



Family of God Services

At our Family of God service on 1st March (I'm sorry that this newsletter was late and not out by then) we used some new material that we will be using as a part of our Family of God services going forward. The 'Teddy and Dolly' material is designed to help teach Bible stories to younger children. We will be using it at our Messy Toddlers going forward and also regularly at our Family of God services.

But, our Family of God services are for the whole family of God, across all ages. We used to just call them Family Services, but that made it sound a bit like it was people who are still part of what we would call a young family (i.e. parents and their children). The Church is, together, the whole family of God - whatever the structure of the household that we live in.

In Ephesians 2:19 we read that we are "*no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household.*"

The reference to foreigners is significant as the Apostle Paul is making it clear that even across nationalities when we come to faith in Jesus we become a part of one, huge family of God (members of his household). I love that so much. A worldwide family of God.

We want to model something of that in our Family of God services. That means it is important to make sure there are elements to the service which are aimed at younger children. But, it is also important to make sure that older children, teenagers, young adults, middle aged adults and those who are even older still, that together we are all able to meet with our loving Heavenly Father and worship him together. We also all want to learn and grow as we learn from the Bible.

So, we will be using the Teddy and Dolly material in future services, alongside lots of other things to help people of all ages to worship, learn and grow.

But, as the adults, we always have a greater responsibility to help the children to learn. We are able to let go of some of our preferences much easier than they can, because that is something we have (or at least should have) learned to do throughout our lives. We can also be such big examples to the children too, as they watch us taking part, singing, praying and worshipping together. Children are always watching us and learning from us. And that too, is a part of what it means to be a family together. So, as we make a few changes let's embrace them and truly be family together.

God bless, *Paul*

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What is Lent?

WHAT IS LENT?

Lent is a time of **prayer** and **penance**, when Christ wants to lead us back to our baptismal promises of **dying to sin** and of **living for God**.

WHEN IS LENT?

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and continues until the afternoon of Holy Thursday. It runs for about 40 days.

WHY 40 DAYS? The "40 days" (not including Sundays) of fasting, prayer, and penitence before Easter reflect Jesus' 40 days in the wilderness.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO DURING LENT?

1. Turn away from our sins and turn back to God.

Detach from habits and tendencies that are contrary to God's will. Lent is a time of conversion.

2. Open our hearts to our Father, so that we may live with Christ for God. Jesus is calling us to be people of praise and prayer, and living signs of his love for all.

"This time of fasting opens the gates of heaven to us. Let us welcome it and pray that when Easter comes we may share the joy of the risen Lord."
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Text from Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' "Living Lent"

The Green Zone



Did you know that digital technologies are the cause of greater greenhouse gas emissions than the world's entire fleet of trucks? Did you know that it takes 700kg of raw materials to manufacture a 2 kg computer? These impacts can be significantly reduced if we keep devices for longer and recycle them when they are used.

There are some companies like Curry's that will take your electronic devices and recycle them. At All Hallows we will be collecting mobile phones that can be reconditioned for families in need in order to support them, or the devices will be stripped down for parts if they are too old. This helps people and the environment all at the same time. So please look out for the old mobiles box.

What's On?



THE
LIGHT
CAFÉ

ALL HALLOWS CHURCH
CHEADLE

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



9:30-11:00am

Wednesdays:

-14th January

-11th February

-11th March

-15th April



all 0-5s and their
parents / carers welcome



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



All Hallows Church
Cheadle

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

SOCIAL NIGHT

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

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CAP

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.

CAP
DEBT
HELP

ALL HALLOWS Youth Group

WEDNESDAYS 7-8.30PM



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 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.

MARCH 2026

Sunday 1st

10:00 Morning Family of God Service
6:30 Evening Service

Wednesday 4th

9:00-1:00 Light Café
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Saturday 7th

7:30 Encounter

Sunday 8th

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

Wednesday 11th

9:00-1:00 Light Café
9:30-11:00 Messy Toddlers
1:00-1:30 Pause for Thought
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Sunday 15th— Mothering Sunday

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

Wednesday 18th

9:00-1:00 Light Café
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Sunday 22nd

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

Monday 23rd

7:30 PCC

Wednesday 25th

9:00-1:00 Light Café
1:00-1:15 BCP Communion
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

Thursday 26th

7:30 Social Night

Sunday 29th— Palm Sunday

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 Room 2
(off the Church Hall)

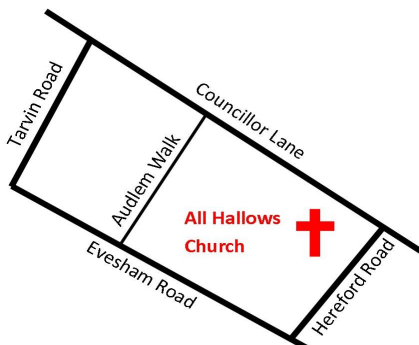
Saturday Prayer Relays

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

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