

All Hallows News



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Shining Like Stars

In our evening services we are currently working our way through Paul's Letter to the Philippians. It is an extraordinary letter with so many well known Bible verses in it. Chapter 2 of Philippians feel like it goes from one amazing statement to another.

In verse 5 Paul says that our attitudes should be the same as that of Christ Jesus. GULP!!!!

He then goes on to write about how Jesus was God by his very nature, and yet chose to come into the world and live as a man. Not only that, but he chose to serve people and then to die in our place on the

cross. Our attitudes toward each other should be the same as that of Jesus towards us. GULP!!!!

Paul then goes on to say to his readers that they should continue to work out what it means for them to be followers of Jesus in the world. A huge part of that is to shine like stars in a world which holds so much darkness.

And, as we often say, the world hasn't changed much in 2,000 years. Yes, there have been extraordinary advancements in science, technology and industry. Human beings are able to do so many more things than we

could in the days that the New Testament were written. But, people are essentially still the same. There is still this ongoing battle of light and darkness in our world.

"Shine like stars."

If you look at the night sky it isn't usually the darkness that catches the eye, it's the stars. It might be the bright ones. It might be the constellations that we see, with stars fitting together to make particular shapes.

"Shine like stars."

Our call is to shine like stars in the darkness; to draw the gaze of others away from the darkness



and at the light. That might be individuals shining brightly or it might be a number of us shining together.

"Shine like stars."

So let us follow the example of Jesus and seek to have his attitude of service to others. Let us speak well of others. Let us support others. Let us use our money, our time and our resources to help others. Let's be those who genuinely love our neighbour and stand up for those who are different (even if we disagree with them). Let us be those who build community and help relationships to heal. Let us stand against violence and injustice. Let us care for God's creation. Let us "Shine like stars."

God bless,

Paul

The Green Zone

In this newsletter segment we aim to share ideas of simple and practical things that we can all do to live in a more environmentally friendly way.

The shortage of water is obviously a big issue at the moment. Minimising wastage is a simple thing that we can all do; along with having shorter showers etc. When we put the shower on most of us let it run for a few moments while it warms up. You can catch that water in a bucket and use it in your garden.



Let's Get Going for the Autumn

This is always an exciting time of the year for us. Hopefully we are all well rested after the summer. The schools are back and children and young people have gone up a year. The sun is still shining (well maybe not always) and we just feel ready to go again.

Thankfully there are lots of things for us to be joining / going along to / helping out at.

The Light Café is back on Wednesday 7th September. This was set up initially to help those who are socially isolated, particularly because of the pandemic. The café has not only brought people who live on their own together, but has also brought all kinds of people together. We now have a regular group of mums and toddlers who meet up to support each other, and some of our local neighbours use the café as a base to meet up. Once a month we also have **Messy Toddlers** while the café is running and each week we have a **'Pause for Thought'** at 1:00.

The Message Bus is coming on Wednesday evenings from 14th September and we hope it is going to help us to kick start our **Youth Club**. We had a youth club before the pandemic, but many of those teenagers got older and have finished school since, meaning that we no longer had a critical mass. We are going for it again because young people in the area are desperate for a safe environment for them to be together and enjoy each other's company.

Life Groups are starting / restarting. We used to call them home groups but we are changing the name for a couple of reasons. Firstly, because of the pandemic they are no longer all in people's homes. Secondly, we want to make it clear that the focus of these small groups is doing life together. A major part of that is studying the Bible, but Life Groups are not about us gaining more knowledge. So, we look at these things together and work out the implications for our day-to-day lives. We have a support group with each other, so that we can help each other out and keep each other accountable. We have people who we can share concerns with and ask for prayer; especially if we wouldn't want too many people knowing about these things. The Life Groups will meet at different points and in different venues throughout the week.



We are also looking at how we can best support our young people and so are setting up two Life Groups for their ages too, which will meet on Sunday mornings.



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



THE
LIGHT
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THE MESSAGE BUS WILL BE COMING ON
WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, FROM 14TH SEPTEMBER
(AIMED AT THOSE IN SCHOOL YEARS 7-9 - BUT OTHERS CAN COME TOO!)

MESSY TODDLERS

10:00-11:30

Wednesday 14th September

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DEBT
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Free Debt Help Available

All Hallows has partnered with Christians Against Poverty 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.

C O N T R O L

BECAUSE ABUSE HAPPENS
IN CHURCHES TOO

Press Red is proud to present:

CONTROL

A powerful drama designed to make churches aware of domestic abuse and equip them to respond.

Written by Matt Britton and performed by Matt Britton and Emily Lawson, 'Control' is a powerful production highlighting the impact of domestic abuse on the relationship of a church-going couple.

16th September 2022 at 7:30pm
The Upper Room Cheadle

Tickets cost £10 and are available from:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/391067542547>

Not suitable for children under 16.



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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 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.

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.

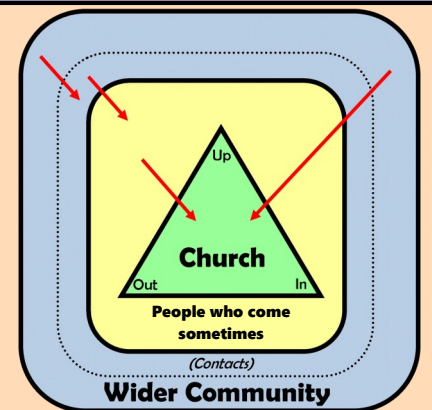
JOIN A HOMEGROUP
If you're not in one, there are a number of groups that meet in homes throughout the week to get to know each other better, look at the Bible and pray together.

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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