



## It's Here - So Let's Join In

As I think about the story of the birth of Jesus it strikes me every year of the different types of people who are involved in that story. There is the young couple about to give birth to their first child. There are the shepherds out in the fields, the epitome of the nobodies of their world, and yet the angel was sent by God to visit them and invite them to come to greet his new born Son. There is the king in a palace, who is scared that this baby might one day be a threat to his power and so seeks to have the baby murdered. There are the astrologers from the east who come to meet the baby after seeing something strange in the stars, and who bring their very peculiar but incredibly significant gifts. It's such a mixed bag of people and yet they are all invited by God to join in as important parts of this story.

I wonder who you relate to out of these characters. Maybe you feel like Mary & Joseph and are facing something new and huge in your life. Maybe you resonate with the shepherds and feel like you are insignificant and unimportant in this world. Maybe you can understand a little bit of where King Herod was coming from. Of course, you wouldn't want to murder a baby but you would be quite glad if all of the religion in the world just disappeared. Maybe there is something in the story of the Magi that clicks for you; people who have been looking for hope in all of the wrong places but are wondering now if the hope that you have been searching for all along is actually to be found in Jesus.

My friends, just as in the story of the birth of Jesus we are all invited by God to join in. We are invited to join in the celebrations. We are invited by God to come to the manger and worship. We are invited by God to go to tell others of the great things that we have seen and heard. We are invited by God to have our own lives changed for the better. So, will you throw yourself fully into it and join in this Christmas? That's the invitation that is presented to you.

Finally, may I wish and your family a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

*Paul*

## IN THIS ISSUE

### Christmas Events

Find out more about the different special Christmas events involving All Hallows this December

(Page 2)

### The Green Zone

See this month's reason for why we need to be more mindful of the environment and a quick tip of something that we can all do.

(Page 2)

### What's On

Our regular activities still run for most of December and there are obviously some extra events too. Look here to find it all out.

(Page 3)

### New or Visiting

The back page has some pieces of information about our church and services that you might find helpful

(Page 4)

# Special Christmas Events



We can often wrongly presume that other people know what we are talking about when we describe an upcoming event. That is not always right so here are some details about the different special events that are taking place during December.

**Carols on the Green** is outside the row of shops on Councillor Lane. Carol sheets are provided and we simply sing carols and some volunteers read the corresponding part of the nativity story.

We help to lead the special Carol singing event at **Ladybridge Park Residents Club** each year. This year it is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>.

Messy Toddlers meets monthly, taking place during the Light Café. December 13<sup>th</sup> is our **Messy Toddlers Christmas Special**.

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> sees our **Nativity Service** at 10:00 in the morning. The children in Sunday School have been planning a performance, but there is always a part for any children who turn up on the day and would like to join in. For our 6:30 evening service on 17<sup>th</sup> it is our **Carols by Candlelight** service. As always anybody and everybody are invited to these different services.

On Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 we have our **Café Carol Service**. It is the same books and format as for Carols on the Green, but is in the warmth of the church lounge.

On Christmas Eve at 4:00 we have our **Christingle Service**. This is a fabulous way of bringing in Christmas for many people, young and old alike. We get lots of visitors and the Christingles are provided.

Finally, Christmas Day sees our **Family Celebration**, followed by Holy Communion for those who wants to stay on for that.

## Blue Christmas

Over recent years we have held a Blue Christmas Service in church for those who like Christmas but struggle a bit at this time of year because of some changes that have taken place in their lives. We have found that the numbers physically attending have usually been low with considerably more online. So this year the service will be pre-recorded and available to watch on the church YouTube channel. You will be able to find a link to that on both the church website and our Facebook page.



## The Green Zone



We all know that air pollution kills. Various studies have shown that more people in the world die from air pollution than from smoking. In the UK alone it is estimated that the lifespan of every one of us is reduced by about a year and a half due to the effects of air pollution.

Driving cars is clearly a huge part of that, and particularly for those who live near to main roads. So as we travel to see friends and family this Christmas let's make effort to drive more efficiently. This will mean less petrol burned, less tyre particles released and less wear and tear on brake discs. All of these things will reduce the amount of air pollution just a little.



# What's On?

## Christmas Services at All Hallows Church, Cheadle

222 Councillor Lane, SK8 2JG  
www.allhallows-church.org.uk

**Nativity Family Service**  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
(10:00-11:00am)  
With a part to play for every child

**Carols by Candlelight**  
Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December  
(6:30-7:30pm)



**Christingle Service**  
Christmas Eve  
(4:00-4:30pm)

**Messy Toddlers**  
at All Hallows  
Wednesday, 10-11.30am - 8<sup>th</sup> November & 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023  
All 0-5s + their parents/carers welcome  
The Light Café is open throughout the session for drinks & snacks

**ALL HALLOWS Youth Group**  
WEDNESDAYS 7-8.30PM

## Christmas Services at All Hallows Church, Cheadle

222 Councillor Lane, SK8 2JG  
www.allhallows-church.org.uk

**Carols on the Green**  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
(6:30-7:00pm)

**Blue Christmas**  
A special service for people who like Christmas, but struggle at this time of year because things have changed.  
This is a pre-recorded service on the church website - available from Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December

**Christmas Day Service**  
Christmas Day  
(10:00-10:45am)  
Followed by Holy Communion

## DECEMBER 2023

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
10:00 Service and Sunday School  
6:30 Evening Communion Service

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 Zoom Prayers

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00-1:30 The Light Café  
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought  
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**  
6:30-7:00 Carols on the Green

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> - Remembrance**  
10:00 Service and Sunday School  
6:30 Evening Service

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 Zoom Prayers

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 Ladybridge Park Residents Club

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00-1:30 Light Café  
10:00-11:30 Messy Toddlers  
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought  
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 Nativity Service  
6:30 Carols by Candlelight

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 Zoom Prayers

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00-1:30 The Light Café  
1:00-1:30 Café Carols

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 Service (No Sunday School)  
4:00 Christingle Service

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
10:00 Christmas Day Family Service  
(Followed by Holy Communion)

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup>**  
10:00 Service (No Sunday School)

As well as these events, Life Groups meet during the week—to join one of these small groups, speak to Paul C or Barbara.

## All Hallows Social Night

Last Thursday of every month  
7.30–9.00pm

Join us for a relaxed evening of games, conversation & fun:  
Pool, air hockey, table tennis, board games, drinks, cake & more

Everyone Welcome

For more information, contact All Hallows on 0161 428 9121 / allhallows.cheadle@gmail.com  
All Hallows Church, Councillor Lane, SK8 2JG

**THE LIGHT CAFÉ**  
The Light Café is open 9am-1:30pm every Wednesday in term time.  
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 pre-schoolers. We'd love to welcome you in!

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

life

GROUPS

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER



christians  
against  
poverty

CAP

Christians  
Against Poverty

Free Debt Help Available

All Hallows has recently partnered with CAP in order to help people out of debt.

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

# 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 and a group for high-school age young people. One of the Welcome Team can show you where these groups meet. 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

**W**e 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.

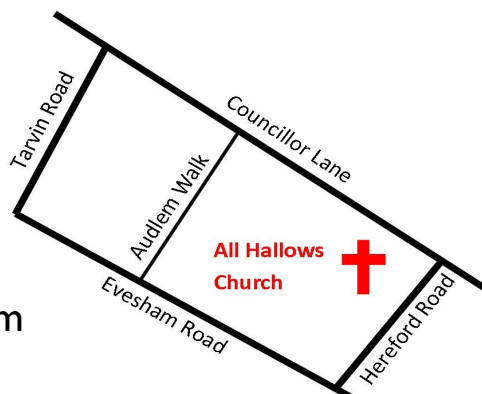
### BE PART OF THE MISSION

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.

## Contact Details

All Hallows Church Office  
222 Councillor Lane  
Cheadle, SK8 2JG

0161 428 9121  
allhallows.cheadle@gmail.com  
allhallows-church.org.uk



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 above.