

ALL HALLOWS NEWS



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December 2019

The Nativity Story

This December we are delighted to have the team from the Bible Encounter Trust bring their Christmas Story Trail to All Hallows. When people tell a story well words come off a page and you find yourself being lost in that scene.

Put that alongside the fantastic sets that the team create and this really is a winning formula for an amazing experience.

Children from local schools will be able to come along and to see

and experience the Christmas Story Trail, and there will be an opportunity for the wider public to come along too.

We will also be holding our regular Christmas events and services, which will include our Nativity Service. At that service the children will act out the Christmas story for us, and there will be a part to play for any child who wishes to join in.

As I think of the Nativity Story I am conscious that different people tell

the story in different ways. Different parts of the story get included or dropped, maybe depending upon what we were taught as children and maybe dependent upon what we want the story to feel like.

I prefer to be honest with this story and say that it was really tough for those involved.

Mary and Joseph were first time parents, most likely ostracised by their families. They were poor and so Mary had to give birth surrounded by



animals, rather than in a warm and safe environment. And then they had to flee their country as refugees because of a despot king. It's not that nice when you think about it.

But this is the way that Jesus, the Saviour, chose to come into the world. Amazing!

Rev Paul Cumming

Christmas can be a time of great joy, but it can also be a time that brings great sadness or reminds us of a loss that we have endured.

This year we are holding a 'Blue Christmas' service, which is designed for people who struggle a bit at this time of year, but still want to celebrate and remember the hope that Christmas brings.

If you or somebody you know would find this service helpful then you are very welcome to join us.

4:00–5:00

Sunday, 22nd December

Blue Christmas

Special Service of Remembrance and Hope

A special service for people who like Christmas, but struggle at this time of year because things have changed.

Christmas at All Hallows



FULLY BOOKED!

Monday, 5th & Tuesday, 10th December

6:30-7:15 Christmas Story Trail

(Open for the General Public)

Friday, 6th December

6:30-7:00 Carols on the Green

(by the Post Office on Councillor Lane)

Saturday, 14th December

5:00-7:00 Christmas Concert

(Salvation Army Brass Band playing Christmas songs, with turkey sandwiches)

Sunday 15th December

10:00-11:00 Nativity Family Service

(with a part to play for every child)

Sunday, 22nd December

4:00-5:00 Blue Christmas Service

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6:30-7:30 Carols by Candlelight

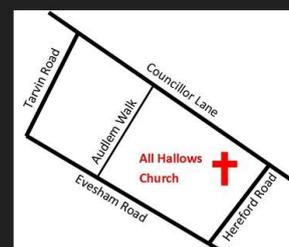
Christmas Eve

4:00-4:30 Christingle Service

Christmas Day

10:00-11:00 Christmas Day Service

(followed by a short Holy Communion)



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 3rd December

FOR: Toddlers and Carers

DAY: Wednesday

TIME: 10:00-11:30

VENUE: All Hallows Church Hall

COST: £1.50

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



Play At The Church

Back in January

AGE: High Schoolers

DAY: Thursday

TIME: 7:30-9:00

VENUE: All Hallows Church Hall

COST: £1 + money for tuck shop

A youth group with great activities available.



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THURS 5th December

Café at the Church

A safe place for anybody to meet, eat and chat



10:00-12:00 on Friday mornings

Back in January

An adult's traditional service in an informal setting



Cake and Communion Service



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

THURS 12th December

Social Night



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

Back in 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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