



OCTOBER 2022



All Saints' Church

*Loving Jesus,
Loving Our Communities*

How Much Do You Lean?

If you wander around Stockton, or Yarm, or wherever in the UK, you are likely to see people with all sorts of bands on their wrists. Black ones, white ones, pink ones, ones with various letters on them and so on. You might know what they all mean. I confess I don't. But this one, I do like.



FROG stands for Fully Reliant On God. It is worn by people who want all of their lives to be lived with an awareness of God and in the knowledge that as Jesus said, without me you can do nothing.

A few things recently have perhaps stirred you to think about reliance on God. Of course, we had the Queen's funeral, and her own quoted reflections on how God had been her rock, her strength, the one on whom she could rely in all of life. The National Anthem itself is a declaration that God is needed to live life well, to sustain and support us



Reliance on God is also at the heart of our Harvest celebrations. Of course, God did not drive the combine harvester, God did not sow the seed, God did not get up at three in the morning to bring the harvest in, as some of you did. But at the same time, He is the one who made this world so that it could bear harvest in the first place. He is the one who sustains this world. To think philosophically for a minute, you might have come across the anthropic principle. This is the idea that the odds of our world having light, heat, food, air, and all we need for life; all on the same planet, is so small, that it suggests God has engineered this planet for us out of love and care for us. So, in all things we can be grateful to Him acknowledging our reliance.

Many of us know too well what it means to be fully reliant on something. Hearing aids, medication, pacemakers, inhalers. Many of us are reliant on them and without them we would struggle to live the lives we do. Unlike those things which force our reliance on them, God calls us to choose to live in reliance or partnership on Him, and when we do, of course life works better, because that is how we were made to live. It is joyful reliance. A privilege that we want to see others experience too. To bring God into every area of our lives should lift a burden from us.

For some of you, this is already your reality, how you live your life. For others you may want to join the growing number of people in our church and decide to take steps to bring your relationship with God into the fore of your life; Adding habits, people, time, and space into life to help you connect with God.

So, this Autumn, may you enjoy the blessing of not being fully reliant on yourself. May you enjoy leaning on God because he cares for you. And would you be surprised and amazed by what the team of God and you can see happen.

Blessings

Matt Levinsohn



An Update from Lee & Taz in Durham

Hello from, the Beautiful City of Durham

We have finally moved from Northallerton and started the next chapter in our journey.

Our first couple of weeks have been spent getting to know the other Ordinands and their Families, exploring the amazing walks in the city with the girls and the dog and Taz getting more involved with her Shanty Band which is only up the road in Shildon and is an amazing opportunity for outreach.

I officially start college on the 26th of September so presently we are just enjoying having some well needed family time while I also start to learn a bit of Greek.

Prayers would be appreciated in the following areas

- For Tallulah to get into the best school for her individual needs. (Currently at appeal stage)
- For Asia to get more involved with the children in the home schooling network In Durham while she decides if she wants to go back into mainstream schooling.
- For our older girls Eliya and Shemiya, both now living away from home, to do well in their studies and work and for their faith to grow stronger as they launch out independently.
- For both myself and Taz to have many opportunities to minister Gods love to those around us and share the gospel with those God is already putting in our path.

Thank you so much for your continued love and support. See you soon!

Lee, Taz and Girls



University

Please remember to pray for all of those from our All Saints' family who are at college/university. These are three of our young people who have recently started university.

I'm Hannah and I'm just starting at the University of Cambridge studying medicine. When I was at All Saints, you might have often found me either on Welcome, or with my nephew in GEMS! I'm looking forward to finding a church and meeting other Christians at university, but I already can't wait to be at church back home too. I would really appreciate prayers for me to settle in easily and help me to be in the places God wants me to be in.



Hi! My name is Helena Knight. I recently just moved to York to study at York St John university. My course is a very unique course and it's called Children, Young People and Society! I'm so excited but right now I'm church hunting so would really appreciate your prayers! Thank you! Miss you guys!

Hi, my name is Somaga and I've recently started studying medicine at Newcastle university. I'd appreciate prayer for helping me reach out more and make meaningful friendships and also with finding the right church community for me to join.

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Church Camp at Hollybush

Our first Church Camp was held at Hollybush Christian Camp Site from 23-25 September. The weather was kind to us although a little chilly overnight!

There were 75 people camping and we were joined by lots more during Saturday and Sunday from our All Saints church family, and our friends from St Mary's. It was a lovely time of fellowship and fun. We had times of worship on Saturday morning, evening and Sunday morning - thanks to all those who were involved in the services. On Friday night we had a fun quiz, on Saturday morning we headed off for a walk at Cod Beck and on Saturday afternoon we had a huge game of rounders and a lot of fun with the inflatable zorbs! There were lots of opportunities for our adults, children and young to relax, and enjoy getting to know each other better.

Some of those that went have shared their thoughts on the weekend:

"What a super weekend!! I feel so blessed to be part of this church family and having had the time and opportunity to get to know so many of you better!! Also, as a parent it was great to see all of the younger generation having fun together, forging lifelong friendships"

"I think all who came (both campers and day visitors) will agree it was a great weekend in an excellent location at Hollybush Christian Fellowship. There was great fun, fellowship, and worship / prayer / teaching."

"We loved it so much. What a fantastic weekend. So wonderful to see people make each other feel welcome"

"Great weekend and wonderful, relaxed opportunity to get to know people better and have fun together"

"I have been blessed by God and made new friends."

We hope to hold another Church Camp next year, so watch this space for more details soon!



Ragworth Community Grocery

The first grocery was set up by the Christian charity, the Message Trust, in Manchester. They now have 19 groceries in the UK, of which five are in the North-East. Each one is run by a partnership between the Message and a local church and is an expression of God's unconditional love both practically and spiritually.

The vision is to fill the gap between food banks and supermarkets. A grocery provides a range of food, much of which has been donated by supermarkets, churches or individuals. A grocery member can shop for their whole family at the fraction of the cost at a supermarket, which gives them dignity and choice, whilst saving hundreds of tonnes of food wastage each year.

The partnership with a local church means that members receive much more than physical food as they are loved by a community and often many begin to be introduced to the love of Jesus through friendship and prayer.

I have been privileged to volunteer at our local Community Grocery, Ragworth, Stockton on Tees, since it opened in March 2021. I have been amazed how open people are to receive the gospel, to be prayed for and to be introduced to Jesus. There are many testimonies of people receiving much more than a £4 food shop: physical healings, broken relationships restored, lonely and isolated people, especially through covid, have been listened to and formed new friendships. Some members have done Alpha and now testify to a new life in Jesus.

Thank you for any donations you make through the Harvest Festival at All Saints, it would be helpful if you could give non-perishable items (**please see the list on the next page**)

If you would like to know more about the grocery, please come and ask. If you think you could give a few hours a week as a volunteer, you would be warmly welcomed. I know that you will be blessed and used by God bringing His love and compassion to others.

Many thanks,



Elaine Eley

At our services on Sunday 23 October, we are asking for donations to go to **Ragworth Community Grocery**. Please see the article above from Elaine Eley with more details.

They would be very grateful for donations of the non-perishable food items such as:

tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, pasta sauce mix, tea bags, coffee, sugar, pasta, rice cereal and basically anything that can be put in a store cupboard.

Thank you

Harvest Bring & Share Lunch

Sunday 23 October
after our 10.30am service



**Our Next Welcome Lunch
is on Sunday 16 October
for anyone who has
recently joined us.**

**Please speak to Matt if
you would like to attend**

Monday 31
October
4.45pm-7pm

**glow
party**

Family Fun Event

Food, bouncy castle,
sumo fun, disco,
games, youth club
room and more.....

More details will be added to
our website follow shortly
Contact Jan Peters for more info

not a
Halloween
party!



Men's Parmo Night
& Quiz
Tues 18 Oct, 7pm
The Falcon, Hilton

To book - please contact
Ian Taylor before 11
October

Please bring along a friend.

Coming up in November.....

Please join us for our All Souls Service,
to remember friends and family who have
died.

Weds 2 November 6pm-6.45pm.



Believers Baptism
Sunday 27
November

Please speak to Matt
Levinsohn if you are
thinking about baptism or
if you have any questions.

October Dates				
Prayer	Midweek	Youth	Children & Families	Other
Morning Prayer Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9.10am Zoom: 862 4733 2301 Password 316316	Informal Holy Communion Wed 9.30am - Centre	Youth Life Groups <i>term time</i> Wed, 6-8pm – everyone to start in the Youth Rooms	Toddlers <i>Thurs term time</i> 9.45am -11.30am - Centre	Walkers Group Sat 8 Oct, Please see ChurchSuite calendar for details
Prayer & Worship Sat 8 Oct 10am-11am Meeting Room	Life Groups – various days/times see noticeboard in Centre	Youth Club <i>term time</i> Fri, 7-9pm – Centre	Play and Praise <i>Fri term time</i> 10.15am-11.45am – Centre	Welcome Team Meeting Mon 3 Oct 7.30pm-9.30pm Meeting Room
Encounter Sun 23 Oct 6.30pm-8pm Church	Drop-In Coffee Mornings Mondays 9.30am-11.30am Youth Room	Skate Park Outreach Tues 5.30pm-6.30pm Preston Park	Messy Church, Sun 9 Oct 3.30pm-5.30pm Centre	Men's Parmo & Quiz Night Tues 18 Oct 7pm Falcon Inn, Hilton
	Connect Lunch, Tues 11 Oct 11.45am -2pm	Youth Church – during our Sunday 10.30am services – Youth Rooms	Gems (up to reception) and Trailblazers (Y1-Y6), during our Sunday 10.30am service - Centre & Meeting Room	
	Connect Seated Exercise Tues 1pm (2pm on Lunch Club days) - Centre	Refresh, Sun 16 Oct 6pm-8pm Centre	God's Giants Club (Y5&6) Tues 4.15pm-5.15pm Youth Room	
	Joyful Craft Thursdays 1.30pm-3pm, Youth Room	Café Church, <i>Back in December</i>	Puppet Practice Mon 7pm-9pm – Centre <i>term time</i>	
	Monday Night Social Mon 24 Oct 7.30pm, Centre	Youth Apprenticeships Sun 16 Oct during the 10.30am service	Glow Party Mon 31 Oct 4.45pm-7pm Centre	
	Ukraine Support Café Thurs 13 & 27 Oct 7pm-9pm Youth Room	Doulos Youth Leadership Training Mon 17 Oct 7pm-9pm – Youth Rooms		

SERVICES – OCTOBER 2022

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER

Warning to the shepherds, and a promise of a better shepherd to come.

Ezekiel 34:1-16, John 10:11-16

9am Morning Worship

1030am Morning Worship

Speaker – Rachel Levinsohn

SUNDAY 9 OCTOBER

New life from dry bones. Where is God breathing new life?

Ezekiel 37:1-14, John 20:19-23

9am Communion

1030am Morning Worship

Speaker - Matt Levinsohn

SUNDAY 16 OCTOBER

The glory of the Lord returns, He will dwell with His people.

Ezekiel 43:1-9

Revelation 21:22-27

9am Morning Worship

1030am Morning Worship

Speaker Clive Shergold

SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER

Harvest (including collection of donations for Ragworth Community Grocery – see the article & list above)

What does the provision of God look like?

Acts 14: 8-18,

1 Chronicles 29: 10-20

9am Communion

1030am Morning Worship

Speaker – Michael Davison

SUNDAY 30 OCTOBER

Rivers of living water, and life where there was death for the nations. How can our churches bring transformation to our areas?

Ezekiel 47:1-12 & 48:35b, John 7:37-39

9am Morning Worship

1030am Communion

Preacher Sola Abeboye

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