

OCTOBER 2021

All Saints' Church
Preston on Tees



Sharing Faith Made Easier

97% or so of Christians know three things to be true; that Jesus has made an enormous difference in their lives; that they want their friends to find that same difference in their lives; and that it is not easy to have those conversations. There can be lots of reasons for this.

- For some of us we imagine if we have not said all there is to say in one conversation and led them to faith, that perhaps we have done a bad job.
- For others of us we just don't know where to start.
- For most of us we worry what people will think of us, that we won't be competent, and that they might ask us something we don't know.
- For some of us we have been waiting for conversations to happen and they just don't.

Together we are going to spend two evenings helping us to develop the confidence and the skills to start and even perhaps to enjoy conversations about faith with our friends! No need to book, just come to a Session 1 and a Session 2.



Matt Levinsohn

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Introducing the One & Only Abby McDaniel...

She left everything that she was familiar with and travelled 3500 miles from Lancaster, Pennsylvania to All Saints', Eaglescliffe, to share God's love with the people of Teesside. So what else should we know about the newest member of our church family?

Abby, how would you describe yourself in 5 words?

Adventurous, passionate, joyful, relational, and bubbly.

If you could have a meal with any three people right now, who would you choose?

I would have a meal with my best friend from Pennsylvania, doubting Thomas from the Bible & Lauren Akins who is country singer Thomas Rhett's wife. My friend would bring the funny, apostle Thomas would bring the interesting stories & Lauren would bring the home-like atmosphere

Can you tell us a bit about how you came to faith in Jesus?

I heard the Gospel at church and at home growing up. When I was seven years old I remember a Sunday school teacher telling me that putting your faith in Jesus is "the most important decision you'll ever make" that really stuck with me and that night I asked my dad more about it. After a chat with him about what it all meant, I decided I wanted Jesus forever! I remember being so excited to tell my Mom when she got home.

What are you going to be doing this year at All Saints'?

I'll be helping in youth church, youth life groups, youth club, toddler group, play and praise, Doulos, Refresh and other events throughout the year, as well as anything else that needs to be done. I'm excited for all of it!

Imagine yourself a year down the line. What do you want to see when you look back on this year?

I want to see growth. In myself and my walk with the Lord, with other people's walk with the Lord (new or old), and growth in the community. Most of all I want God's Kingdom to grow.

What can we be praying for you?

Pray for bravery, boldness, confidence, joy, and Holy Spirit peace.

Please do continue to pray for Abby and make her feel welcome as she starts her ministry her with us at All Saints'!



Thank you but not goodbye

Sandra has been our receptionist and administrator here for 13 years and we are so grateful for everything that she has done in these roles.

She has given herself to God's work completely, going well above any job description in her care for both those who are part of the church family, and those who happen to pass the front door!

Always welcoming with a smile, always happy to be interrupted, she has helped the church to be known as somewhere where people are loved and valued whoever they are.

She has been involved in co-ordinating many church activities such as Alpha Courses, social events, training sessions and much, much more. Sandra was instrumental in setting up ChurchSuite and has helped many people understand how to use it through training sessions and personal support.

Prayer has very much been at the heart of her ministry with us, seeing what God has been doing, and joining in. She has provided prayer support for not only church members but also for many members of our wider community who she has got to know over the years.

During the last couple of years Sandra has provided the daily prayer posts on the Facebook members group to help focus our daily prayers.

Approachable, dedicated, and always wanting to see the best in others, you Sandra have been a wonder and we are thankful of everything you have done as a member of the staff team at All Saints.

We know that it has been a hard decision for you to step down from this role, but as God has emptied your hands of this calling, we are excited what God will lead you into Sandra.

Your gifts of evangelism, prayer, and pastoral care means He will want to use you far and wide and we look forward in anticipation as to what the next season will hold.

Thank you but not goodbye!

Matt, Anne & Martin

An interview with our new Receptionist

After being blessed to serve as Receptionist for many years (also Administrator for a while) you will know that I feel it is the right time to move on to other ministries that God has in mind for my future.

God has chosen Rachel Levinsohn for this amazing role, and she will be greeting people in the Centre and answering phone calls and emails from Monday 4th October.

I interviewed her recently.



Sandra Griffiths.

Rachel, when and how did you become a Christian?

I became a Christian at the age of 21 while I was at uni. I am from a non-Christian family and had had the gospel shared with me by friends.

I was a bit of a 'party animal' as a non-believer, into all the wrong things, and was the least likely to become a Christian. But when a housemate invited me to church, I really wanted to go. I could see that these church people had a joy I didn't have in my life, but desperately needed.

When the pastor's wife offered to pray with me, I gave my life to Jesus. I was completely transformed that night; I went to bed a totally different person having given up all kinds of lifestyle choices.

It was a huge surprise to my other housemates because I changed so radically and stopped going out clubbing and drinking with them, even my own family thought I might have joined a cult but over time they have seen the many good things having a faith in God has brought into my life.

What are your hobbies and interests?

I love to read, particularly historical fiction but most kinds of fiction intrigue me. My other main passion is running. I usually run 2-3 times a week and since moving here I have joined a local running group called the Orchard Eagles and a book club.

Tell us a little about your family.

You have probably all met Matt and our three children Abi (14), Zac (11) and Anna (8). We love our dog Luna and our two rabbits, board games, cake, walks, 'Just Dance', the beach, seeing friends, chocolate, popcorn and films - Harry Potter especially.

What are you most excited about starting this new role?

I cannot wait to start this new role. After 14 years out of paid employment I was quite nervous at the thought of going back to work so I have been praying for some time for God to find me a job that I can manage with my mental health struggles (depression and anxiety) and felt very clearly that He was leading me to apply for this.

I think the main thing I am looking forward to is being around the church site during the week and meeting people – both church members and other non-church members using the site. I think God will push me out of my comfort zone at times but also encourage me as I see him using me to grow His Kingdom.

Rachel Levinsohn



Rachael Phillips is studying at Cramner Hall and will be joining us from October to Easter. Find out more about her here.....

When I heard I would be serving with and learning from you in my final year as an Ordinand at Cranmer Hall, I was absolutely delighted. A vibrant, busy, engaging and outward looking church family with a recent history of planting and growing. What more could a future leader want from a placement? How about a skatepark across the road? Perfect. Sign me up.

Actually, the other reason this feels like a lovely fit is that I preached my first ever sermon at All Saints, in my role as Generous Giving Project officer when I worked for Durham Diocese about 6 years ago. I was terribly nervous, but you were very warm and encouraging, so I look forward to being back in your company.

For those who didn't meet me then or don't remember, here's a bit about me. I served in the British Army for about 15 years, including three operational tours in Afghanistan, and it was there, on my second tour, that I met God in a shipping container and my life changed. A story for another day. I also met my now husband there, and we have a 3-year-old daughter, Elizabeth (who loves skateboarding, scootering and riding her bike hence why we're familiar with Preston Park!).

Because I was called 'home' by God in a warzone and my first experience of church was in an ecumenical, multi-national context in the desert, I have a pretty broad understanding of what church is and could be! I feel called to church planting and engaging with communities who have never experienced church or feel like outsiders, as that was me not so long ago.

What else? I play rugby, enjoy CrossFit and absolutely love being outdoors, especially hill walking and cycling or running through forests. I'm passionate about the environment and caring for God's precious creation and the people who are part of it. I love talking about Jesus and hearing other people's faith stories.

Needless to say, I'm very much looking forward to getting stuck in and learning from you all. Until then, God bless you.



DATES – OCTOBER 2021

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Toddlers

Thurs (term-time),
9.45am -11.30am - Centre

Play and Praise *returning on 5 Nov*

Fri (term-time),
10.15am-11.45am – Centre

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

Glow Party

Sun 31 October 4.30pm-7pm
Centre

Puppet Practice

Tues 7pm-9pm – Centre

Messy Church – returning on
14 Nov & 12 Dec

Discovery Church –
returning in 2022

LEADERSHIP

Standing Committee

Mon 4 Oct, 7.30pm – Meeting
Room

PCC

Mon 18 Oct, 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 9 Oct 10am-11am
Meeting Room

OTHER

Sound Team Training

Sat 16 Oct 9-30am-5pm
- Church

YOUTH

Youth Life Groups

Wed, 6-8pm - Youth & Meeting Rooms

Youth Club

Fri, 7-9pm – Centre

Youth Church – during our Sunday

10.30am service, – Youth Rooms

Refresh Youth Service

17 Oct, 6pm-8pm - Centre

Boys' Club

Mon, 4-5.30pm - Centre

Doulos Youth Leadership Training

Mon 18 Oct, 7pm-9pm – Youth &
Meeting Rooms

Doulos Weekend Away

Friday 8th-Sunday 10th October
Marrick Priory

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 12 Oct, 12pm - Centre

Connect Seated Exercises

Tues 1pm (2pm on Lunch Club
days) - Centre

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*Please see the article from Matt
earlier in the programme with
the full list of dates both at All
Saints & St Mary's*

SERVICES –OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY 3 OCTOBER

Connecting with God in prayer
Matthew 6:5-14, Hebrews 4: 14-16

9am Communion
10.30am Communion

Preacher: Michael Davison

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER

Connecting to who we were, are, and will be
Ephesians 2: 1-10 Revelation 21:1-4

9am Morning Worship
10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher Kevin Storer

SUNDAY 17 OCTOBER

Connecting to our gifts
1 Corinthians 12:1-14, Exodus 31:1-11

9am Morning Worship
10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher: Kathryn Belmont

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

Connecting to our calling
Acts 16:6-15, Isaiah 43:1-7

9am Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher: Rachel Levinsohn

SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER

Connecting to each other
John 17:20-26, Colossians 3:12-17

9am Morning Worship
10.30am Communion

Preacher Andrew Killick

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

We have reviewed our Risk Assessment and you no longer need to book a seat to attend our Sunday services.

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

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