

DEC 2022-JAN 2023



All Saints' Church
*Loving Jesus,
Loving Our Communities*

Emmanuel – God with us?

Christmas is often a time when we gather with other people to celebrate. Christmas movies, stockings, board games, parties; it is a time to celebrate and to have people round. We typically want people to be with us, until we are ready for them to go home!

Emmanuel means God with us. It is one of the titles which is given in the Bible to Jesus; God come to earth to be with us. Born in obscurity, born to a fairly normal family, (except the virgin birth!) born into a family of tradespeople. Growing up with brothers and sisters, until eventually in his thirties Jesus would start to more fully show his identity as Emmanuel; God with us.



But when was God not with us? Was he ever absent? Is he absent at the moment with all that is going on in the world? Jesus was a very particularly way of God being with us in human form. This is often called the incarnation, God deciding to become one of us. He came to show us what God is like. To show us God desires to come close to each of us, into our lives and home. He came to die on the cross and then to rise so that we could be offered forgiveness for the things we do wrong and be welcomed with open arms into God's family, knowing with certainty we will one day be with him.

The testimony of those who wrote the Bible, those who have lived since, and people today, is that God has never gone away. He has never abandoned us, and he won't.

This is very much the message at the end of the account of Noah when God places a rainbow as a sign that He will not abandon us and write us off even if we go wrong. Jesus wants us to know this in many of the parables He uses, and not least in the Prodigal Son where God is pictured as the father running down the road to meet his son who had wandered off and disowned his father.



So where do you see God at work around us? Where are you aware of God with us? Perhaps in those quiet moments where you are aware of Him. Perhaps in the situation you cry out to Him for help and discover He is there. Perhaps in other ways.

At Christmas we remember that God, Emmanuel chose to come down to earth for us. The God who made the universe, born to an ordinary looking family, in a small town in the middle east. Many even in that town of Bethlehem would have walked past them in the street and not realised this was the saviour of the world. It would have been easy not to notice him. But at Christmas, this is our time again to notice. To remember that the life of Jesus, Emmanuel is the life that can transform our lives, give us hope for the future, forgiveness for our mistakes, and demonstrates that God cares.

So, bless you this Christmas. I hope you have a wonderful time. Do join us for our Christmas services, and I hope that whatever is going in your life, you would know the presence of Emmanuel, the God who never leaves us, never writes us off, the God who cares.

Happy Christmas

Matt Levinsohn



An Evening with John Archer



I have been to several evenings with John Archer over the last few years. He lives in Eaglescliffe and used to be the local policeman: my children can remember him going into their school to explain how the police work. He joined the Magic Circle when he was young, changed career to become an entertainer, and is now a TV celebrity. How on earth does he do those magic tricks?! And how on earth does he keep up that ceaseless flow of hilarious chatter, pausing only occasionally to play his ukulele?!

Well, we have another chance to watch him in action soon. This is very much an evening for inviting friends who are outside (or on the fringes of) the church. Alongside his gifts for entertaining, John is a committed Christian who will say a few words here and there about his faith in Jesus. So, do think who you can invite to come with you. Details are below:

When: Saturday 11th February 2023 at 7.15pm.

Where: All Saints Church Centre, Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe.

Cost: £15 – tickets available in January from Rachel or Shiromi via the church office (Tel 01642 783814) and from Karen Killick (07808 058108) There will be more details about ticket sales in January.

And that includes nibbles, dessert, wine or beer, and soft drinks.

Andrew & Karen Killick



Encounter

Over a year ago, during Prayer Ministry Training, God blessed us in a powerful way, His presence was palpable, and many were moved by His spirit. We felt that God was encouraging us to have a regular, alternative worship evening when we can “encounter” Him in this way.

Encounter has become a monthly Sunday evening service, which is Holy Spirit led with a fairly loose structure. There is always great worship led by Adam Burns and other talented musicians, to draw us into Gods presence.

Each month, we have had various church members who have shared how they have encountered God in powerful ways, and what a difference this has made to them. Every person who encountered Jesus in the Bible was changed dramatically and we should expect no less.

Prayer is always a large part of the evening, both personal or intercessory, for those things God calls us. Always different and sometimes unexpected, just as we would expect from a God who loves to speak to us in many different ways. It is also a safe place for practicing sharing prophetic pictures or words that might encourage or build up, this has blessed many.

It is a place to “go deeper” with God, Psalm 42 mentions “deep calling out to deep” and this can be a place to be with others who feel that same longing. To encounter God without any agenda and develop that relationship that He is calling us to, the one we were made for.

We are looking forward, to seeing, where He will take us in the future.

The next date for Encounter is Sunday 22 January 6.30pm-8pm



Sandra Griffiths

Mission Support at All Saints'

I chair the Mission Support Group and have been asked to explain what we do, and what All Saints does in support of Missions both at home and abroad. All Saints gives 10% of its total income away to support mission each year. The group itself currently has six members. We meet twice yearly to discuss allocation of the available money and also discuss any other requests that arise over email. The church has four main mission partners involved in overseas mission whom we have been supporting for a number of years. Each of them is also linked to a Life group for prayer support. They are:



Carolyn Kemp, who works for OMF. Carolyn directs the Diaspora returnees' mission, the aim of which is to disciple East Asians who become Christians whilst studying or working in other countries so that when they return home their faith is strong and others may come to know about Jesus. The diaspora mission works all over the world including in Kenya and in Japan!



Mark and Gill Newham have worked in Mongolia for a number of years. They write a news and prayer letter monthly about their life there. The church in Mongolia is growing and there are Mongolian missionaries working in China. They hope to visit All Saints again this year.



Mark and Anna Burgess and their three sons are based in Lima in Peru. They lead a growing church locally and are also involved in a church plant in the jungle. They work extensively with young people and children and since the pandemic have also been running a food bank.



The African Pastors Fellowship is led by Dave Steadman. They support local pastors working in Africa with all kinds of resources.

We also support many local projects, including A Way Out, The Ragworth Grocery and Tees Valley Youth for Christ to name only a few. The distribution of gifts following the Harvest and Christmas gift services as well as donations to the Mary Thompson fund are also undertaken by the group.

Sue Levan





Church Family Christmas Party

Saturday 17th December

7pm

An evening of festive fun for all the family

Bring and share buffet (just bring some food to share)

Bring your own beer, wine, and soft drinks.

Tea & Coffee provided



WARM SPACES

FREE
Creative Writing courses

All Saints Church
Eaglescliffe
TS16 0AB

10am-12pm

29 November
6 December
13 December
20 December



Monday Morning Coffee



Please come along
9.30am-11am
free tea, coffee & cake



Office Closed

Our office will be closed from
12pm on Fri 23 Dec until 9am on Tues 3 Jan.

Our building will be open for our services over Christmas
& New Year, but any emails or answerphone messages
will only be responded to on Tues 3 Jan.

If the event of an emergency, please contact:
Matt Levinsohn 07816 386623

**Please join us for our
Christmas services.**

If you would like some postcards to share with friends or family with details of our Christmas services, they are available in the foyer in the centre or contact the office.

Come & Celebrate Christmas

❁ Carols by Candlelight
Sun 18 Dec 7pm
with mulled wine and mince pies

❁ Christmas Eve Family Services
4pm & 6.30pm

❁ Midnight Communion 11.15pm

❁ Christmas Day Service
10.30am

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SUNDAY 4 DECEMBER

How did Jesus restore?

John 21:15-19, Mark 5:1-20

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Communion

Speaker Sola Adeboye

SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER

How did Jesus resist drift?

Mark 1:35-45, Matthew 16:5-12

9am Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker Kathryn Belmont

SUNDAY 18 DECEMBER

The coming Messiah

Mark 1:1-8, Isaiah 42:1-9

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker Andrew Killick

SATURDAY 18 DECEMBER

7pm Carols by Candlelight

Speaker Amy Burns

SATURDAY 24 DECEMBER

4pm Christmas Eve Family Services

6.30pm Christmas Eve Family Services

11.15pm Midnight Communion

Readings Isaiah 9:2,6,7, John 1:1-14

Speaker: David Munby

SUNDAY 25 DECEMBER

Jesus' birth

Luke 2:6-20, John 1:1-9

Speaker: Matt Levinsohn

10.30 am Christmas Day Celebration

SUNDAY 1 JANUARY

A shorter joint service at 10am

followed by a walk in Preston Park

SUNDAY 8 JANUARY

Theme: Forming

Readings 1 Peter 1:13-21, John 17:14-23

9am Communion

10.30am Communion

Speaker Matt Levinsohn

SUNDAY 15 JANUARY

Theme: Prayer

Readings Ephesians 1:15-20, Psalms 63:1-8

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker 9am David Emerton

Speaker 1030am Rachel Levinsohn

SUNDAY 22 JANUARY

Theme: Accountability & Submission to authority

Readings Galatians 6:1-10, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker Matt Levinsohn

SUNDAY 29 JANUARY

Theme: Scripture

Readings Psalms 1:1-6, Luke 24:13-29

9am Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker David Munby

December Dates				
Worship	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 Thurs <i>term time</i> 9.45am -11.30am - Centre	Walkers Group Sat 10 Dec Please see ChurchSuite calendar for details
Prayer & Worship Sat 10 Dec 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 Fri <i>term time</i> 10.15am-11.45am – Centre	Choral Group <i>Back in January</i>
Encounter <i>Back in January</i>	Monday Morning Coffee Mondays 9.30am-11.30am Youth Room	Youth Church – during our Sunday 10.30am services – Youth Rooms	Messy Church, Sun 11 Dec 3.30pm-5.30pm Centre	Dementia Training Sessions Sun 4, 11 Dec 3pm-4pm Church
	Connect Lunch, Tues 13 Dec 11.45am -2pm	Refresh, <i>Back in Jan</i>	Gems (up to reception) and Trailblazers (Y1-Y6), during our Sunday 10.30am service - Centre & Meeting Room	Creative Writing Warm Space Tues 6 ,13, 20 Dec 10am-12pm Youth Room
	Connect Seated Exercise Tues 1pm (2pm on Lunch Club days) - Centre	Café Church, Tues 6 Dec 6pm-7.30pm Costa, Yarm	God's Giants Club (Y5&6) Tues 6 Dec 4.15pm-5.15pm Youth Room	Men's Christmas Meal Fri 2 Dec, 7pm The Falcon Inn, Hilton
	Joyful Craft Thursdays 1.30pm-3pm, Youth Room	Youth Apprenticeships Sun 18 Dec during the 10.30am service	Puppet Practice Mon 7pm-9pm – Centre <i>term time</i>	Christmas Party Sat 17 Dec 7pm, Centre For more details see image
	Monday Night Social <i>Back in January</i>	Doulos Youth Leadership Training Mon 12 Dec 7pm-9pm Youth Rooms		
	Ukraine Support Café Thurs 8 Dec 7pm-9pm Youth Room			

Standing Committee Mon 5 Dec 7.30pm, The Vicarage, PCC Mon 19 Dec 7.30pm Meeting Room

January 2023 Dates				
Worship	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 Thurs <i>term time</i> 9.45am -11.30am - Centre	Choral Group Mon 30 Jan 6.30pm-7.30pm Church
Prayer & Worship Sat 14 Jan 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 Fri <i>term time</i> 10.15am-11.45am – Centre	
Encounter Sun 22 Jan 6.30pm-8pm Church	Monday Morning Coffee Mondays 9.30am-11.30am Youth Room	Youth Church – during our Sunday 10.30am services – Youth Rooms	Messy Church, Sun 8 Jan 3.30pm-5.30pm Centre	
	Connect Lunch, Tues 10 Jan 11.45am -2pm	Refresh, Sun 15 Jan 6pm-8pm Church	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	Café Church, <i>Back in March</i>	God's Giants Club (Y5&6) Tues (dates to be confirmed) 4.15pm-5.15pm Youth Room	
	Joyful Craft Thursdays 1.30pm-3pm, Youth Room	Youth Apprenticeships Sun 15 Jan during the 10.30am service	Puppet Practice Mon 7pm-9pm – Centre <i>term time</i>	
	Monday Night Social Mon 29 Jan 7.30pm-9pm Centre	Doulos Youth Leadership Training Mon 23 Jan 7pm-9pm Youth Rooms		
	Ukraine Support Café Thurs 12 & 26 Jan 7pm-9pm Youth Room	Build Home Mexico Information Tues 31 Jan 7.30pm-9pm Youth Rooms		

Standing Committee Mon 2 Jan 7.30pm, The Vicarage, PCC Mon 16 Jan 7.30pm Meeting Room

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