

# MAY

## 2021



**All Saints' Church**  
*Preston on Tees*

## Lenses.....

Friends, do you like games? Personally, I do.



These fantastic glasses are from the game Googly Eyes. You have to roll a dice which determines which pair of distorting glasses you have to put on to perform a challenge. Some are not too difficult; others are pretty much impossible and mess up your vision so much it's hard to do much.

In each of our lives, there are different lenses we can use to see life through. The first set are God given; scripture, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The second set are worldly lenses. Lenses which confuse us and distort who we believe we are and what we are called to do.

Looking through God's lenses we see that none of us are good enough to deserve God's love and acceptance. **And yet** Jesus says, we can be children of God, adopted because of His amazing act of love on the cross for us. God chooses us! Through God's lenses we need not be afraid of failure or of being intimidated, but can take risks for God, stepping out as He prompts us.

Through God's lenses we know the world is God's and everything in it; including our work, including everyone we meet, including it all. And so, we can expect God to be working everywhere with no exceptions, bringing His light, shining His truth even before we get out of bed.

Through the world's lenses, we might believe we are not really loved but need to earn affection and love. Through the world's lenses, we might accept the lie that 'who are we to be involved in transforming the world around us?!'. We might believe it is inevitable to live in fear of other people's opinions of us.

But, our God is Lord of all. Our God was already at work in your life and the lives of those around you before you got out of bed.

He invites you, Join In. Don't worry about stepping out and taking a risk, for you are loved and valued by your heavenly father more than you can imagine.

How wonderful if each of us were able to live with God's lenses firmly on our faces. What stories of encounter with God we would have to share? What testimony we would have of God breaking in and answering prayers? Even prayers we had not yet thought to ask. Let's recognise when we have the world's lenses on, take them off, and take up God's invitation to adventure with Him.

**Matt Levinsohn**



# The Walkers

The Church walking group has been active for many years and is open to members of other churches and to those from no church at all.

It started as an opportunity for members of the church living on their own to meet others, but soon expanded to include any who loved walking: and we are lucky living here to have within a few miles some wonderful scenery, both on the moors and in the dales.

For the past year or so we have had comparatively little walking, (for obvious reasons) but, as the restrictions are eased, we hope to restart soon.

We have a group of leaders who take it in turns to lead both short and long walks. A short walk will be up to 5 miles in length, and usually over easy terrain and established paths: the longer walks are up to 9 miles (and occasionally a bit further) and they may involve rather more strenuous climbs and sometimes rough moorland.

We also have joint walks, with the long walk setting off earlier and the two groups meeting for a picnic lunch and afterwards completing the walk together. There is another set of undemanding walks on Wednesday mornings, usually with a target of a café or eating spot in mind: these will be restarting too.

We usually have a meal together early in the year, either in the evening or at lunchtime after walking.

If you enjoy walking, and the exhilaration of walking with friends surrounded by the beauty of God's creation you would be most welcome to join us. There are currently 33 people on our email circulation list, and if you wish to be included, and thus to get details of proposed walks, please do contact me ([johnlittlehailes77@gmail.com](mailto:johnlittlehailes77@gmail.com)) and I'll add your name (or names).

**John Littlehailes**



# Connect Lunch club and Chairobics

This past year has posed many challenges for the lunch club as it has for many ministries at All Saints.

1. How do we keep in touch with our lunch club guests?
2. When will we be able to restart?
3. What changes will need to be made?

God has the answers, and He has, and is making them clear at the right time.

The whole team discussed how to cope with this new situation. Our priority was to keep in touch with everyone and to offer help when needed.

Team members volunteered to phone a small group of guests each every few weeks. Some people required occasional shopping, however most people just appreciated someone to talk to, especially if they live alone.

We were able to hold three services at the lunch clubs before lockdown and have encouraged those, who are able, to watch All Saints Sunday services online. Some guests said how much they miss the Connect service.

At Christmas we took out "goodie" bags to each guest. Everyone said how touched they were to have received their gift. At Easter we gave out bunches of flowers and Easter cards to everyone. My thanks to everyone who helped with this.

Pamela Rushton continues to oversee the chairobics (seated exercise) group, which meets weekly. She has kept in touch via their WhatsApp group sending out encouraging Bible based messages as well as making some phone calls.

I'm sure I can speak for each member of the team that God has blessed this time. We have come to know our guests in a more personal way and hope to build on this in the coming year when some sort of normality may return.

'And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.' Romans 8 v28

**Karen Snowden**  
on behalf of the  
Connect Group



# SUNDAYS MAY 2021

## SUNDAY 2 MAY

9am Morning Worship  
11am Morning Worship  
Journey of Faith: Bearing fruit  
Acts 8:26-end,  
John 15:1-8  
Preacher: Kathryn Belmont

## SUNDAY 9 MAY

9am Morning Worship  
11am Morning Worship  
Journey of Faith: Invitation to all  
Acts 10:44-end,  
John 15:9-17  
Preacher: Matt Levinsohn

## SUNDAY 16 MAY

9am Morning Worship  
11am Morning Worship  
Journey of Faith:  
Chosen and protected  
Acts 1:15-17 & 21-end,  
John 17:6-19  
Preacher: David Munby

## SUNDAY 23 MAY

9am Morning Worship  
10am Morning Worship  
**There will be a service and event  
with the St Paul's team – more  
details to follow shortly.**  
Journey of Faith: Filled with the Holy  
Spirit  
Acts 2:1-21,  
John 15:26-27 & 16:7-15  
Preacher: Matt Levinsohn

## SUNDAY 30 MAY

9am Morning Worship  
11am Morning Worship  
Theme and Readings to be confirmed.  
Preacher: David Munby

Due to restricted numbers, you will need to book a seat to attend any of our services in person. Please contact the office:

[office.allsaints@gmail.com](mailto:office.allsaints@gmail.com)

01642 783814 (if you leave a message on the answerphone, we will call you back on a weekday morning.

All our services are live streamed and can be watched at any time on our YouTube Channel:

[www.youtube.com/AllSaintsVide](http://www.youtube.com/AllSaintsVide)  
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## ANNUAL MEETING



Our annual meeting (APCM) will be **on Sunday 23 May at 5pm** you will be able to attend the meeting in person and on Zoom.

If you wish to book a seat to attend in person or if you will require Zoom details, please contact the office.

## ELECTORAL ROLL

To be eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting, you need to be on our Parish Electoral Roll. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll, please contact the office **before 8 May** so that we can send a form to you.

## WEDNESDAY COFFEE & PRAYER



We are now able to meet together on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30 am in the church gardens.

Under the current restrictions, you do need to bring your own drink and you also need to book a place.

So, please contact Sandra by phone on 01642 783814 or email her on [receptionist.allsaints@gmail.com](mailto:receptionist.allsaints@gmail.com)

## MORNING PRAYER



**EVERY WEEKDAY at 9.10am 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>