

All Hallows News



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Fighting Poverty

A few years ago the church was privileged to receive a financial legacy from a member of the local community. There were no conditions attached to the money in a formal sense, although conversations with the gentleman made it clear that he hoped it would in some way serve people from the wider community.

We had already been thinking about joining up with Christians Against Poverty and setting up a Debt Centre at All Hallows. But, this is quite a costly thing to do and so finance was previously prohibitive. But, because of the legacy, we could now afford to start this up.

Then in 2020 the pandemic hit, which has led to all kinds of other complications and we were also very fortunate to have Catherine and Gilly work with us as curates. The need was increasing, the initial money was there and Catherine had the time to get the Debt Centre off the ground. She did so brilliantly and we have been able to help 60-70 families in the Stockport area since.

CAP are a fantastic organisation who help all kinds of people out of debt, regardless of the faith of those clients. It is called Christians Against Poverty because we are Christians and we are against poverty.

It is that simple. It is funded and actioned by Christians for anybody in the wider community.

Jesus called his followers to love their neighbour, and this is one way that we try to do that. As I look across the Bible I see time and time again the call for people to stand up for and look after the poor. For instance, one translation of Psalm 41:1 says, "Blessed is the one who considers the poor."

This February we are holding our CAP Sunday, when we can think about these things together, where we can pray for those in need (including our CAP clients) and where we



can encourage each other to do what we can to help those around us.

Jesus once said, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Jesus is taking the picture of financial poverty and applying it to all people's lives. Just as poor people so often need help, all people need help spiritually because of our spiritual poverty. And just as those in financial poverty need to accept help, so do those in spiritual poverty.

We are all in need of a Saviour because our sin has separated us from God. But through Jesus our sin can be forgiven and we can inherit the kingdom of heaven.

Fighting poverty, in all its forms, is so important.

God bless,

Paul

The Green Zone

This month's suggestion is for those of us with gardens to think about getting a water butt (or more if you can).

Recent hot summers, lower levels of rainfall and the scorching of the land has shown us the need for us to think about how we use our water. Water is an incredibly precious resource and it is going to become even more precious as the world gets warmer.

Catching our water now for our gardens is a good and responsible way of caring for people and the environment.



Life Groups

At All Hallows we remind ourselves of the commands of Jesus for us to love God, to love our neighbour as ourselves and to love each other as Jesus loves us. One way in which we try to do that is in small groups, where we can 'do life' together and can be a real and genuine support to each other.

At these Life Groups we learn about aspects of living out the Christian faith together as we look at the Bible, discuss, learn from each other's experiences and we find out ways that we can do things for each other's good.

We often base our Life Group studies on the preaching series from Sunday mornings and we are doing that at the moment. The current preaching series looks at the themes that are brought up from the Kintsugi Hope wellbeing course. We are not doing the course at the moment, but are looking at the themes and what the Bible teaches us about those themes. In the same way, the studies in our Life Groups are not the course itself but are the themes from the Bible. These themes look at issues such as anger and perfectionism and others that can affect our wellbeing. So, these are really helpful and practical themes for us to be working through together.

If you are not in a Life Group then please do consider joining one. Speak to Paul or Barbara and we will help you to get connected to a group. We are starting a **Youth Life Group** towards the end of the **Wednesday** youth club, and it will run from **8:00-9:00**.

Also, at some point in the near future we will be holding an actual Kintsugi Hope wellbeing group, which looks at these issues and gives us some very helpful tools to strengthen our wellbeing.

People from church and our wider community have been part of previous groups and found them to be so helpful. So do watch this space for more details, which will be announced over the next couple of months.



AGE: High Schoolers

DAY: Wednesday (term time)

TIME: 7:00-8:30

**VENUE: All Hallows
Church Hall**

COST: Free + money for tuck shop

A youth group with great activities available.



FEBRUARY DIARY

Wednesday 1st

9:00-4:00 Warm Space
9:00-2:00 Light Café
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought
7:00-8:30/9:00 Youth Club

Friday 3rd

2:00-6:00 Warm Space

Sunday 5th

10:00 CAP Family Service
6:30 Evening Communion Service

Monday 6th

10:00 Zoom Prayers

Wednesday 8th

9:00-4:00 Warm Space
9:00-2:00 Light Café
10:00-11:30 Messy Toddlers
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought
7:00-8:30/9:00 Youth Club

Friday 10th

2:00-6:00 Warm Space

Sunday 12th

10:00 Morning Service
6:30 Evening Service

Monday 13th

10:00 Zoom Prayers

Wednesday 15th

9:00-4:00 Warm Space
9:00-2:00 Light Café
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought
7:00-8:30/9:00 Youth Club

Friday 17th

2:00-6:00 Warm Space

Sunday 19th

10:00 Communion Service
6:30 Evening Service

Monday 20th

10:00 Zoom Prayers
7:30 Leaders & Preachers Mtg

Wednesday 22nd

9:00-4:00 Warm Space
2:00-2:30 Ash Wed Communion

Thursday 23rd

7:30-9:00 Social Night

Friday 24th

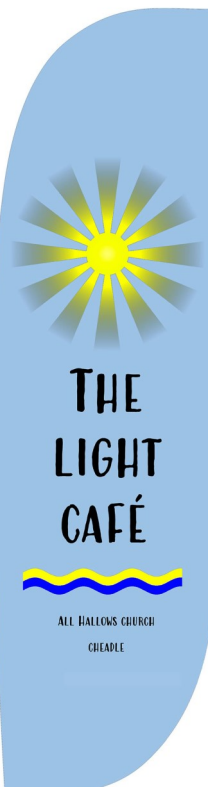
2:00-6:00 Warm Space

Sunday 26th

10:00 Communion Service
6:30 Evening Service


(In addition to these dates, various Life Groups are taking place throughout the month. Speak to Paul or Barbara for more details.)

What's on?




OPEN WEDNESDAYS
9:00AM - 2:00PM

SERVING BREAKFAST,
LUNCH, HOME MADE
CAKES & FREE DRINKS



TODDLERS
EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE
9:00AM - 12:00AM



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Cheadle

MESSY TODDLERS
10:00-11:30
Wednesday 8th February



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CAP
DEBT
HELP

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.

Social Night



23rd Feb

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

Warm Space

WEDNESDAYS	FRIDAYS
9:00-4:00	2:00-6:00

The heating is on in the church hall. You are warmly welcomed to come and share it, and enjoy cake and a cuppa, and some good company while you are here. Further activities will be available to enjoy at these times too.

(Other times may become available too.)

[You can find us at All Hallows Church, Councillor Lane, Cheadle.]



All Hallows Church
Cheadle

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.

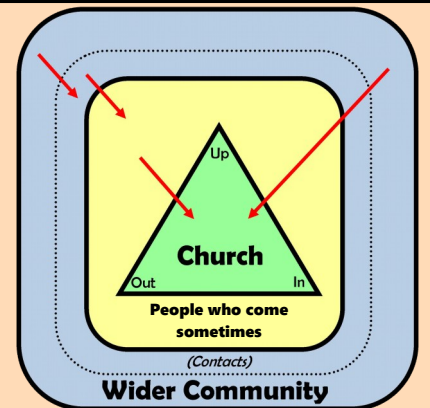
JOIN A HOMEGROUP
If you're not in one, there are a number of groups that meet in homes throughout the week to get to know each other better, look at the Bible and pray together.

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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