



Unless the Lord builds the house...

There is so much coming up over the next few months at All Hallows that our church notices throughout August have been taking some time to get through. That's unheard of. Usually, because everything has shut down for the summer, there is little to say and so the notices are quick. Not so this year.

'Summer at Church' has been taking place on Wednesday mornings, in the place of our usual Light Café. When we put out questionnaires to people in the community at the start of this year one of the clearest messages received was that there is not much to go to during the summer holidays - for families or retired people. So, this is our response to that message.

A second notice is that we are relaunching our church Life Groups, and those groups will all be going through the new Bible Course, produced by Bible Society. We are encouraging as many of us as possible to join those groups as they are also places where we can be real about life with a group of people who are on our side - and where we can find mutual support.

Bible sales have been growing extraordinarily over recent years, with a much greater interest from the wider public than we have seen for many years. So, we also want to use this great resource to help anybody from the wider community to learn more. There will be special groups set up, or anybody can come along and join one of our church Life Groups while we do the Bible Course (and can stay on afterwards if they happen to want to do so).

We will be taking a group along to a special event at the Co-op Arena on the evening of Saturday 3rd October, which is being run by Billy Graham Ministries. This is a space for people who have some interest in the Christian faith to go along and hear more from some world-renowned speakers - but also go along with a Christian friend for support.

So, there is a huge amount going on this summer and as we get into the autumn. But, I have found myself thinking about the opening words to Psalm 127 in the Bible as I think about all these things. The psalmist writes, *"Unless the Lord builds the house, the builders labour in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain."*

So, what does that mean then? It means that we can have all of the best ideas and plans in the world, but if they do not match up with the plans and purposes of God then our plans will fail. It means that even though we want what is best for the people who live in our community, if we are striving for those things without God's hand of blessing then our work will be all the poorer for it.

That being the case the biggest thing that we are planning to do over the coming weeks is to join in with a Global Week of Prayer (6th to 13th September), because we ultimately need God to work among us and in our world. Events will take place throughout the week and anybody is welcome to join us for that. You would be very welcome at any / all of these things.

God bless,

Paul

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.

SEPTEMBER 2026

Wednesday 2nd

9:30-11:30 Summer at Church

Sunday 6th

10:00 Morning Family of God Service

6:30 Evening Communion Service

Global Week of Prayer Begins

Wednesday 9th

9:00-1:00 Light Café

9:30-11:00 Messy Toddlers

1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought

7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Saturday 12th

10:00 PCC Away Morning

12:30 Church Lunch at St Martin's

1:30 Church Walk

Sunday 13th

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School

6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday 16th

9:00-1:00 Light Café

1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought

7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Sunday 20th

10:00 Morning Communion Service & Sunday School

6:30 Evening Service

Monday 21st

7:30 PCC

Wednesday 23rd

9:00-1:00 Light Café

1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought

7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Thursday 24th

7:30 Social Night

Sunday 27th

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School

6:30 Evening Service

PRAYER MEETINGS

Monday

10:00-11:00 Zoom Prayers

Tuesday and Thursday

9:30-10:00 Morning Prayer in Room 2
(off the Church Hall)

Wednesday

1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought in Church

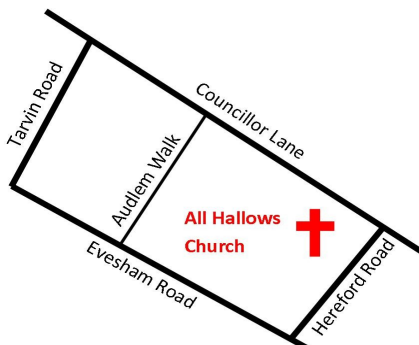
Saturday Prayer Relays

Book a half hour slot during the day to pray, before somebody else takes over

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