



# JULY- AUGUST 2022



**All Saints' Church**

*Loving Jesus,  
Loving Our Communities*



Dear Church Family

How are you doing? Has it been a good year so far, or one of challenge? What has God been doing in you and through you? How have you been aware of Him and His leading? Has this been a year with much to celebrate?

There are many disciplines which help us grow in our relationship with Jesus; reading our bibles, praying, being still before God, giving and serving, fasting and generosity to name a few. But one of my favourites is celebration. Taking time not only to look forward but also to look back and try and be aware of what God has been doing. Even this morning I have had several people share with me how God has brought people across their path, and they had the opportunity to encourage them in faith and to care for them. Looking at your life perhaps God is doing the same with you?

This year we have seen as a Church answers to prayer for remission of cancer, for healing, for justice, for jobs, for houses, for experiences of Jesus, for money, and for people with particular gifts that we have prayed for. There has been a lot to be grateful for.

Zechariah is set in a situation where the nation of Israel has returned from exile in Babylon. They were initially excited, but 20 years have passed. What have they to celebrate? The radical rebuilding of Jerusalem had not happened. Their full independence from other powers has not happened. They are not seeing all they want to see. They do however see the starts of it. Chapter 4:10 'The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation for the temple, and his hands shall also complete it. Whoever has despised the day of small things shall rejoice'. Often, we need to celebrate the starts of what God is doing, for more is to follow.

In Zechariah's case the more will be Jerusalem fully restored: Chapter 2:4 'Run, tell the people, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, because of the multitude of people and livestock in it'. It will be the nation moving from being pitied to being known as a blessed nation: Chapter 8:23 'Ten people from the nations will take hold of the robe of the people of God saying, 'Let us go with you for we have heard that God is with you'. It began though with two things. Firstly, a radical call to love God and to be holy in their actions and lifestyle. And secondly, it began in small ways that were barely noticeable but showed what would come next.

So today, can I encourage you to celebrate what God is doing even if they seem small. Tell someone the story of what God has most recently done through or in you. Let us celebrate the small as we pray and long for the fulfilment of all God has promised to do.

Bless you this week

Matt

**Matt Levinsohn**



# Goodbye to Abby McDaniel – and thank you

We have been incredibly privileged to have Abby McDaniel working with us this this year and will be so sad when she leaves us in August! Abby first came to England on a mission trip to Sunderland in 2019 and then felt called to return to the UK for a longer time. She obediently followed God's call and has blessed us immensely.

We want to say an enormous thank you to Abby for her wonderful investment in our children and young people, which we believe will have a life-long impact. Her heart to share Jesus with others as well as her passion for disciples-who-make-disciples has truly inspired us. She is joyful, enthusiastic and a pleasure to work with everyday!

Abby is moving on to Lancaster Bible College in Pennsylvania to study Biblical Studies – please do pray for her as she goes.

## **Kathryn Belmont**

Abby's been mentoring me for seven months now and it's been absolutely brilliant. She's worked on accountability with me, she's taught me lots of new things about the Bible, and she's helped me through things that I've been going through and given me an outside perspective. Abby has made such an impact on my life from: providing relevant scripture for things I struggle with, to praying for and with me, helping me dedicate more time with God and reading the Bible. Through mentoring I think I have become more confident in my faith and in prayer as well as a broader understanding of parts of the Bible.

## **Abi Levinsohn**

We have had Abby running our Y10+ life group for the last year, and her infinite optimism has been the highlight of many of our weeks. A personal favourite has been 'Bible Nerd Time with Abby'. Her clear passion and knowledge of scripture has managed to spread across the group. She has helped us pick out devotionals to do at home, she has never failed to make us laugh during a game, and overall has just taught us so much about practically living in faith, and also just been a ray of sunshine. She will be dearly missed.

## **Ruby Watson**

# Ukrainian Family Support Cafe

It has been wonderful to be part of the team hosting the Ukrainian Café/Hub and an amazing opportunity as a church to show hospitality to those people arriving, and their hosts. The first meeting we had was attended by members of Stockton Borough Council to offer advice and support to hosts as they prepared to welcome their guests. People found the session provided by them invaluable and they also had an opportunity to link up with others who were living in the same area.

We are meeting every two weeks and by the time of the second meeting we were pleased to welcome our first guests. Everyone had a great time chatting and sharing a wonderful cake that one of the ladies from Ukraine had baked. It was great to see hosts and guests mixing and sharing contact details.

“A warm and welcoming meeting. I had a feeling like I’ve been home. Thank you for organising it”

“I’m so thankful you took us to the meeting. I made some new friends and we laughed and cried”

We are meeting on Thursday evenings every two weeks from 7-8.30pm. It would be wonderful if we could build a team of people who can come regularly or on an ad hoc basis. We need people who are happy to help with serving drinks and others who can mingle and chat with hosts and guests. You don’t need to have any special skills. We have found that the hosts value the support as much as the guests and it is great to be able to get alongside them. The guests are of all ages and children and teenagers have been coming along. If any of our young people would also like to volunteer, they will be very welcome.

Ruth Johnson



# God's Giants – Years 5&6 Life Group

In March I launched a new Life group for our older church children who are in years 5 and 6 at primary school.

This is something I have been hoping to do for a while, so it was really encouraging when Abby was keen to help lead it.

We meet fortnightly on Mondays after school and have such a fun, special time together.

It is a joy to see how the children are growing in their friendships and their faith and I love that we can all relax together and have lots of giggles but also take time to explore and discuss a Bible verse or faith topic which relates to their lives, as well as praying together.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> July we are looking forward to having pizza and games followed by a trip together to a local climbing wall.

I asked Abby and some of the children if they would like to write a few sentences about their thoughts on the club which we hope you enjoy reading.

**Jan Peters**

“God's giants club has been such a fun time! It's great to see the kids become better friends and just laugh together! You can really tell they value having their own space. I love getting to know them and seeing their heart for God as they grow!”

**Abby**

“I love God's giants club because you get to socialise, talk about God, play games, and eat sweets. It is one of the best parts of my week because I just love hanging out with God, Jan, Abby and the other children”

**Abigail**

“I like the God's giants club because we play football, eat sweets and we talk about God”

**Samuel**

“I really like God's giants because it's a great chance to get to know other kids and learn about God together in a fun and interesting way”

**Carys**

“In God's giants club we play games and have fun then watch a short video and talk about the Bible verses we have read which is even more fun”

**Ellie**



**Jan Peters**

# Connect Lunch Club

Connect is a monthly lunch club for retired people in our community. Our aim is to promote new friendships, share experiences, support the bereaved and help the lonely to feel less isolated.

Connect takes place on the **second Tuesday** of the month. We resumed our lunches after the pandemic in September last year by hosting a buffet style meal. Unfortunately, our Christmas meal had to be postponed due to the Omicron variant outbreak. This year we were unsure how many people would return but we were pleased to welcome back many of our regular guests, and we were able to celebrate Christmas at Easter!

Other activities have been finding out about Ukraine and discussing people's reactions to the conflict. There have also been crafts and quizzes. To celebrate the Queen's Platinum jubilee the hall was decorated with flags and afternoon tea was served.

Prior to the lunch we have a short traditional service in church for those who wish to attend. Many people who are not part of our Sunday congregation now regard All Saints as their church and some now join us on a Sunday.

A weekly seated exercise class hosted by All Saints and run by an experienced tutor continues every Tuesday during term time. This helps to keep joints supple and also the laughter muscles! After the class there is always a chance to chat.

God has blessed this ministry in many ways. Our guests have said how welcome they feel and how friendly the atmosphere is. God has also blessed us with an amazing team of volunteer helpers, who would all say how blessed they are by Connect.

It is a real joy and privilege to show God's love through the Connect ministry. If you are interested in finding out more or perhaps join our team, please contact Karen Snowden via the office.

Karen Snowden



# Life Groups

The 20+ group is a recent addition to the Life Group's family giving a chance for the young adults to come together and share their faith with one another. Led by Pastor Matt and Rachel Levinsohn, we meet every other Thursday at 7:30 pm for a few hours, usually at the Vicarage or hosted by one of the members, with a Saturday social event once a month.

Our Thursday sessions often begin with some food, snacks and/or drinks before studying the word of God. We like to discuss the challenges young adults of today's society face in relation to how God wants us to live. The meetings are led by Matt, Rachel and whoever feels comfortable enough to guide the session. As a group we are very laid back, with meetings feeling more like a discussion among friends as we share our testimonies and pray together as a group. Meeting with others facing similar challenges on their Christian journey is something which has personally strengthened my faith.

On the flip side, we use the social events to strengthen our relationships with each other. From mini-golf to shuffleboard, the healthy competition between the Ladies and the Men has brought us closer together as a group (although I've been told the head the head standings are confidential). Next, we have axe throwing on the agenda as the games continue!

So, whether you are just starting your Christian journey or are well into it (and of course 20+) we welcome you to come and deepen your relationship with Christ. If this sounds like something you'd be interested in, please speak to Pastor Matt or Rachel Levinsohn for more information.

Demi Adeboye





## Messy Church & Xplore Families Beach Trip

10 July | 3.30-5.30 | Saltburn

**All are welcome.**

**Meeting beach hut side of the pier for fun together, games, a craft and a sandcastle competition. Have a paddle or try body boarding.**

**Bring a picnic or get fish and chips for tea.**



## FAMILY BBQ

**17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 1-3.30 PM**

**PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN MEAT, DRINKS AND CHAIRS.  
THE VICARAGE, QUARRY ROAD.**



Out of Office

**Please note that the Church Office will be closed during the following times:**

**Monday 25 – Friday 29 July, Friday 12 August, Tuesday 16 – Monday 29 August.**

We will respond to any answerphone messages left every few days. Any emails will not be replied to until Shiromi & Rachel are back at work.

The building will be open on Monday and Wednesday mornings, if you need access outside this, please contact Anne Rolfe (Aug only) or Chris Vass (July or Aug) and they will be able to help.

If you need emergency pastoral care, please contact Peter Gray on 07769 654875

Thank you for your understanding.

<b>Dates July 2022</b>				
<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Midweek</b>	<b>Youth</b>	<b>Children &amp; Families</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>Morning Prayer</b> Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9.10am Zoom: 862 4733 2301 Password 316316	<b>Informal Holy Communion</b> Wed 9.30am - Centre	<b>Youth Life Groups</b> <i>term time</i> Wed, 6-8pm – everyone to start in the Youth Rooms	<b>Toddlers</b> Thurs <i>term time</i> 9.45am -11.30am - Centre	<b>Life Group Leaders Meeting</b> Thurs 14 July 7.30pm- 9.30pm Meeting Room
<b>Prayer &amp; Worship</b> Sat 23 July 10am-11am Meeting Room	<b>Life Groups – various days/times</b> see noticeboard in Centre	<b>Youth Club</b> <i>term time</i> Fri, 7-9pm – Centre <i>Up to 15 July then back in Sept</i>	<b>Play and Praise</b> Fri <i>term time</i> 10.15am-11.45am – Centre	<b>Church Family Barbecue</b> Sun 17 Jul 1pm-3.30pm Vicarage Garden
<b>Encounter</b> Sun 24 July 6.30pm-8pm, Church	<b>Connect Lunch Club</b> Tues 12 July 11.45am -2pm	<b>Youth Church</b> – during our Sunday 10.30am service, – Youth Rooms	<b>Messy Church</b> , Sun 10 July 3.30pm-5.30pm Saltburn Beach Trip	<b>New Wine Week A</b> Sat 23 Jul – Thurs 28 Jul Peterborough Showground
	<b>Connect Seated Exercise</b> Tues 1pm (2pm on Lunch Club days) - Centre	<b>Skate Park Outreach</b> Tuesdays 5.30pm-6.30pm, Preston Park. Please let Kathryn Belmont know if you'd like to be involved.	<b>Gems</b> (up to reception) and <b>Trailblazers (Y1-Y6)</b> , during our Sunday 10.30am service – Centre & Meeting Room	
	<b>Joyful Craft</b> Thurs 1.30pm-3pm, Centre	<b>Refresh Day Festival</b> Saturday 16 July 11am-6pm	<b>God's Giants (Y5&amp;6)</b> Mon 11 July 4.15pm-5.15pm Youth Room	
	<b>New Social Group</b> <i>Back on 26 Sept</i> 7.30pm, Centre	<b>Café Church</b> , Tues 12 July 6pm-7.30pm Yarm Costa	<b>God's Giants (Y5&amp;6)</b> Climbing Wall Trip Sun 3 July 12.30pm-3.30pm	
	<b>Drop-In Coffee Mornings</b> Mondays 9.30am-11am Youth Room	<b>Youth Apprenticeships</b> Sun 17 July during the 10.30am service	<b>Puppet Practice</b> Mon 7pm-9pm – Centre <i>term time only</i>	
	<b>Ukraine Family Host Support Cafe</b> Thurs 7 & 21 July 7pm-9pm Youth Room			<b>Church Office closed:</b> <b>Mon 25 – Fri 29 July</b>

**Standing Committee** Mon 4 July 7.30pm, The Vicarage **PCC** Mon 18 July 7.30pm Meeting Room

## Dates August 2022

Prayer	Midweek	Youth	Children & Families	Other
<b>Morning Prayer</b> Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9.10am Zoom: 862 4733 2301 Password 316316	<b>Informal Holy Communion</b> Wed 9.30am - Centre	<b>Youth Life Groups</b> <i>term time</i> Wed, 6-8pm – everyone to start in the Youth Rooms <i>back in Sept</i>	<b>Toddlers</b> <i>back in Sept</i> Thurs <i>term time</i> 9.45am -11.30am - Centre	
<b>Prayer &amp; Worship</b> Sat 13 Aug 10am-11am Meeting Room	<b>Life Groups – various days/times</b> see noticeboard in Centre	<b>Youth Club</b> <i>term time</i> Fri, 7-9pm – Centre <i>back in Sept</i>	<b>Play and Praise</b> <i>back in Sept</i> Fri <i>term time</i> 10.15am-11.45am – Centre	
<b>Encounter</b> <i>next on Sun 25 Sept</i> 6.30pm-8pm, Church	<b>Connect Lunch,</b> next on Tues 13 Sept 11.45am -2pm	<b>Skate Park Outreach</b> <i>Back in Sept</i>	<b>Messy Church,</b> <i>back in Sept</i> 3.30pm-5.30pm Centre	
	<b>Connect Seated Exercise</b> Tues 1pm ( <b>2pm on Lunch Club days</b> ) - Centre <i>Not on during Aug, back in Sept</i>	<b>Youth Church</b> – <i>back in the Youth Room in Sept.</i> In Aug, joining with services	<b>Gems</b> (up to reception) and <b>Trailblazers</b> (Y1-Y6), during our Sunday 10.30am service – Centre & Meeting Room <i>back in Sept</i>	
	<b>Joyful Craft in August</b> <i>not on during Aug, back on Thurs 8 Sept</i> 1.30pm-3pm, Centre	<b>Refresh,</b> <i>next on Sun 16 Oct</i> 6pm-8pm	<b>God's Giants (Y5&amp;6)</b> <i>back in Sept</i>	
	<b>New Social Group</b> <i>Back on 26 Sept</i> 7.30pm, Centre	<b>Café Church,</b> <i>Back soon, more details to follow</i>	<b>Puppet Practice</b> <i>back in Sept</i>	
	<b>Drop-In Coffee Mornings</b> Mondays 9.30am-11am Youth Room	<b>Youth Apprenticeships</b> <i>back in Sept</i> during the 10.30am service		
	<b>Ukraine Family Host Support Café</b> <i>back in Sept</i> 7pm-9pm Youth Room	<b>Satellites Summer Festival</b> Tues 9 – Sun 14 Aug		<b>Church Office closed:</b> <b>Fri 12 August</b> <b>Tues 16 - Mon 29 Aug</b>

Standing Committee & PCC – no meetings in August

## SUNDAY 3 JULY

What is at the centre of our communities?  
Ephesians 2:14-22, Acts 2:42-47  
9am Morning Worship  
1030am Morning Worship  
*Preacher Matt Levinsohn*

## SUNDAY 10 JULY

How can we build a just society?  
Isaiah 65:17-25  
Amos 5:10-15  
9am Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship  
*Preacher Rick Simpson*

## SUNDAY 17 JULY

What does tolerance mean?  
Romans 15:1-9  
Revelation 2:18-29  
9am Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship  
*Preacher Kevin Storer*

## SUNDAY 24 JULY

How to speak truth without judging?  
Matthew 18:15-19  
Matthew 7:1-6  
9am Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship  
*Preacher Michael Davison*

## SUNDAY 31 JULY

Should Christians believe in fate?  
Psalm 139:13-16  
Romans 8:22-30  
9am Morning Worship  
1030am Morning Worship  
*Preacher Sola Adeboye*

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## SUNDAY 7 AUGUST - Communion

More Than Your Past  
2 Corinthians 5:11-21  
Ephesians 2: 13-22  
*Preacher Matt Levinsohn*

## SUNDAY 14 AUGUST – Morning Worship

More than flesh and blood  
1 Corinthians 15:35-54  
Genesis 2:4-7  
*Preacher Andrew Killick*

## SUNDAY 21 AUGUST – Morning Worship

More than this life  
2 Timothy 2:1-8  
Luke 12:13-21  
*Preacher Helena Knight*

## SUNDAY 28 AUGUST – Morning Worship

More than Conquerors  
Romans 8:31-39  
Revelation 1:4-8  
*Preacher Matt Levinsohn*