

**DEC 2021
-JAN 2022**

Happy Christmas To You All!

It has been in many ways a great year for the church although covid has not yet fully left us. We have seen God answer prayers for healing, for changing circumstances, for jobs, for cars and much more. We have been equipped to share our faith with others and have started to have more opportunities to help others discover the Jesus who we love. We have started to get more involved and invested in our communities and certainly God is opening doors there. We have seen many people come back to church in person and others continue to stay online.



We have seen monthly prayer meetings start and these have been great opportunities to hear from God. We have seen St Paul's church launch and the joy that it has brought to the community of Newtown. We had Mark and Emily from Wynyard share about their church plant. We praised and learnt more about Jesus in the Vicarage Garden with the children and families in the summer. Our Toddler Group and Play and Praise have both restarted and we are engaging with some new, and some of the same families.

The Youth led a service in church which was fantastic, undertook acts of service to the community, and we have been so pleased to have had Abby join us from America and Rachael our Ordinand. Connect have re-established and had some great times together, and there is much more we could mention. God has been good, and we are grateful.

In 2022 we look forward to seeing what God will do as we continue to press ahead with the vision to Connect; including the workings parties you heard about in November (Communities, Communication, Environment, Buildings, Social, and Discipleship). As well as that we will be hosting two evenings you can invite people to in order to help them find out more about faith (Jan 24&31) as well as other opportunities which will follow. Messy church will be starting up again, as well as the number of life groups expanding. Geoff and I will be inviting the first group of people to come to the Shapes course; designed to help people over two sessions think about their God given shape and how He wants to use them in their whole lives and to equip them to see His Kingdom come.

But in this season of Christmas, can I encourage you in two things. Firstly, to stop and to again remember to be thankful that Jesus was not willing that we would live in darkness. But instead wanted to come into the world to show us the love and forgiveness of God, and to offer us the opportunity to have our lives transformed and to find new purpose and fulfilment as He orientated us to love God. Take time to remember, and to celebrate, and to enjoy that truth. God knows your name, and although he could have left us in darkness without love or a clue of how to live our lives; He chose to come to bring us light and love.



And secondly can I encourage you that the gap between darkness and light is often a short one. As I walk in my garden at night with the torch on, step slightly outside the light and there is darkness, but it is also true that it is only a small step to come into the light. This is the time of the year when for many of our friends that step seems the easiest.

So do use the training videos on Sharing Faith, but also do invite people to our Christmas celebrations. We are on purpose doing more services so there is space for your friends, so please do invite them along to discover the same Jesus you have come to love.

Thank you again for welcoming Rachel, the kids and I into the church family. We have loved the 8 or so months we have been here so far and are excited what God will do in the season ahead at All Saints.

With every blessing

Matt & Rach

Matt Levinsohn



Encouraging Stories and Testimonies

Sandra and I are so privileged to have the opportunity to lead an amazing group of people in the Yarm Life group.

It is a place where we can all experience the presence of God and grow together through studying God's word, being sensitive to the Holy Spirit, and encouraging each other. It is a safe place and we praise God for the growth we have seen in individuals and the group.

At the moment we have two amazing songs we use in worship and ministry. We sing "How great is our God" as a declaration of the great things we have seen in our time together, the many answered prayers both within and outside the group, and we sing "Raise a hallelujah" when we are battling in ministry.

Here are some comments from the group which are testimonies to the way God has worked in our midst:

R. The wonderful thing about our Life Group is that we feel like a family together, there is so much support for each other. The biggest thing we have is the Holy Spirit is always present when we meet and he uses the different gifts of all of us to minister to one another. So many prayers have been answered within the group and for those outside the group.

T. How great is our God – I would just like to thank our loving heavenly father for bringing this amazing group of people together. Prayers have been answered so many times, Thank you Lord for our answers to prayer.

B. I moved from Pembrokeshire to North Yorkshire just over six months ago, friends back in Pembrokeshire say it is as if God was putting a jigsaw of events together. The daily prayer support of these amazing prayer warriors has carried so many of us thru such difficult & testing times, including myself requiring hospital and ongoing treatment. I praise God for the many answers to prayer we have seen.

S. Being part of the Life Group had been a real challenge & blessing to all of us. I thank and praise God for his faithfulness. God is good

How Great is Our God.



Geoff Jowett

What Christmas Means to Me

For me, Christmas is a time to come together.

As I've gotten older, my perception has changed. I used to be so excited to receive gifts and would struggle to wait until Christmas Day to open them. Although I still enjoy receiving gifts, I now see Christmas as a time for reflection.

Through the birth of Jesus, we have been given so much and I think it's important to acknowledge this and be appreciative of all we have.

I think Christmas can be a particularly lonely time for many people so we should use the blessings we have received to bless others. As we interact with people, those we know and those we don't know, we should take the opportunity to do what we can to help, even if we think it is small because we never know what it can mean to someone.

Dami Adeboye



All Saints Christmas Party

7 – 9 pm Saturday 11th December

Quizzes, Fun Challenges, Nibbles, Cake & Live music

Children's film in Youth room.

Bring your own drinks..

Nibbles & Cake will be provided but also
feel free to bring your own..

FREE!

Places Must be booked - via Churchsuite or via the church office



Come and celebrate Christmas with us!



All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

22 Dunottar Avenue, TS16 0AB

Carols, mince pies & mulled wine

Dec 19th - 6pm

Christmas Eve Celebration

Dec 24th - 4.30pm & 6.30pm

Traditional Midnight Service

Dec 24th - 11.15pm

Christmas Day

Dec 25th 10.30am

Booking at:

www.all saints-church.net/christmas/

We will be delivering postcards to local houses with details of our Christmas Service and Ever Wondered About Faith events. If you would be able to help with delivering some of them, please contact the office:

office.all saints@gmail.com

Or 01642 783814





All Saints' Church
Preston on Tees

Ever wondered what faith is about?

Café style opportunity to find out more about faith, ask questions, and meet some new people.

Mon 24th Jan and Mon 31st Jan 7.30pm - 9pm

No pressure, no agenda, no need to book.
Refreshments provided.

Just come and enjoy !



For more info contact:
office.all saints@gmail.com

DATES – DECEMBER 2022

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

Toddlers

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

Play and Praise

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

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

Puppet Practice

Tues 7pm-9pm – Centre

Messy Church
returning soon

Discovery Church –
returning soon

LEADERSHIP

Standing Committee

No meeting in December

PCC

Mon 13 Dec 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 & Worship Meeting

Sat 11 Dec 10am-11am
Meeting Room

YOUTH

Youth Life Groups

Wed, 6-8pm – everyone to start
in the Youth Rooms

Youth Club

Fri, 7-9pm – Centre

Youth Church – during our Sunday
10.30am service, – Youth Rooms

Boys' Club

Mon, 4-5.30pm - Centre

Doulos Youth Leadership Training
Mon 6 Dec 7pm-9pm – Youth &
Meeting Rooms

Café Church

Back in January

Refresh

Back in January

MIDWEEK

Informal Holy Communion

Wed 9.30am - Centre

Life Groups

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
see noticeboard in Centre

Connect Lunch Club

Tues 14 Dec,12pm - Centre

Connect Seated Exercises

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

OTHER

Men's Meal

Wed 1 Dec 7pm Falcon Inn,
Hilton

Paint & Pour

Sat 4 Dec 7pm-9pm – Centre

Christmas Party

Sat 11 Dec 7pm-9pm - Centre

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LEADERSHIP

Standing Committee

Mon 3 Jan 7.30pm – Meeting
Room

PCC

Mon 17 Jan 7.30pm – Centre

OTHER

Taster of Faith Evenings

Mon 24 Jan & Mon 31 Jan
7.30pm-9.30pm – Meeting Room

Life Shapes

Wed 26 Jan 7.30pm - Church

YOUTH

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Wed, 6-8pm – everyone to start
in the Youth Rooms

Youth Club

Fri, 7-9pm – Centre

Youth Church – during our Sunday
10.30am service, – Youth Rooms

Boys' Club

Mon, 4-5.30pm - Centre

Doulos Youth Leadership Training

Mon 17 Jan, 7pm-9pm – Youth &
Meeting Rooms

Café Church

Tues 11 Jan 6pm-7.30pm – Yarm Costa

Refresh

Sun 16 Jan 6pm-7.30pm – Centre

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Meeting Room

SERVICES – DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER

The way is prepared

Matthew 14: 13-21, Psalm 147: 1-11

9am Communion

10.30am Communion

Preacher Claire Nelson from Compassion

SUNDAY 12 DECEMBER

He comes in love

Zephaniah 3:14-17, Isaiah 35:3-10

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher Kevin Storer

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER

The plan comes to fruition

Luke 1:39-45, Micah 5:2-4

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher Kathryn Belmont

Our Christmas services are as follows. Please note that you will need to book a seat if you wish to join us, either on ChurchSuite or at www.all saints-church.net/christmas/

SUNDAY 19 DECEMBER

6pm Carol Service

Preacher Matt Levinsohn

FRIDAY 24 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

4.30pm-5.30 pm &

6.30pm -7.30pm

Celebration Services

11.15pm Traditional Midnight Communion

Service

Preacher Andrew Killick

SATURDAY 25 DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS DAY

10.30 Christmas Day Celebration Service

Preacher Matt Levinsohn

Please note
there are no
Sunday
Services on
Sunday 26
December

SERVICES – JANUARY 2021

SUNDAY 2 JANUARY

Beginning the year in God's blessing
Numbers 6:22-27, Hebrews 12:1-3

9am Morning Worship
10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher Matt Levinsohn

SUNDAY 9 JANUARY

Jesus the boy in temple
Luke 2:39-52, 2 Chronicles 5: 7-14

9am Morning Worship
10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher Matt Levinsohn

SUNDAY 16 JANUARY

Where Jesus focussed ministry
Luke 4:31-44, Psalm 103:1-19

9am Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher Ali Bianchi

SUNDAY 23 JANUARY

Jesus teaching on love & forgiveness
Luke 6:27-38, Leviticus 19:9-18

9am Morning Worship
10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher Mikey Davison

SUNDAY 30 JANUARY

Signs of Jesus identity
Luke 7:18-23, Psalm 107:1-9

9am Morning Worship
10.30am Morning Worship

Preacher Matt Levinsohn

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