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All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Happy Easter!

History pivots on certain moments. The moment Benjamin Franklin discovered electricity. The moment Karl Benz invented the car. The moment Fernando Duarte mixed just the right blend of spices and created Nandos chicken. But all of those moments of pivot are nothing compared to Easter.

In my family growing up, every year my parents would get a tray out, and some cress and mud, a plant pot and a stone, and make a mock-up of the empty tomb from which Jesus had risen.



Then they would carve crosses on Cadbury's cream eggs and we would pray and remember Jesus rising from the dead, followed by eating enough chocolate eggs to make us all feel sick.

Looking back, it was so helpful not to use crosses to celebrate, but rather the empty tomb. Of course, on the cross Jesus showed his love for each one of us, and you might even want to look yourself in the mirror today and tell yourself again; Jesus thought I was worth it. He thought you were worth going through the agony, the nails, all of it; to set us free from all the guilt and shame of what each of us does wrong. He looks at you and says, 'you were and are worth it'.

But the empty tomb; that was the proof. That showed that Jesus had not just died, but that just as he said he would, he had risen again.

It proved He had opened the way to God so each of us could say sorry for the things we have done wrong, be forgiven, and be welcomed into God's family, not as servants, but as sons and daughters.

The empty tomb reminds us that death will not be the end for us, but that we will be given new bodies, bodies which will not catch Corona or anything else, bodies which will not wear out, bodies more appropriate to life with God. The most amazing pivot not just in human history, but in each of our lives, the offer of life and hope to us all.



Matt Levinsohn

Meet our new Worship Leader

Abigail sat down with her dad, Jim Daniel, to interview him as he starts his new role as worship coordinator for the later morning service.

A: Hello Daddy, who are you?

J: I'm Jim Daniel. I am a medical physicist at the James Cook hospital. I am also a father of four and a husband and I really like cycling.

A: What is your favourite song?

J: Wow, that's a tricky question! I really like the old hymns done in a new way and one of my favourites that we do is "Be thou my vision" which really encourages us to look to God for everything that we need.

A: What do you think would be a good thing about being the worship leader?

J: The best bit is just being involved in worshipping God. Coordinating the group also gives me the chance to focus on making sure the resourcing is correct and everybody knows what they're doing and feels happy doing it.

A: And what do you think would be the bad thing about doing it?

J: I think that sometimes there's a lot of work making sure that everything's in place and it can be a challenge when weeks get busy and not everybody's available.

A: So would you like us to pray for you?

J: Yes please. I'd really like prayer for this difficult time with covid that we'll all be able to keep worshipping - not just the group but everybody in church. As we've lost some really key members of the group, I'd like to pray that God would provide the resources that we need and energy and vision for me as I take on this new role.

A: Thank you for answering my questions and goodbye!



Abigail and Jim Daniel

Introducing our Prayer Co-ordinators

Hi, we are David and Jill Munby, and we led a church in Barnsley for 30 years before David retired as vicar there in 2018. (Our vision was to be a House of Prayer for All Nations).

Since moving up to Teesside and joining All Saints last year we were asked to take over as Prayer Coordinators from Rob Govier who has done such an inspiring work for many years.

We are so encouraged by what we see of the Prayer life at All Saints, despite lockdown, with Sandra sending out daily prayer points on Facebook, the daily Zoom Morning Prayer and Sunday morning Zoom Coffee and Prayer, as well as prayer for each other in Lifegroups, but we know there are some who have felt left out, especially those who 'don't do Zoom'.

We have personally found the Lectio 365 app, produced by Pete Greig and the 24/7 Prayer team, really useful to start our day in prayer, individually or together, and have found it helpful to set an alarm at midday to stop and pray the Lord's Prayer. We also recommend Pete Greig's book 'How to Pray' and the amazing free resources available online at www.prayercourse.org.

During the December easing of lockdown, we led an Ablaze Prayer evening and Lucy set up a wonderful Prayer Day in our new Prayer Chapel, but lockdown has put a stop to that for the moment. And so, we are waiting to see how the Lord will guide us about prayer events in the coming months, as well as waiting for our new vicar Matt to begin his ministry here.

Because we moved here during lockdown we haven't met many of you, but if you have any suggestions for encouraging prayer at All Saints, future prayer events, or any prayer requests, please get in touch via email at david.7munby@gmail.com or jill.munby@blueyonder.co.uk or via the church office.

God bless you David and Jill.



David & Jill Munby
Prayer Co-ordinators

SERVICES APRIL 2021

FRIDAY 2 APRIL - Good Friday

2pm An Hour at the Cross
Led by David Munby

SUNDAY 4 APRIL - Easter Day

9am & 11am Morning Worship
Journey of Faith – Go and tell the others
Acts 10:34-43, John 20:1-18
Preacher: David Munby

SUNDAY 11 APRIL

9am & 11am Morning Worship
Journey of Faith – Standing together in power
Acts 4:32-35, John 20:19-end
Preacher: Michael Davison

As numbers are restricted at our services, **you will need to book a seat to attend in person**, please contact the office:
office.allsaints@gmail.com
01642 783814, we will return any messages left on the answerphone.

SUNDAY 18 APRIL

9am Morning Worship
Journey of Faith – Witnesses to the promise
Acts 3:12-19, Luke 24:36-48
Preacher: Sandra Griffiths

5pm Rev Matt Levinsohn's Licensing Service

As you know, numbers are restricted at all our services and for this service there are numerous dignitaries and members of the Church Family who need to attend.

This means that the Licensing Service will be by invitation only. However, it will be live streamed because it is really important that every member of All Saints can witness Matt being licensed as our new vicar.

A landmark moment in the life of our Church.

SUNDAY 25 APRIL

9am & 11am Morning Worship
Journey of Faith – Knowing His voice
Acts 4:5-12, John 10:11-18
Preacher: Matt Levinsohn

MORNING PRAYER

ALL SAINTS CHURCH



EVERY WEEKDAY at 9am via ZOOM,
the Zoom code is: 835 4592 5539
or use this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83545925539>

COFFEE, CHAT & PRAYER



EVERY SUNDAY AT 10am via ZOOM,
the Zoom code is: 878 4408 5000 or use
this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87844085000>

All our services are live streamed and can be watched at any time on this link.

www.youtube.com/AllSaintsVideo