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## Foundations

When I was a young boy one of my favourite songs at Sunday School was called 'The Wise Man Built His House Upon The Rock'. It is based upon the last section of teaching that Jesus gives in, what today we call, The Sermon on the Mount. You can find it in Matthew 7:24-27.

The last verse of the song has the words, "So build your life on the Lord Jesus Christ." Now, that is a great sentiment but it is slightly out in terms of putting the Bible reading to song.

Jesus actually said this in verse 24, "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and

*puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock."*

If you don't know the story there is also a foolish man who built his house on sand, and he represents "everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice." A storm comes in Jesus' story and the wise man's house remains strong and upright whilst the foolish man's house crashes down.

It is all about the foundations and what the houses were built on. In life, Jesus says, the best foundations for us are to hear his words and to put them into

practice. In one sense we do build our lives on Jesus, but he is much more specific about what that should look like.

The teaching of Jesus shows us the standards that God has for us and where we all fall short of those standards. If we just look at The Sermon on the Mount then we see Jesus challenging the general views of his day about many things and giving us a wide range of teaching about many topics. Making our society a better place, anger, sexual ethics, divorce, keeping our word, not seeking revenge, loving our opponents, giving to



those in need, prayer and the list goes on.

The teaching of Jesus is wide and varied. Reading it and putting it into practice in our own lives gives us good and strong ethical foundations. Failing to read it or put it into practice gives us shaky and unstable foundations.

It is when life's storms come along (and we will all have them) that we get to see how good our life foundations are. Even though we might feel like we are taking a battering, will we be able to keep standing or will those life storms blow us over?

So let's stand strong in whatever storms come our way as we stand on the foundation that Jesus gives us.

God bless,

*Paul*

## The Green Zone

This month's suggestion is for us to use eco friendly cleaning products. A lot of mainstream cleaning products contain toxins that wash up in streams and rivers.

There are a number of eco-cleaning products on the market now and they range from washing up liquid to window cleaning products to products for washing machines, and so much more.

The picture is of an 'Eco-Egg' which replaces more harmful washing powders. (They also last a lot longer and so work out as being a significant financial saving in the long run.)



# Finding Out More

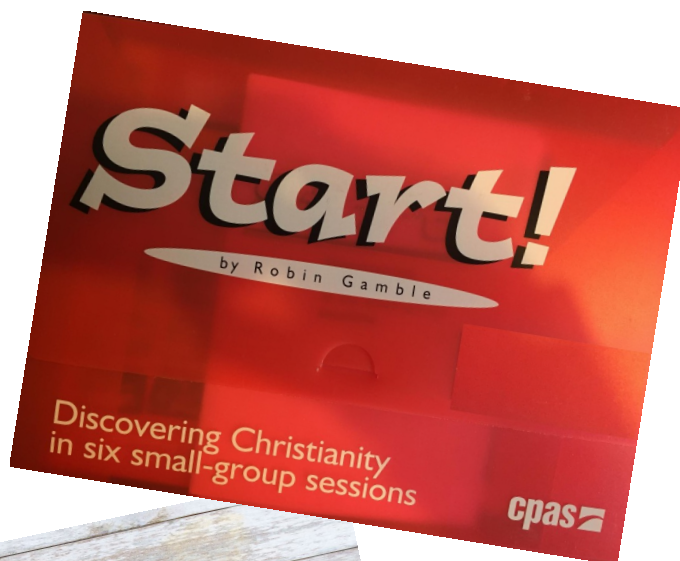
The article on the front page talks about the foundations that we build our lives on and that reading and putting into practice the teaching of Jesus is the best foundation. But you might be wondering why that is the case. What is so special about Jesus? Yes, he was a great teacher but there have been many more great teachers throughout the years so why should we build our lives on the teaching of Jesus as opposed to the teaching of somebody else?

Equally, you might just be 'dipping your toe in the water' of the Christian faith at the moment and are a bit interested to find out more.

After Easter we will be running a short, 6 session, course called 'Start!' This is for anybody who would like to find out a little bit more about the basics of the Christian faith, with there being absolutely no obligation to take things any further. It is an informal time with no pressure on anybody.

If you would like to come along to 'Start!' then please speak to one of the members of the clergy (Paul, Catherine or Gilly) and let us know when in the week would be a good time for you to come. We haven't planned when to run it yet as we will fit in around those wishing to attend.

We would love to have you join us so please do let us know if you are interested in doing so.



We also have regular Life Groups that meet throughout the month where members can look at what the Bible says and learn together how to put these things into practice in every day life. If you would like to join one of these groups then speak to Paul or Barbara Forrest.

## MARCH DIARY

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

9:00-4:00 Warm Space  
9:00-2:00 Light Café  
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought  
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Morning Service  
6:30 Evening Communion Service

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Zoom Prayers

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00-4:00 Warm Space  
9:00-2:00 Light Café  
10:00-11:30 Messy Toddlers  
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought  
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Communion Service  
6:30 Evening Service

### Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Zoom Prayers

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

9:00-4:00 Warm Space  
9:00-2:00 Light Café  
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought  
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Mothering Sunday Family Service  
6:30 Evening Service

### Monday 20<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Zoom Prayers  
7:30 PCC

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00-4:00 Warm Space  
9:00-2:00 Light Café  
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought  
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

10:00 Morning Service  
6:30 Evening Service

### Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>

9:00-4:00 Warm Space  
11:00-2:00 Kintsugi Workshop  
9:00-2:00 Light Café  
1:00-1:15 Pause for Thought  
7:00-8:30 Youth Club

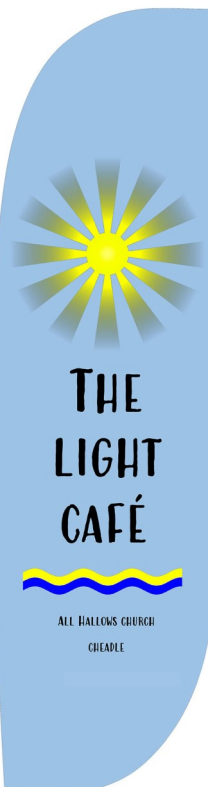
### Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>

7:30-9:00 Social Night

*(In addition to these dates, various Life Groups are taking place throughout the month. Speak to Paul or Barbara for more details.)*



# What's on?



**THE LIGHT CAFÉ**  
ALL HALLOWS CHURCH  
CHEADLE


**OPEN WEDNESDAYS**  
*9:00AM - 2:00PM*

SERVING BREAKFAST,  
LUNCH, HOME MADE  
CAKES & FREE DRINKS



**TODDLERS**

EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE  
*9:00AM - 12:00AM*



All Hallows Church  
Cheadle

**MESSY TODDLERS**  
10:00-11:30  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March


## Social Night



**30<sup>th</sup> Mar**


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

**AGE:** High Schoolers  
**DAY:** Wednesday (term time)  
**TIME:** 7:00-8:30  
**VENUE:** All Hallows Church Hall  
**COST:** Free + money for tuck shop



**Youth Club**

*A youth group with great activities available.*



Discovering  
treasure  
in life's scars

We have been looking at themes from the Kintsugi Hope wellbeing course in our Sunday morning services over recent months.

On Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> we will be running a Kintsugi Workshop in the church lounge, at the same time as the Light Café. This will include breaking pots and gluing them back together using the Kintsugi technique.

The time is probably going to be something like 11:00-2:00, although we still need to confirm that. Everybody is welcome.

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## Christians Against Poverty

**CAP**

**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.

# 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.

## 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.

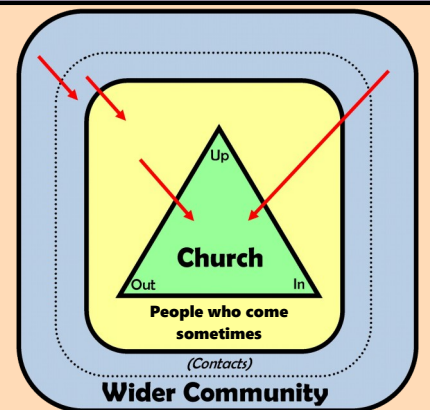
**JOIN A HOMEGROUP**  
If you're not in one, there are a number of groups that meet in homes throughout the week to get to know each other better, look at the Bible and pray together.

**BE PART OF THE MISSION**  
There are lots of ways you can use your gifts to serve God, his Church and the wider community.

**Loving God.**

**Loving each other.**

**Loving the people of Cheadle.**



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