



Why Jesus?

There are so many different ways that God gets our attention. My own story of faith will look different to other people's, because we are all different. God knows us better than we know ourselves and he knows how to get our attention. But, through it all, it is ultimately Jesus who is the core and foundation of the faith of everybody who is a Christian, regardless of the way that we came to faith in him.

Jesus is the most important person in my life, by a million miles. I hope it goes without saying that my family and friends are so, so important to me. But, Jesus is so much more important to me and I am so happy when Jesus is so much more important to my family and friends than I am. So, why is Jesus so important?

It is Jesus who gives my life meaning and purpose. One of the things that he said in the Bible about his followers is that he 'came to give them life in all its fullness.' (John 10:10) That is, life isn't the full and rich life it can be without Jesus. We are still alive, but not living to our full potential. I sometimes use the illustration that without Jesus it is like we are remaining as caterpillars, but not reaching our potential to become butterflies.

It is Jesus who gives me a great future, in this life and the next. That means that it doesn't matter how old we are we can still be the beneficiaries of this life giving Jesus. He has plans for us and good plans, and this is linked to the previous point. And without him we cannot go to be with God in the next life, and that links to the next point.

It is Jesus who died to take the punishment for my sins upon himself, meaning that I am free from that weight and can come into the presence of a holy God. So, it is through Jesus that I can be adopted as a child of God. Beforehand I was a creature of God, but now I'm part of his family. It is Jesus who did that.

And it is Jesus who shows everybody a better way to live. His words have stood the test of history and so many laws in western society are based upon things he said. The moral compass of so many people in our community today ultimately comes from Jesus, even if they don't realise it.

Why Jesus? I could write so much more, but because Jesus is the great life giving example that our world needs, and the one who brings us into the presence of Almighty God. That's why.

God bless,

Paul

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Back to School Sunday—31st August

The beginning of September is an important time of year for many people, whether they be students of all ages or staff working in our schools and the education system at large.

For the past few years now we have held a 'Back to School' Sunday just before the term starts. At it we thank God for all of those going back to school and we pray for them, that God would bless each of them in the year ahead. We don't do that individually, but we pray for those different groups en masse.

If you don't usually come to church but would like to be at that service then, as always, you are very welcome to come along - even if you have no plans to come again in the future.



Fun Day—13th September

At All Hallows we do like a bit of 'fun raising', as opposed to fund-raising. We are holding one of our regular fun days again this year, in the afternoon of Saturday 13th September.

If the weather is good then you will see us on the grass out at the front of church, and there will be activities indoors too. If the weather isn't great then we will just set everything up indoors and we will just be a bit cosier together.

This will be a great few hours and the fun will be for all of the family. Some things might have a small cost, but some things will be free. We would love to see you there.



Back to Church Sunday—14th September

There has been some recent research that has hit some of the press in our country this year, that shows the number of people who self-identify as going to church has increased by about 50% between 2018 and 2024. Lots of new people are turning up at churches. But it might also be that some people have tried a church out before and are quite interested in giving it another go some time later.

If you fit into either of those groups then Back to Church Sunday is perfect for you. You are welcome to try us out any Sunday, but on this particular week we will aiming the service all the more at those who are not used to being in church.

There's always a spare chair for those who want to try us out.



Confirmation Service - 14th September

There are 2 different official ways that people can state that they are members of and belong to the community of All Hallows Church.

The first is to sign up for the electoral roll. This is legally for anybody who is 16 years or older, who regularly attends the church or who lives in the parish of All Hallows. By signing up to the electoral roll we are declaring ourselves to be a part of the church Congregation and are able to have a voice in the running of the church.

The second way of stating that we are members and belong to All Hallows Church is through Confirmation, and this is for those in Year 10 at school or older. This requires deeper commitment than just signing up to the electoral roll. This is about (a) stating that we are Christian believers; (b) making a public declaration that we intend to follow Jesus for the rest of our lives and (c) saying that we want to be an active member of All Hallows Church and be involved in the life and mission of the church. By being confirmed we are declaring that we are committed to Jesus and committed to being an active member of his church at All Hallows.

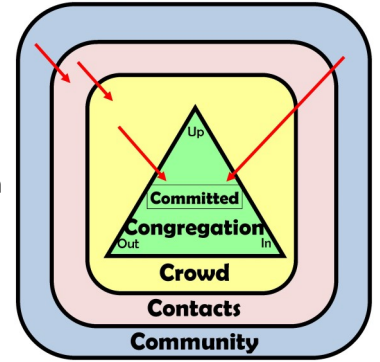
For those who have had a Believer's Baptism they will likely have done the first 2 of those things already, but not the third. So, we encourage them to be confirmed too in order to declare that as a follower of Jesus they are committed to being an active member of his church at All Hallows.

Because All Hallows Church is a part of the Church of England there is a special service of Confirmation; at which a bishop comes to the church and lays hands on each person who wishes to be confirmed, and prays that God's Holy Spirit would 'rest upon them' in order to help and sustain them in their life of Christian faith and obedience.

There will be a Confirmation Service at All Hallows on Sunday 14th September, for our 6:30 evening service.

If you consider yourself to be a part of the worshipping community of All Hallows and are committed to following Jesus and being an active member of his church here then we would love to encourage you to be confirmed. If you are interested then see Revd Paul who has application forms.

Any applicants will also need to go through a couple of preparation sessions. Paul will be running these on 2 different occasions. The first are Sunday evenings; 5:00 on 27th July and 3rd August. The second group of preparation sessions will be Tuesday evenings; 7:00 on 2nd and 9th September. You only need to be part of one of those groups and can choose which is the most convenient for you.



Are you a follower of Jesus?

Do you want to live as a committed Christian?

Do you want to be an active member of All Hallows Church and be involved in the life and mission of the church?

If so, then we would love for you to be Confirmed.



**Confirmation Service
6:30, Sunday 14th September**

Further details can be found in the notice sheet.



Climate Sunday – 21st September



Each year we hold a Climate Sunday in the autumn, among a number of other one-off specials that take place. People might ask why we don't hold other special Sundays every year to highlight specific people's rights, but still do a Climate Sunday. The answer to that question is a simple one, in that climate issues affect everybody. Across our world the impacts of climate change are directly affecting people's lives everywhere.

In our own country people live an average of 18 months less now than what they would do, simply because of air pollution. According to a piece of research by the University College of London, it is estimated that 48,625 people in the UK die prematurely each year due to air pollution. Since 2020 about 10,000 people in the UK have died of heatstroke - a number that is rising and will continue to rise, and is estimated to treble by 2050.

So, climate change and air pollution are killers and are killing people in our country every year. But, we need to be honest with ourselves and admit that human beings are the ones that are responsible for the climate changing as fast as it has done and for the pollution that we are releasing into our very own breathable air space. So, even though people don't want to say it like this for fear of offending - we are all partially responsible for the killing of other people because of the ways that we live. We may as well at least be honest about that.

On 21st September we will be looking at a quote from the American environmental lawyer, James Gustave Speth, who has held various offices in advising American governments over the decades and also in different universities. Speth once said this, "I used to think that the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change. I thought that thirty years of good science could address these problems. I was wrong. The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy, and to deal with these we need a cultural and spiritual transformation. And we scientists don't know how to do that."

Why is it that people might feel offended by me writing that we are all partially responsible for killing people because of the ways that we live? Because we want to carry on living the way that we do without needing to feel any guilt. Ultimately people's priorities are themselves and doing the things that make them happy. So, if we can bury our heads in the sand and ignore or forget about the consequences of our actions then we will gladly do that. Or, as James Speth puts it, "The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy..."

If we can all change then we can make all of our lives better. But, that will mean that we need to change our priorities. It will mean that we might need to buy more expensive products than cheaper ones, if we are able to, because that's the more ethical thing to do. It will mean that we change what we eat, how we travel, what we buy and even what we wear. It will mean that we keep things for longer. It will mean that we don't do some things that we quite like doing. But, at least then we will be minimising our own impact on the climate and the quality of air in our country.

The Green Zone



Each week we have a suggestion in the Green Zone that if we do will help us to live in a more environmentally friendly way (and often save us money too).

This week's suggestion, without blowing our own trumpets, is to look at the church newsletters for the past few years and find the Green Zone section in each of them. If you do so you can compile a significant list of practical things that you can do that will make a difference.

You can find the old newsletters at <https://www.allhallows-church.org.uk/all-hallows-news>

6 Back-to-School Money Saving Tips

Summer can be an expensive season. With kids off for the school holidays, there's added pressure on parents to pay for additional summer activities as well as the financial burden of the back-to-school expenses.

As a debt help and budgeting charity, Christians Against Poverty (CAP) understands the strain parents are under to find the extra funds needed to purchase uniforms and new school supplies, so here are a few money-saving tips that might help:



1. Have a sort-out

Start by going through what you already have and identify what can be reused for next year. Can you upcycle any hand-me-downs to make them look like new? Make sure to keep anything that your child might grow into, which will save you some money in the future.

2. Write a shopping list

Make a list of all the things you need to buy and put them in order of priority to work out which things are essentials, and which are 'nice to haves'. Your child may have their heart set on something that they don't really need and you can't afford. If so, chat through other options with them, such as asking them to contribute towards the cost if they have pocket money saved, or if they have a birthday coming up they might want to add it to their wish list.

3. Research costs

Before you hit the shops, do your homework by doing a little online window shopping to find the best prices. This is especially good for high cost items like electronics, as some online retailers offer price-match guarantees that could lead to significant potential savings.

4. Find cheaper alternatives

Online isn't always cheaper, but at least being aware of the costs before you go to the shop will make it easier to spot a bargain. Consider your options for finding the best price: try supermarkets, charity shops and school recycling banks as well as online sites.

5. Create a budget

Knowing what you need and how much it will likely cost will make it easier to create a budget. You might find it helpful to involve your children in this – talking about what you can afford can help manage expectations and prevent any potential disagreements. There are some useful [budgeting resources for kids and youth](#) on the CAP website, and information for adults on [how to create a budget](#).

6. Get emergency aid

Some churches have hardship funds / emergency aid pots available to help locals who are in financial need, so if you are struggling with back-to-school costs, consider getting in touch with your local church. It's also worth checking your local council website to see if they offer uniform grants.

The back-to-school shop doesn't have to be stressful, but if you are struggling financially, please don't suffer in silence, CAP is here to help! Visit capuk.org/help for all of CAP's free help and resources.

You can find more information on all CAP's services in your area at capuk.org/help. For wider support, you can visit moneyhelper.org.uk

Christians Against Poverty (CAP) is a UK charity working with over 1100 affiliated churches to deliver debt help, budgeting guidance, support to find work, life skills education and more. Visit capuk.org to find out more.



Free Debt Help Available

All Hallows has partnered with CAP in order to help people out of debt. The Stockport Debt Centre is based here and we work in all Stockport postcodes from SK1 to SK8. We are building links with other churches across the Stockport area so that local churches can give the most holistic support possible to local CAP clients.

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.

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Alpha – Why Jesus?

**Got questions
about life**



#TryAlpha
htb.org/alpha

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that freely explore the basics of the Christian faith.

Who is it for?

Alpha is for anyone who's curious. The talks are designed to encourage conversation and explore the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. No question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish.

How does it work?

Alpha is for 12 weeks, broken into 3 mini-series of 4 weeks (including one optional longer day). Each session begins with a short film and has a discussion where you can share your thoughts. If at any point you think Alpha isn't for you, that is not a problem. There's no pressure and no follow-up.

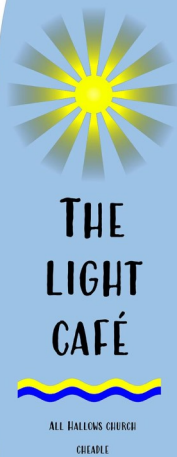
When is Alpha?

This free course takes place **4:30-6:00 from Sunday 21st September.**

**To find out more or to book a place please contact us on
0161 428 9121 or allhallows.cheadle@gmail.com**



What's On? (In term times)



Open Wednesdays (School term-time) 9:00am - 1:00pm

We serve drinks, breakfast, lunch and homemade cakes—plus there's always someone for you to chat to if you'd like some company.

If it's not a Messy Toddlers week, there'll be play equipment out in the café for preschoolers. We also have a **'Pause for Thought'** at 1:00.

Messy Toddlers takes place during Café, 9:30-11:00 once a month.

We'd love to welcome you in!

Messy Toddlers

all 0-5s and their parents / carers welcome

9:30-11:00am

Wednesdays:
-10th September
-8th October
-12th November
-10th December

Lots of great toys, stories, crafts and chats.
Plus the Light Café is open for drinks and snacks.

All Hallows Church
Cheadle

SOCIAL NIGHT

7:30-9:00pm.
LAST THURSDAY EVENING OF THE MONTH

All are welcome.
(Under 18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult)

ALL HALLOWS Youth Group

WEDNESDAYS 7-8.30PM

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Meet together, pray together,
share life together—join a small
group today!

life GROUPS

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

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, pray together and be a support to each other.

BE CONFIRMED AND PART OF THE MISSION

There are lots of ways you can use your gifts to serve God, his Church and the wider community. Confirmation is about saying you want to serve Jesus in mission at All Hallows.

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Wednesday 3rd

9:00-1:00 Light Café

1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought

7:00-8:30 Youth Club Leaders Meeting

Sunday 7th — Ministries Sunday

10:00 Family of God Service

6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday 10th

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 13th

2:00-4:00 Fun Day

Sunday 14th — Back to Church Sunday

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School

6:30 Confirmation Service

Monday 15th

7:30 PCC

Wednesday 17th

9:00-1:00 Light Café

1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought

7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Sunday 21st — Climate Sunday

10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School

4:30 Alpha Starts

6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday 24th

9:00-1:00 Light Café

1:00-1:30 BCP Holy Communion

7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Thursday 25th

7:30-9:00 Social Night

Sunday 28th — CAP Sunday

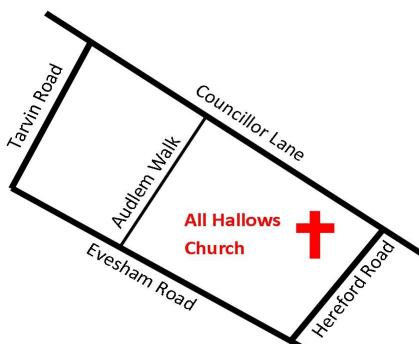
10:00 Morning Service & Sunday School

6:30 Evening Service

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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, Wednesday, Thursday

9:30-10:00 Morning Prayer in Church

Tuesday

7:30-8:30 Monthly Evening Prayer

Fasting Fridays

Half days of prayer as we go about our everyday lives

Saturday Prayer Relays

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