die because of the cold?

Let's deal with the second part of the question first. EVs have a battery management system which monitors the conditions outside and ensures that the battery remains in good health. So, during the winter this does indeed use more power. Throw in the fact that the heating is on more then, yes, the range does decrease. Our experience from last winter was that it dropped to about 160 mile range in the winter and when we had that really cold spell at about -10C it dropped to about 130 mile range. For us this wasn't a problem as we were not doing any long trips and so we just charged it up over night an extra time that week.

But, it is worth asking what the alternative is with a petrol car. Because in a petrol car the engine constantly produces huge amounts of heat and owners are paying for that heating all year round. Imagine putting your home heating on during a heat wave and opening the windows to let the heat out. That is essentially what petrol car drivers do all of the time. At least with an EV the heat is only produced when it is needed.

Isn't the manufacture of an EV worse for the environment than the manufacture of a petrol car?

Yes. That is absolutely true. However, once an EV has done about 16,000 miles it passes the threshold where it is better for the environment. Because of the huge range of EVs it is clearly better over its whole life.

Can the National Grid cope?

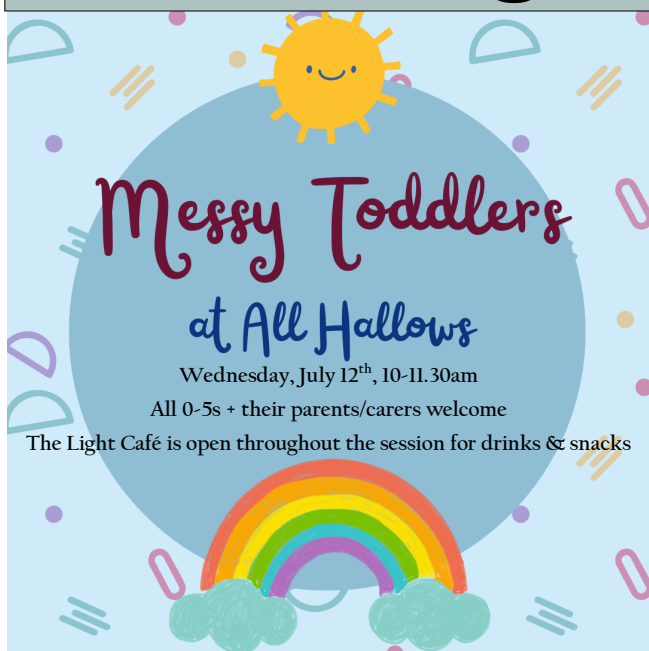
This is one of the odd statements out there when people with apparently great knowledge pronounce that these EVs are all well and good but that the National Grid won't be able to cope. The big problem with that statement is it is not what the people at the National Grid themselves actually say. There are plans in place to increase the Grid's capacity anyway as most of our lives become more electric, but the Grid can and will absolutely cope.

Also, one of the odd complaints people make against EVs are to do with fossil fuels being burned to produce the electricity that the cars are charged with. We charge at night time, when typically about 10-15% of the Grid in our area comes from burning gas, the rest is greener energy such as wind and nuclear. We often charge our car with almost 100% wind energy over night and actively choose to do so on windier nights (there are apps that show you).

They are too expensive

This is the big problem. Any newer technology tends to be more expensive and because EVs are running for longer than people expected there still isn't much of a second hand market (we were really fortunate to get ours second hand). However, it is expected that by the start of 2027 new EVs will cost the same as new petrol cars. It is also worth pointing out that one EV will last as long as two or three petrol cars, so the lifetime cost is actually cheaper. And finally we used to pay about 20p per mile for our diesel, but we now pay about 5p per mile for our EV.

Regular Events



Messy Toddlers
at All Hallows

Wednesday, July 12th, 10-11.30am
All 0-5s + their parents/carers welcome
The Light Café is open throughout the session for drinks & snacks



ALL HALLOWS
Youth Group

WEDNESDAYS 7-8.30PM

For Year 7 upwards, every week in term-time.
Free—but bring money for tuck!



All Hallows Social Night

Last Thursday of every month
7.30–9.00pm

Join us for a relaxed evening of games, conversation & fun:
Pool, air hockey, table tennis, board games, drinks, cake & more

Everyone Welcome

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THE LIGHT CAFÉ

The Light Café is open 9am-1:30pm every Wednesday in term time. We serve drinks, breakfast, lunch and homemade cakes—plus there's always someone for you to chat to if you'd like some company. If it's not a Messy Toddlers week, there'll be play equipment out in the café for pre-schoolers. We'd love to welcome you in!



Meet together, pray together, share life together—join a small group today!

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WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

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 and a group for high-school age young people. One of the Welcome Team can show you where these groups meet. 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.

All Hallows:
A church where we:

Love God

Love each other

Love the people of
Cheadle

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