



SEPTEMBER

2021

Connecting

Connection is something we all long for. To be understood. To feel we are not alone. Jesus spent his whole life connecting.

Connecting with the poor, the ruling leaders, sinners, those who thought they were not sinners, his disciples, as well as critically withdrawing to connect with his Heavenly Father.

For us as a Church the vision for 2021/2 is about connecting. Connecting to God in deeper ways. Connecting to one another as friends and as those journeying the road of discipleship together. Connecting with friends outside the church because it is fun, but also so they get the opportunity to see what a life changed by Jesus is like and the difference he can make for them.

Connecting with our community, including local schools, groups, charities; any of whom might partner with us too, for the benefit of those in our community.

Finally, we want to connect with the wider church, both in wanting to see the diocese flourish, but also in church planting, in resourcing where God is moving, and wanting to bless those meeting in Jesus name in other places.

The PCC have already started to think about what a more Connected All Saints might look like. I hope you will be up for praying and seeking God about your own connections, both those that help sharpen you and care for you as a disciple, and those where you get to make a difference in the lives of those yet to know Him as their Father.

This Autumn we will be taking a walk through what Connection might mean to us as a church. We are going to be praying into what God is calling us into, keeping our eyes open to where He is at work, and learning together what a broader and more God sized vision might look like and lead us into.

It is an exciting time. My prayer for you is that you would enjoy engaging with the wider church family. That we would enjoy having all ages and stages together again. And that we would be on an adventure together. What is God calling us into, who is he putting in our lives, what greater intimacy has he in store?!

Bless you

Matt Levinsohn



Update from our Youth Team

Throughout the Summer we have enjoyed some really special time with our young people, particularly at Luminosity (the Youth stream of New Wine online) and more recently at our Love Your Neighbour week.

During the week our young people came together for devotionals each day (led by them – amazing!), lots of fun time including group games (Bombs Away and Capture the Flag were particular favourites), a trip to Alton Towers and a sleepover! There were also various activities throughout the week which gave them the opportunity to love their neighbour.

We started with a prayer walk in our community and then went on to work with Cultivate Tees Valley. Their vision is to 'build a better world by growing food security for those living across the Tees Valley and by transforming unused land' and we spent the afternoon serving in Arlington Park, Stockton.

We also did a litter pick around the Preston estate together and it was lovely that a couple of people stopped to thank the young

people for doing this! Finally, the young people stepped out of their comfort zone, giving flowers with 'love from All Saints' Church' labels attached to people in the park, as well as chocolate gifts and bible verse book marks to every house on Dunottar Avenue and Swinburne Road (loving the actual neighbours of the church).

Each evening we had an 'Evening Celebration' with a resident speaker from Tees Valley Youth For Christ, who spoke to us about The Good Samaritan. It was an exciting week where we saw the young people really grow in faith, step out in boldness, step up in leadership and build closeness as a group. We loved every minute!

Now as we reach the new academic year, we cannot wait to see our young people again, and reconnect with those who we haven't seen for a while due to the pandemic. Please know that if your child has not been to Youth for a while, they will be welcomed with open arms when they return!

Some things to look forward to :

You may have heard that we relaunched our Youth Club back in June! It is now open to our church young people but has a strongly invitational culture. So we would love you to encourage your young people to bring a friend and give them the opportunity to connect with us as a church.

Our Youth Life Groups and Youth Church are some of the great places to access deeper discipleship. And if you're wondering what has happened to Cafe Church and Refresh...they will be returning soon on a quarterly basis!

Finally, most importantly we look forward to the many opportunities we will have to help our young people connect with God throughout this month and beyond. We know that He longs to meet them and we are excited for that!

Kathryn Belmont



Prayer Appointments

"Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. Is anyone among you ill? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up."

James 5 :13-16

Jesus called us to pray for each other!

All of us at times feel we could do with a couple of people to pray with us, and to listen to God with us. Sometimes it is a recent situation, sometimes something we feel we have been carrying for a while. Some people come for prayer because they are:

- Finding it hard to forgive someone or something.
- Stuck at a stage in the walk with God and want to move forward.
- Seeking guidance from God on decision making and the way forward.
- Worries or anxieties that seem difficult to give to God.
- Healing from physical, mental, spiritual, or emotional problems.

As a Church from now, we are offering people the opportunity to book between 1 and 3 prayer appointments scheduled at a time of your convenience.

What will I expect when I book a 'prayer appointment'?

Two people who have extensive training in prayer ministry, praying (usually in Chapel or other place without disturbance) in a quiet confidential manner.

Listening to the Holy Spirit's guiding.

Encouraging the person being prayed for, to listen and hear from God and go at their own pace and direction.

Up to three sessions, as required; with time and space to reflect between.

Time and arrangements can be made to suit circumstances.

So that you can be confident in the team we have who are offering prayer, we have made sure:

- They will pray in confidence with you
- They all know and have experienced the breakthrough and healing and encouragement of deeper prayer by other Christian brothers and sisters over the years in their walk with God.
- Being so encouraged, that they feel called to train, practise, pray and ask Holy Spirit filling and guidance for others.
- Also really importantly, they want to help others hear from God themselves, enabling them to fulfil their potential, to "bloom" as God's children.

Please contact us via the link on the website or contact the office.

Sandra Griffiths



Connect Lunch Club



The Connect lunch club team are looking forward to restarting our lunch club on Tuesday 14th September. It will be lovely to see our guests again and maybe some new faces.

Our first lunch will be a simple one of sandwiches and home made cakes. This will take place in the main hall at All Saints church from 12pm to 1.45pm. There is also the opportunity to stay and enjoy the seated exercise class at 2pm to work off your lunch.

We want this to be an opportunity to catch up with all our friends. I'm sure we'll have lots to talk about.

During the break members of the Connect team have been phoning our guests and it will be lovely to chat face to face once more.

We are also mindful of the need to keep each other safe. Guests and helpers will be encouraged to wear a face covering except when seated, hand gel will be available and social distancing in operation. All food and drinks will be served at the tables.

If you are interested in finding out more about the lunch club, please contact Shiromi at the church office on 01642 783814



Karen Snowden

CHILDREN & FAMILIES MINISTRY UPDATE

I am excited to say that we will be starting up our activities for children and families from church and the community in the church building from early September.



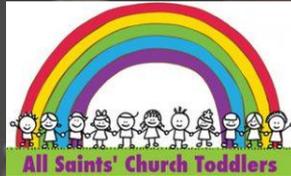
GEMS



Trailblazers

Meeting with our wonderful Church children and families over zoom and through outdoor activities has been a joy but we are really looking forward to meeting in our Kid's groups again during the 10.30am service, starting on 5th September.

We are keen to organise lots of fun activities to help the children feel relaxed after such a long break, providing opportunities to re-connect with each other, our teams and with God. I will also be organising extra activities for our older children.



Also excited that Toddler group starts on 16th September,



Play and Praise on 1st October,



and Messy church on 14th November.

Our schools ministry as soon as we are allowed in.

Not everything can start straightaway as we need to re-build teams before re-starting all the groups, so it will be a staggered start.

Please urgently pray for more workers who have a heart for the ministry, for our current small teams, and for blessing and protection when we meet. Thank you.

Jan Peters



DATES – SEPTEMBER 2021

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Toddlers from 16 Sept
Thurs (term-time),
9.45am -11.30am - Centre

Play and Praise *returning on 1 Oct*
Fri (term-time),
10.15am-11.45am – Centre

Gems (babies - reception) and
Trailblazers (Y1-Y6), during our
Sunday 10.30am service
from 5 September
– Centre & Meeting Room

Puppet Practice
Tues 7pm-9pm – Centre

Messy Church – returning on
14 Nov & 12 Dec

Discovery Church –
returning in 2022

LEADERSHIP

Standing Committee
Mon 6 Sept, 7.30pm – Meeting
Room

PPC
Monday 20 September, 7.30pm –
Centre

PRAYER

Morning Prayer
Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri, 9.10am, by
Zoom, the Zoom code is: 835
4592 5539, or use this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83545925539>

Prayer Meeting
Sat 11 Sept 10am – Church
Please join us for a time of
worship and prayer.

This will be a new monthly event,
the dates will be added to Church
Suite and on each monthly

YOUTH

Doulos Youth Leadership Training
Mon 13 Sept, 7pm-9pm – Youth &
Meeting Rooms

Boys' Club *from 20 Sept*
Mon, 4-5.30pm - Centre

Youth Life Groups *from 15 Sept*
Wed, 6-8pm - Youth & Meeting Rooms

Youth Club *from 17 Sept*
Fri, 7-9pm – Centre

Youth Church – during our Sunday
10.30am service, from 5 September
– Youth Rooms

Refresh Youth Service – returning on
17 Oct, more details to follow next
month

Café Church - returning soon

MIDWEEK

Informal Holy Communion
Wed 9.30am - Centre

Life Groups
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
see noticeboard in Centre

Connect Lunch Club
Tues 14 Sept, 12pm - Centre

Connect Seated Exercises
Tues 12.45pm (2pm on Lunch
Club day) - Centre

OTHER

Welcome Team Meeting
Thurs 9 Sept – 7.30pm
– Meeting Room

COMING
SOON...

Sharing Faith Made Easier



2 simple sessions to help you help your
friends to connect with Jesus.

Session	Date / Time	Venue
1	12 th Oct 19.30-21.00	All Saints
1	14 th Oct 19.45-21.15	All Saints
1	18 th Oct 11.00-12.30	St Mary's
1	19 th Oct 19.30-21.00	St Mary's
1	20 th Oct 19.30-21.00	All Saints
2	18 th Nov 19.45-21.00	All Saints
2	22 nd Nov 11.00-12.30	St Mary's
2	22 nd Nov 19.30-21.00	All Saints
2	24 th Nov 19.30-21.00	St Mary's

More details
to follow in
the October
programme

Come to any Session 1 & Session 2 no matter which church you are in

SERVICES – SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

Connecting with God As Almighty Creator
Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 24

9am Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher: Sola Adeboye

SUNDAY 12 SEPTMBER

Connecting with God As Holy Judge
John 5:19-23, Revelation 20:11-15

9am Morning Worship
10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher Matt: Levinsohn

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

Connecting with God as Friend and Father
John 15:9-17, Isaiah 66: 12-14

9am Morning Worship
10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher: David Munby

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

Connecting with God and His word
1 Peter 1: 17-25, Psalm 119:33-40

9am Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher: Matt Levinsohn

We would love you to join us at our Sunday services in person.

You can book your seat direct from our website, please click [here](#).

Or you can contact the office (Mon-Fri 9am-12pm) office.allsaints@gmail.com or phone 01642 783814.

If you are a member of All Saints, you can also book your seats on Church Suite.

You can also watch our live-streamed services on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/AllSaintsVideo>