



Our World & Jesus

As I sit down to write this short article I do so in the opening days of 2026. It has already been a tumultuous year so far, and if the events of the first week or so are setting a precedent for the rest of the year then the mind boggles as to what other things might take place in the world.

The reality that we have seen over the past few years is that the world we knew is changing. Bigger, powerful countries are invading lesser powerful countries – and seem to be getting away with it. Money is tighter for so many people – and it might well get a lot worse. Our political systems don't seem to be working anymore – so, who will actually be able to represent us? Climate issues are affecting our weather patterns, water levels, ability to grow food, the air that we breathe and international migration – yet, climate deniers seem to be getting their way. AI is getting more powerful – and will likely take a lot of our jobs.

Added to that, people in the West are waking up to the lie that secularism has been pushing down our throats for decades – that you can be anything you want to be. It doesn't look like that, or feel like that, does it? And then there are the ordinary, everyday issues that people have to face too. Is it any wonder we've got such a huge mental health crisis going on at the moment?

So, where does Jesus fit into all of this, and how big is our view of God? For so many years there was this idea that was pushed and believed by many people in our churches that when we give our lives to Jesus everything will be OK. That God is on the side of his people and so bad things won't happen to us - unless we are disobedient to him. But these views were never correct; even though some people in the Church still believe them today.

We only have to think back to the days of Jesus and what the world was like at that time. He was a Jewish man living in Israel, which was under the rule of the emperor in Rome and his empire. Bad things happened to people. People generally didn't live as long because there wasn't anything like the level of health care that we have today. Jesus' own earthly father, Joseph, almost certainly died before Jesus started his ministry. There was poverty. There was fear. There were disagreements between people. The world was tumultuous.

So, it turns out that the gospel accounts of the ministry of Jesus and of the things he said and taught are incredibly relevant to a messy, unpredictable world. This winter we are looking at the story of Jesus from Mark's Gospel, and we will see how Jesus really does have so much to say into the world that we are living in today.

God bless and Happy New Year,

Paul

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Stopping Poverty in Stockport

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Rosemary is a local debt coach from All Hallows helping people here in Stockport out of financial difficulties. At Christians Against Poverty (CAP), we believe that tackling UK poverty should be on everybody's priority list. Here are six reasons why.

One in five of us lives in poverty

Millions of people across the UK currently live in poverty and it's on our doorstep here in Stockport. We may not always see it but there are families in our area who are struggling with spiralling debts and are unable to afford their basic needs. This is an issue that's much bigger, and much closer, than you might realise.

It impacts our local health services

The negative effect of severe financial difficulty on a person's physical and mental health directly impacts other public services, such as the NHS and mental health support. Many of those who seek debt help from CAP tell us their financial situation has affected their health in some way. For some, it worsened an existing condition, while it caused new health problems for others.

Millions are going without essentials

Every person should have access to the basic essentials they need to survive, such as food and a warm, safe home, but millions in the UK are skipping meals or going without heating and electricity. With positive actions we can help one household at a time out of debt and poverty and strengthen our communities.

Our future is at risk

Of the millions living in poverty in the UK, many are children. We know that financial difficulty affects all aspects of childhood, including schoolwork and friendships. With so many children at risk of falling behind in life, there will be an inevitable impact on the future of our society if we don't work together to tackle poverty and give kids the best opportunity to thrive and be successful in life.

Ending UK poverty will take all of us

It's crucial that MP's from all political parties have tackling poverty as a high priority on their agenda. You can join CAP's campaigning community at capuk.org/campaign to receive regular updates on how you can take part in the fight against poverty.

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CAP days: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a UK charity working with over 1000 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



This month's idea to help us all to consider how to better live in an environmentally friendly way is to put ourselves in a position to find out more information and be challenged by it.

Podcasts are a great modern day way of finding out more about issues that interest us. There are a large number of good podcasts that talk about environmental issues in different ways. They include: Everything Electric TECH, Going Green or Just Have a Think (for those who like the more nerdy, technical stuff).

This January, why not make a New Year's Resolution to listen to such a podcast once a week and find out how more about climate change and about how you can live in a better way?

What's On?

Open Wednesdays (School term-time) 9:00am - 1:00pm

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 preschoolers. We also have a 'Pause for Thought' at 1:00.

Messy Toddlers takes place during Café, 9:30-11:00 once a month.

We'd love to welcome you in!

Messy Toddlers

all 0-5s and their parents / carers welcome

9:30-11:00am

Wednesdays:

- 14th January
- 11th February
- 11th March
- 15th April

Lots of great toys, stories, crafts and chats. Plus the Light Café is open for drinks and snacks.

All Hallows Church Cheadle

7:30-9:00pm.
LAST THURSDAY EVENING OF THE MONTH

SOCIAL NIGHT

All are welcome.
(Under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult)

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Free Debt Help Available

All Hallows has partnered with CAP in order to help people out of debt. The Stockport Debt Centre is based here and we work in all Stockport postcodes from SK1 to SK8. We are building links with other churches across the Stockport area so that local churches can give the most holistic support possible to local CAP clients.

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.

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ALL HALLOWS
Youth Group

WEDNESDAYS 7-8.30PM

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. 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.

JANUARY 2026

Sunday 4th

10:00 Morning Commissioning Service
6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday 7th

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

Sunday 11th

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School
6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday 14th

9:00-1:00 Light Café
9:30-11:00 Messy Toddlers
1:00-1:30 Café Carols
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Sunday 18th

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School
6:30 Evening Service

Monday 19th

7:30 PCC

Wednesday 21st

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

Sunday 25th

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School
6:30 Evening Service

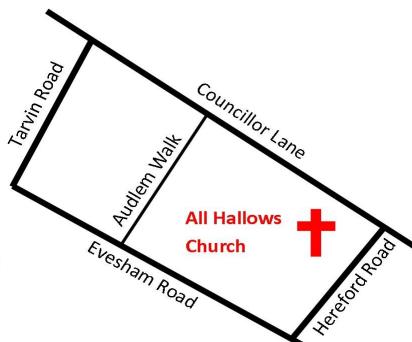
Wednesday 28th

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

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If you would like to make a one-off donation to the work of All Hallows Church you can do so by using the QR Code.

PRAYER MEETINGS

Monday

10:00-11:00 Zoom Prayers

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:30-10:00 Morning Prayer in Church

Saturday Prayer Relays

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