

#### You are Invited !!!

always to lt's nice receive an invite to something, isn't it? lt might be that we don't want to go or can't go to the event, but the fact that somebody has thought to invite us helps us to feel special.

I was reading a blog recently about a great deal of invites that Jesus makes to people. For instance: "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." He invites children to be with him. even though this was counter-cultural for leaders at his time: "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

There are many other invites that Jesus makes. His invite is always to something good and helpful. His invite is always for our lives to be strengthened and for us to be made whole.

Research a few years ago showed that about 20% of the people in our country were genuinely interested in going along to a church service and finding out more about Jesus. They were just waiting for somebody to invite them and go along with them.

Now. I don't know what the figures would look like since the pandemic, but the conversations that I have with people suggest that there is at least a similar interest at the moment.

So, I'm really hoping that if you are reading this and you don't usually come to church, that somebody has invited you to come But, if nobody along. has then let me put it right and do that right now. We would love for you to come along to church sometime. You would be enormously welcome.

We are holding some special Visitor Services throughout June and July (details on page 2), where we are making even more of an effort to structure our services for those not used to being in church. Every



week should be welcoming, but we are going the extra mile during those 6 weeks. So, this might be a good time to try us out.

But, if you only ever came to church then that would be hugely lacking for you. My / our invite is very real and we would love to see you. But the invite that Jesus offers to you much is SO more significant.

He is with you every moment of every day and he invites you to walk life with him. He invites you to give over your sin and shame to him and be released from the burden it gives. He invites you to a friendship with him

YOU ARE INVITED !!! Because vou are wanted.

God bless.



# The Green Zone

In this new newsletter segment we aim to share ideas of simple and practical things that we can all do to live in a more environmentally friendly way.

This week's suggestion is to start doing something that everybody used to do many years ago. That is, wash with a bar of soap instead of liquid soap or a bottle of shower gel. Bars of soap work just as well, last longer, are cheaper and don't come in plastic bottles. You can even get shampoo bars too.



# Wanting to know more?

# **Visitor Services**

**12th June - Exploring the Meaning of Life** 

**19th June - Who is God? (Our Father in Heaven)** 

**26th June - Love Your Neighbour, Hate Prejudice** 

**3rd July - Family Matters** 

**10th July - Love Your Enemies (And Those You Disagree With)** 

17th July - What About the Church?



#### 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 11:30am-12:30pm from Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

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Alpha Course Programme PART 1 - Sessions 1-4

about life

**Got questions** 

19th June—Session 1: Is there more to life than this?
26th June—Session 2: Who is Jesus?
3rd July—Session 3: Why did Jesus die?
10th July—Session 4: How can we have faith?

#### PART 2—Sessions 5-11

17th July—Session 5: Why and how do I pray? 24th July—Session 6: Why and how should I read the Bible? 31st July—Session 7: How does God guide us? 7th August—ALPHA DAY

- Session 8: Who is the Holy Spirit?
- Session 9: What does the Holy Spirit do?
- Session 10: How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- Session 11: How can I make the most of the rest of my life?

#### PART 3—Sessions 12-15

TBA—Session 12: How can I resist evil? TBA—Session 13: Why and how should I tell others? TBA—Session 14: Does God heal today? TBA—Session 15: What about the Church?

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

# What's on?



CELEBRATING THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE ALL HALLOWS CHURCH

FRIDAY JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2-4PM



**Everyone Welcome** 

Join us for a strawberry cream tea, bouncy castle, hook-a-duck, jubilee-themed crafts and more

FREE—donations welcome

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





## **Social Night**



7:30-9:00 on the last Wednesday of the month.



# **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 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.

**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.

### Loving God.

### Loving each other.

### Loving the people of Cheadle.

#### 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

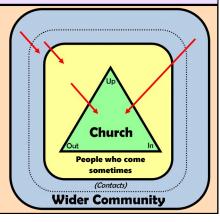
If you feel you've made a commitment to God but have never been baptised, then this could be a great step for you.

#### 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.



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