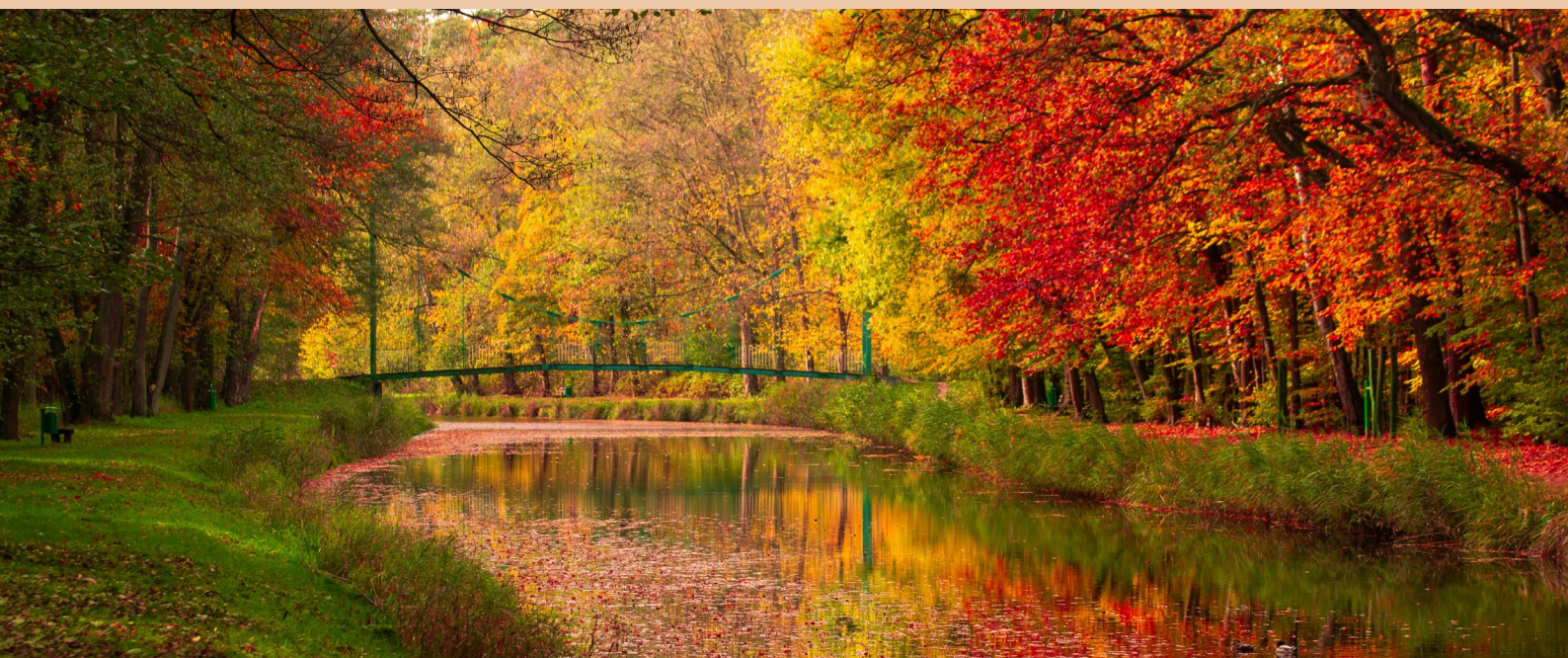




When it just doesn't relent

What is the longest month of the year? You might be think that's a daft question as there are a few months that have 31 days. But at the end of October the clocks will go back an hour as we enter Greenwich Mean Time, and so October is 31 days and 1 hour long - making it the longest month of the year. It often feels like a long month too. It gets darker earlier and by the end of the month many of us will be getting up in the dark. The summer holidays feel a long time ago and the fun of Christmas (for those who enjoy it) still feels a long way away. It is literally the longest month and it often feels like it too. Have I depressed you enough yet?

But the thing about October is that it is also one of the most visually stunning months of the year. Driving down Councillor Lane can even be pleasant, with the vast array of colours on the trees, and we often get some stunning sunsets in October. In church and in schools we usually celebrate harvest festivals during October. Of course different crops are harvested at different points in the year, but traditionally we stop and remind ourselves of God's goodness and blessings towards us during the month of October.

I do think that there is a great metaphor for us here, as we think about the month of October. Even in the longest of times, when it feels like we are far away from enjoyable events, there will still be amazing moments that capture our minds and make us so grateful. Many of us had such moments during the first spring and summer of the pandemic. Everything was clearly disrupted and we did not want to be living through that time, but there were so many moments of joy and an appreciation of the good things and people in the world around us.

I've had some mental health struggles this year which I continue to recover from. But, I do remember distinctly in the midst of the most difficult times that there were promises of God in the Bible that I found so helpful and uplifting.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord. 'Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.'" (Jeremiah 29:11)

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28)

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

The month of October can be a great metaphor for life as a whole. What I do know from experience, is that when we are going through those difficult moments which feel like they are lasting for ever, God is able to lift our eyes above the gloom and to trust in and even see his great plans and purposes for us. So, whatever your personal struggles, be encouraged.

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.

OCTOBER 2026

Sunday 4th

10:00 Harvest Family of God Service
6:30 Evening Communion 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
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Sunday 18th

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

Monday 19th

7:00 Life Group Leaders Meeting
8:00 Readers Meeting

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

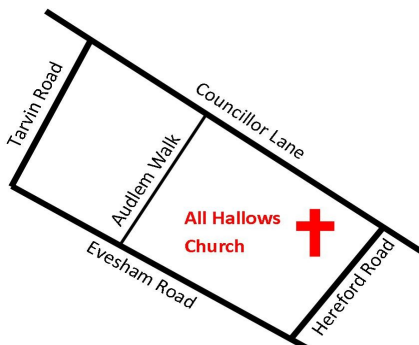
Thursday 29th

7:30 Social Night

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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 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