



MAY/JUNE

2016



All Saints' Church
Preston on Tees

On your knees, get set...

We are living in exciting times.

For the first time in living memory, statistics are showing that the Church in the UK is no longer in numerical decline. In fact it has started to grow again.

At a recent Stockton deanery synod several churches, ours included, reported noticeable growth. This appears to be a nationwide development.

There may be many factors contributing to this and the

experts are not short of ideas. But however you crunch the numbers, one thing is clear; ultimately, God alone is responsible. As the Apostle Paul stated in 1 Corinthians 3, 'I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow.'

With this in mind, Archbishops Justin and Sentamu have called for the week of 8-15 May to see 'a great wave of prayer across our land for the renewal of the Holy Spirit and the evangelisation of

the nation'.

I hope you will join me in getting behind this. The Prayer Team will be preparing resources and planning events to help us pray and, coincidentally, Bishop Paul will be prayer walking in Stockton that week.

By God's grace may this apparent upturn prove to be an established trend and not a statistical blip.



John Lambert
Priest-in-Charge

SPRING 2016 DATES

SUNDAY MORNING

9am (Traditional)

1 May - Holy Communion
8 May - Holy Communion
15 May - Choral Holy Communion
22 May - Holy Communion
29 May - Choral Service of the Word

5 Jun - Holy Communion
12 Jun - Holy Communion
19 Jun - Holy Communion
25 Jun - Service of the Word

10.30am (Contemporary)

1 May - Engage with Baptisms
8 May - Worship Word Ministry
15 May - 3G-Led Service
22 May - Holy Communion
Followed by Welcome Lunch
29 May - Service of the Word

5 Jun - Worship Word Ministry
12 Jun - Service of the Word
19 Jun - Engage
25 Jun - Holy Communion

* Bishop Mark's Visit

19 Jun - 9am and 10.30am

CHILDREN

Messy Church

Sun 8 May, 3.30pm
Sun 12 Jun, 1pm Queen's
Birthday Messy Street Party

Toddlers

Thu (Term-Time), 9.30am,
Centre

Play and Praise

Fri (Term-Time), 10.15am,
Centre

Life Exhibition

Tue 21 - Mon 27 Jun

MIDWEEK

3G

Mon 9 & 23 May, 7.30pm
Mon 13 & 27 Jun, 7.30pm

Connect Lunch Club

Tue 10 May, 11.45am, Centre
Tue 14 Jun, 11.45am, Centre

Informal Holy Communion

Every Wed, 9.30am, Church

PRAYER

Ablaze Prayer Evening

Sun 1 May, 6.30pm, Church
Sun 5 Jun, 6.30pm, Church

Morning Prayer

Every Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 9am,
Chapel

National Week of Prayer

Mon 9 - Sun 15 May

Bishop Paul's Prayer Walk

Thu 12 - Sun 15 May

TRAINING

Prayer Ministry

Mon 13 Jun, 7.30pm

Dementia Care

Thurs 12 May, 7.30pm
Thurs 16 Jun, 7.30pm

SPECIAL SERVICES

Ascension Holy Communion

Thu 5 May, 7.30pm
St Mary's Long Newton

LEADERSHIP

Standing Committee

Mon 6 Jun, 7.30pm, Vicarage

PCC

Mon 9 May, 7.30pm, Library
Sat 18 Jun, 10am with Bishop Mark
Mon 20 Jun, 7.30pm, Library

Ministry Development Team

Wed 11 May, 7.30pm, Vicarage
Wed 9 Jun, 7.30pm, Vicarage

YOUTH

Refresh Youth Service

Sun 15 May, 6pm, Centre
Sun 19 Jun, 6pm, Centre

Life Groups

Wed 6-8pm (Years 7-13), Youth
Rooms

Youth Club

Fri (Term-Time), 7-9pm, Centre

Soul Survivor

Wed 27 Jul - Mon 1 Aug
Staffordshire

Celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday

Celebrate with us at our street party
Sunday 12 June, 1pm



The Life Exhibition is an interactive, multi-media experience which focuses on the life of Jesus.

All Saints' is hosting the Life Exhibition for a full week from 21-27 June

Welcome Lunch



Sunday 22 May at 1pm

If you've joined All Saints' in the past year, you're invited to join us at this free lunch. Come get to know us better.



Bishop of Durham's Prayer Walks

Across Stockton Deanery on 12, 13, 14 & 15 May

Join Bishop Paul in blessing our community in Jesus' name. Includes Eaglescliffe on 15 May.

See www.facebook.com/prayerwalkdurham