

All Hallows News



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The Cost

The cost of living crisis is really starting to bite for many people now. We have been seeing various food items and other products increase in price over the course of the past 6 months or so, there has been the gas price crisis throughout this past winter and now the horrendous war in Ukraine is also causing further pressure on to food and energy prices alike.

We are hearing more and more tragic stories of people having to decide whether to pay for food or heating. Sadly, there have always been some families facing this grim reality,

but now the sheer number of families falling into such need is catastrophic. Times are very tough for many people.

Even for many people not in such a dire position there are important decisions to be made about what things to cut down on and how to manage finances throughout this economic crisis, which we are told is likely to last for about a year.

How much do things cost and are they worth that cost at the moment? These are the kinds of questions that people are having to ask themselves.

I don't think that we can underestimate how serious a situation this is for many people and so we should be all the more kind and ready to find ways of supporting those in great need at this time.

As I think about these things and think about the message of Easter, which we will be celebrating this month, I'm also aware of the cost that Jesus took upon himself.

Ephesians 5:2 says, *"Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."*

Jesus knows what it is to be human and to pay a



cost. That does not in any way minimise the costs that those struggling financially today have to face.

But, the cost that Jesus faced and took upon himself was his own life. It was freely given so that those who turn to him do not need to pay any cost for their own sin. We do not need to earn forgiveness from God, because that forgiveness has been bought for us - at a price. The price was paid by Jesus, by his death on the cross.

But the great victory of our faith is that after the price was paid, God proved that it was paid in full when he raised Jesus from the dead. The great cost that brings us great freedom.

Happy Easter,

Paul

The Green Zone

We are introducing a new segment to the monthly newsletter - The Green Zone. The aim is for us to share ideas of simple and practical things that we can all do live in a more environmentally friendly way.

This week's suggestion is to wash your clothes on a 20 degree wash. Firstly, it works. Secondly, washing machines use huge amounts of energy getting water up to temperature, so having a lower temperature saves energy. Thirdly, as it reduces our energy usage it also saves us money.



Holy Week (& Beyond)

Holy Week will be upon us in no time and it is great that we are able to have more of a 'normal' pattern this year, than we have been able to have over the past 2 Covid-impacted years. There is even the added bonus of a Messy Church thrown into the mix too!

Palm Sunday - The morning and evening services will take place as normal, but we will also be holding a Messy Church at 4:00. This is a great event to invite people along to. It includes activities to do, a short time of reflection and food!. *(So there is no need to plan an evening meal!)*

Maundy Thursday - We will be having a service of Last Supper Reflections, which will include sharing Holy Communion together. We are delighted that friends from Chelwood Baptist Church will be able to join us again for this service, as has been our joint tradition pre-Covid. The service starts at 7:30.

Good Friday - A reflective morning service at which we remember Jesus' journey to the cross and his sacrifice of himself so that our sins can be forgiven. After this service we are encouraged to join with friends from Chelwood Baptist in their Walk of Witness around the local area.

Easter Sunday - Before the morning service a special breakfast of croissants and pain au chocolat will be on offer for anybody who comes early enough. We will have our special Easter Sunday family service, which will be followed by Holy Communion for those who wish to stay behind for that and an Easter Egg Hunt for the children. The bouncy castle will also be up for further fun as we celebrate together after the service has finished. (There is an evening service on Easter Sunday as well, of course.)

APCM - Our annual meeting takes place on 24th April (so no evening service that day) and will be followed by a Bring & Share lunch.

Holy Week at All Hallows



Palm Sunday (10th April)

4:00 Messy Church

Maundy Thursday (14th April)

7:30pm Last Supper Reflections (with Holy Communion)

Good Friday (15th April)

10:00am A Reflective Service

Easter Sunday (17th April)

9:00am Special Easter Breakfast (served until 9:45)

10:00am All Age Easter Celebration

(followed by Holy Communion or an Easter Egg Hunt and Bouncy Castle for children)

6:30pm Evening Service



What's on?

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**



MESSY TODDLERS

10:00-11:30

Wednesday 20th April

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poverty

CAP

**CAP
DEBT
HELP**

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.

Social Night



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



Ladies Bible Study takes place at 10:30 on Thursdays 7th and 21st April.

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 usually an offering, 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.

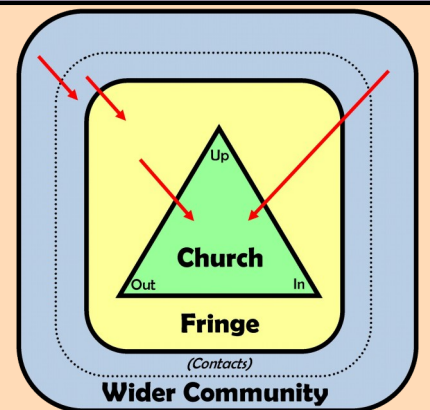
JOIN A HOMEGROUP
If you're not in one, there are a number of groups that meet in homes throughout the week to get to know each other better, look at the Bible and pray together.

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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