

All Hallows News



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Plans

The experience of the past couple of years has meant that we are aware of the need to hold plans lightly. That is, we can make them but we need to be aware that they might need to change - even at the last minute.

At our Commissioning Service this year we are looking at Jeremiah 29:11, which says: ***“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.”***

These are such encouraging words, and they were written to the Israelites as they faced many years of disruption themselves. God has plans for his people, even in the midst of huge disruption. Sounds relevant, doesn't it?

We will be looking at the general principles of those plans at our Commissioning Service, so no give-aways now. But here, I want to give you some of our (lightly held) plans for 2022, as we aim to follow God's

commandments to love him, love each other and love our neighbour as ourselves.

We have started to think about how our buildings and activities can be used and operated in more **ethically sound and environmentally friendly** ways. We are going to push on with this with great energy in the year ahead.

We will be looking at some Biblical principles about **loving and caring for one another well**. Our evening sermons will bring some teaching in the early months of the year and we will be relaunching our Home Groups at different times of the week, but in the church lounge (being a more Covid-safe venue in the short term).

We also want to say to those members of our church who have not been around for a while that we are family, that we love you and that we miss you. We don't want anybody to feel as though it's been so long that they can't come

back now. **You absolutely can and we will be delighted to spend time in your company again.**

We are looking at getting **children's and youth activities** up and running again. Things might look different to before, but we want to make a fresh effort in getting some good and meaningful activities off the ground.

We are going to be doing some **social action** activities for our local community. For instance, some people have been littering more since the pandemic began. It is well known that if an area is messy then more people are likely to then drop litter too. So, we are going to get to work in tidying up the area.

We will also be joining in with **Festival Manchester** in the summer, and looking to do other meaningful social actions as a part of that.

We will be looking to **invite people to church services**, and most



importantly to **introduce people to our friend Jesus**. We can be doing this at any point during the year, but we are going to have a big push at it in the summer months; from the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** weekend, through Festival Manchester and up to the school summer holidays.

Further to all of this we will be continuing our work with **CAP**, in helping people who are in financial difficulties. We will run further **Kintsugi Hope** courses to help people with their mental wellbeing. We will also run **Alpha** courses so that people who are interested can find out more about Jesus.

There's a lot to do. So, let's get to work!

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 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 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.

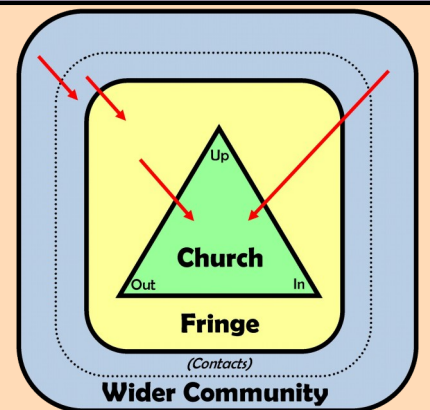
JOIN A HOMEGROUP
If you're not in one, there are a number of groups that meet in homes throughout the week to get to know each other better, look at the Bible and pray together.

BE PART OF THE MISSION
There are lots of ways you can use your gifts to serve God, his Church and the wider community.

Loving God.

Loving each other.

Loving the people of Cheadle.



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