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As Family We Go

There are lots of really helpful metaphors in the Bible that help us to understand what the Church is. One of those metaphors is that the Church is like a family.

In the Christian Church we sometimes talk about fellow Christians as being brothers and sisters. That is not to undermine our own families, but the Church is another family that we belong to. But, this means that people across the world who we have never met are brothers and sisters, they are family to us.

At All Hallows the metaphor of Church being like a family is really important to us. We try to look like and be a family in everything that we do, from our Sunday services, to our midweek activities to the way that we are with each other for the rest of the time.

For our first service of the year we hold a special Commissioning Service, when we commit ourselves to God's service and we say that we will serve him together in the coming year.

This is a special service for us and is not just for the grown-ups. Whilst children will naturally be at different places spiritually, with some having committed themselves to following Jesus and some not, we do believe that people of all ages have an important place in the family of our church.

One of the other metaphors that the Bible gives about the Church is that of a body. Just like the human body needs all of the different parts to do what they are designed



for, so each person in the Church needs to play the part that God has equipped them to do. Everybody has a part to play.

At our Commissioning Service we remind each other that we all have a part to play and that we serve God together. As family we go!

Rev Paul Cumming

A Bit of Strategy

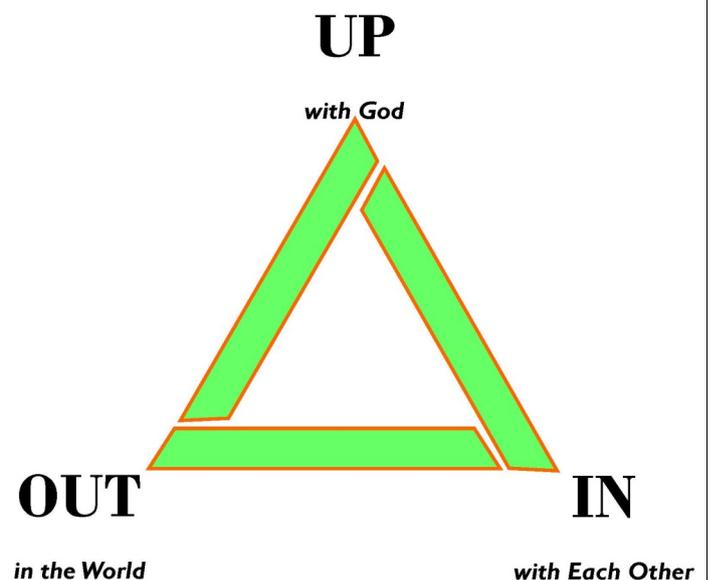
At All Hallows we aim to grow. Of course, we want our church to grow in terms of the numbers of people coming, and over the years we are delighted that has happened. But, there are other (more important) ways that we aim to grow too.

We aim to grow upwards, in our relationship with God and our love for him.

We aim to grow inwards, in our relationships with other members of our church family, and with Christians in other churches too.

We aim to grow outwards, in our relationships with the people of our wider community and in our love and respect for them too.

As we do this we follow the teachings of Jesus.





Alpha

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

How much is it?

There's no charge for Alpha.

Who is it for?

Alpha is for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish.

How does it work?

Alpha is eleven sessions with an optional day in the middle. Each session includes food, a short film and a discussion at the end where you can share your thoughts. At any point, if you think Alpha isn't for you, that is not a problem. There's no pressure, no follow up and no charge.

When is Alpha?

The course takes place **8:00-9:30pm from Wednesday 15th January** with food being provided.

There will be a week off on 19th February due to school half term holidays.

**To find out more or to book a place please contact us on
0161 428 9121 or allhallows.cheadle@gmail.com**



What's on?

Breakfast at the Church



Start your day with a hearty breakfast for just

£1 per person

Pre-schoolers free

Tuesdays served between 8 & 10am

(Term time only)

Plenty of choices: *Including fruit juice, tea, coffee, cereal, toast or a cooked breakfast*

All ages welcome. No need to book beforehand.

Meet new people or bring your family & friends.

TUES 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th January

Café at the Church

A safe place for anybody to meet, eat and chat



10:00-12:00 on Friday mornings

FRI 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st January

AGE: High Schoolers

DAY: Thursday

TIME: 7:30-9:00

VENUE: All Halls
Church Hall

COST: £1 + money for tuck shop

A youth group with great activities available.



THURS 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th January

rock solid

An adult's traditional service in an informal setting



Cake and Communion Service



11:00 start on the 2nd Thursday of the month

THURS 9th January

FOR: Toddlers and Carers

DAY: Wednesday

TIME: 10:00-11:30

VENUE: All Halls
Church Hall

COST: £1.50

Expect loads of toast, toys, songs and stories about Jesus.



WED 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th January

Play At The Church

Social Night



7:30-9:00 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

WED 15th January

Bringing lonely 50+ in society together with others



Lunch Plus

Soup and sandwiches, followed by cake and tea
12:30 start on the last Thursday of the month

Do you want to have a service to celebrate the birth of your child and how amazing they are?

We have 2 options, a Baptism or a Thanksgiving Service.

One requires an ongoing commitment to bring your child to church, the other doesn't. You choose.

Chat with Paul the vicar for more details.

Baptism or Thanksgiving?



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**; you choose! Either stay in the service (don't worry about noise) OR use our Crèche Room at the back of church. **Ages 3+**; Sunday School meet in rooms at the end of the hall, down the ramp. 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.

Got questions about life



Alpha

#TryAlpha
Alpha.org

An Alpha Course is taking place again in the New Year. See Paul or contact the office for more details.

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