



Bridging the Gap

We are living through strange times, where it feels as if there is so much hatred and division between people. It can seem a little exhausting and we might find ourselves asking the question, "When will all of this end?" But, as that is all going on, I can honestly say that I have had some amazing conversations or meetings with a number of people recently who are so keen to see how we can all work together to make our part of the world a better place.

Those conversations and meetings have been with elected officials, charity workers, people from our own church and other churches, and good neighbours who live in our area. My impression from all of those conversations is of people who are not so concerned about receiving any glory for themselves, but genuinely just wanting to make a positive difference. That is so encouraging and it is something that we need to keep reminding ourselves of. The 'good guys' are usually just there in the background; quietly doing whatever they can for other people and making a significant difference. And that's just the people I have spoken to. There are so many other neighbours and people who work in our area who are just like that too.

As a church we are in the process of looking how we can play a more significant role in making our area a better place for everyone. We have started conversations regarding the grounds at the front of the church, and how they can be adapted to be a nice place for those who just want to sit quietly or a better and safer place for any users of our buildings.

We have also started a process which has had a few titles, but we are now calling Bridging the Gap. It is called that as there are always things that most people are not aware of. For instance, what things do different people in our area think would help in making our area a better place? We can all make guesses, but unless there is some way of us communicating together then we won't get everybody's views. So, there is a 'gap'. Bridging the Gap is about giving people the opportunity to give their responses to 3 simple questions:

1. What is good about living here?
2. What is not so good / could be improved?
3. Is there anything you think the church could do to help improve things?

Over the next few months we would love to have your responses to these questions and, more than that, be something of a catalyst is helping us all to talk more about these things together.

God bless,

Paul

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How Can I Help My Community?

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Times are hard, there's no doubt about it. Many people are affected by increased price hikes and needing to stretch budgets further. If you want to make a positive difference in our community, here are a few simple ways you can.

Talk about money

The shame of debt and poverty can be totally isolating, making it almost impossible for those who need help to reach out. But what if we started talking about money more openly? With Talk Money Week happening this month, now is the perfect time to start a conversation about money. What if we challenged the misconceptions about debt, helping others to realise that there are countless reasons someone might be struggling? It's rarely about overspending; more often than not, it's due to

extremely low household income, or an unexpected circumstance that causes a sudden drop in someone's finances, resulting in unmanageable debt. The reality is that financial troubles can hit anyone, at any time.

There may be people in your close community of friends who you don't even realise are having financial difficulties. Why not strike up a casual conversation about money with them when you get the chance? You might want to check out CAP's article on having conversations about money, at capuk.org/news-and-blog/how-to-have-a-conversation-about-money. If they're struggling financially, point them in the right direction to get help. Visit capuk.org/help to see what free services are available.

Volunteering

Offering practical help to those in need can be really rewarding, so if you're eager to give back to your community, consider volunteering by doing some community outreach near you. So many charities rely on the generous help and hard work of faithful volunteers, so why not reach out to a cause you're passionate about to see how you can offer your skills?

Donate to charity

Have you ever considered regularly giving to a local charity? Often these wonderful causes rely on consistent donations. Whether it's donating money, goods, or your time and skills, donating to charity gives you a real sense of purpose and helps your community to thrive. Many charities tackling poverty are struggling as a result of rising costs whilst demand for their services are increasing. To donate to CAP so we can help more local people out of debt and poverty, visit capuk.org/donate or contact me at [email] for more information on supporting our local work.

Join the campaign to end UK poverty

CAP is committed to supporting people as they get out of debt and gain back control of their finances. By demonstrating compassion and understanding and using our voice in the community, we can have a positive impact in society. Maybe you'd like to join our campaigning group at capuk.org/campaign and be a part of the solution? We can all make a difference to help end local and UK wide poverty.

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a UK charity working with over 1000 affiliated churches to deliver debt help, budgeting guidance, support to find work, life skills education and more. Visit capuk.org to find out more.

The Green Zone



This month's Green Zone suggestion is to do all that you can to keep your house warm.

One of the biggest sources of greenhouse emissions in the UK is our heating systems. That shouldn't be much of a surprise to us as it uses a lot of energy and it is essential to us, especially as we come into the colder months. But, many of our houses are really bad at holding the heat that is produced, which means that even more fossil fuels get burned for our houses to stay warm - adding extra pressure to the environment and our bank accounts. So, this month's suggestion is to check that you have good insulation and draught proofing in your house, and if you have a gas boiler to have it serviced and make sure that it is running as efficiently as possible.

Special Events Coming Up

*If you have been bereaved
we would like to invite you to a*

'Service to Remember'

loved ones who have passed away

6:30pm, 9th November



Christmas at All Hallows

www.allhallows-church.org.uk

Friday, 12th December (6:30-7:00pm)

'Carols on the Green' (by the Councillor Lane Post Office)

Sunday, 14th December (10:00-11:00am)

Nativity Family Service (with a part to play for every child)

Sunday, 14th December (6:30-7:30pm)

Blue Christmas (for those struggling at this time of year)

Sunday, 21st December (6:30-7:30pm)

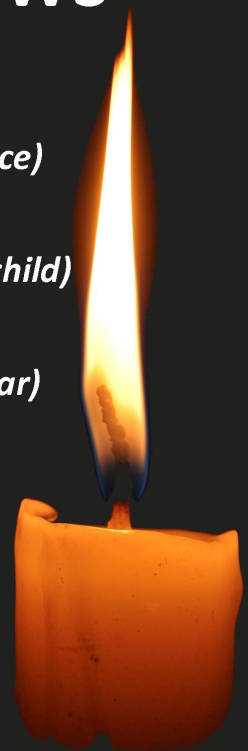
Carols by Candlelight

Christmas Eve (4:00-4:30pm)

Christingle Service

Christmas Day (10:00-11:00am)

Christmas Day Family Service



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.

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday 2nd

10:00 Family of God Service

6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday 5th

9:00-1:00 Light Café

1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought

7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Sunday 9th (Remembrance Sunday)

10:00 Remembrance Sunday Service & Sunday School

6:30 Service to Remember

Wednesday 12th

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

Saturday 15th

Church Clean & Tidy Afternoon

Sunday 16th

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School

6:30 Evening Service

Monday 17th

7:30 PCC

Wednesday 19th

9:00-1:00 Light Café

1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought

7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Saturday 22nd

9:30-4:00 First Aid Training

Sunday 23rd

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School

6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday 26th

9:00-1:00 Light Café

1:00-1:30 BCP Communion

7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Thursday 27th

7:30-9:00 Social Night

Sunday 30th (First Sunday of Advent)

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School

6:30 Evening Service

PRAYER MEETINGS

Monday

10:00-11:00 Zoom Prayers

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

9:30-10:00 Morning Prayer in Church

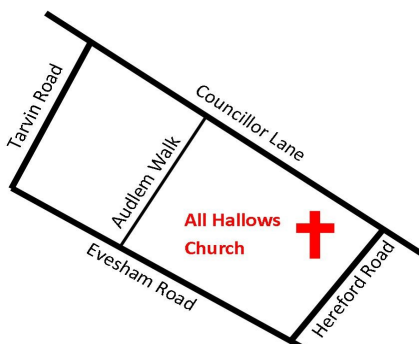
Saturday Prayer Relays

Book a half hour slot during the day to pray, before somebody else takes over

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