

# FEBRUARY 2023



**All Saints' Church**

*Loving Jesus,  
Loving Our Communities*

# Everyone is Welcome



What skills do you need to build a boat? Probably engineering, maths, perhaps metalwork and a few more things. What about to make a computer, or paint a painting, or design a rocket, or to teach? For most jobs and roles there is a set of skills you need and a set of skills you don't. I remember trying a long time ago to emigrate to Canada. It was a depressing experience. I listed my skills and experiences. They listed their required skills. There was no cross over. And sadly, Canada missed out!

What about in Church? Perhaps singers, those who can explain things, those who can pray, those who know how to bake cakes. All of those sorts of people are needed. But that is not quite right. Jesus used the word Church 3 times in Matthew's account of his life, but not once in all of Mark, Luke, or John.

What he talked about far more was the kingdom, and by that he meant making this world more as God wants it to be. And in forming that reality, all of us get to play. We all have skills, talents and abilities which will help to form the world around us, our society, our organisations into the places which mirror how God wants them to be.

But even within the Church, there are many more opportunities than we might think. At the moment we are looking at how to incorporate more art, poetry, creativity into what we do. How to expand to connect with those in need. How to use all our skills and talents to help the church to be all it can be. '23 feels like a year to push out, to try some new things. So, if you have an idea of what might happen in the church which would benefit not just the people of the church; if you have an idea of something we might begin which would not be based here; we would love to hear from you.

Families are diverse and varied; they come in all shapes and sizes. And our desire in this family of God's church is that you would find a home. To discover, unlike the Canada immigration office, that there is a place for you, your talents, and skills. A place for you to know you are part of a community which values and loves all people.

So have a great week and do be in touch.

Thanks

Matt

Matt Levinsohn



# Purple Rose Drop in Centre

*At Christmas we asked for donations of gifts for the Purple Rose Drop in Centre – here is some more information about it:*

Purple Rose Stockton was founded by Susan Mansaray, former journalist forced to flee persecution in Sierra Leone, to support asylum seekers and refugees, having been gone through the process herself. The project is about letting people know that there are those who understand what they are going through and are there to get them the vital help and support when it's needed most.

People, often women refugees or asylum seekers with their children, families, single men and women gather at Newtown Community Resource Centre where a warm welcome is guaranteed at the weekly drop-in.

As well as hot culturally diverse food, guests are encouraged to make friends, dance to the music that reminds them of their culture, and take good quality second-hand items like bed linen, clothes, toys, and cooking equipment.

Visitors come from all over the world: Syria, Iran, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Eritrea, Somalia, Afghanistan, and Africa, fleeing war zones and natural disasters.

Some do not speak English, but there are several multilingual volunteers who bridge the language gap and help people get what they need until they find their feet.

It is a lifeline for many, but despite the serious circumstances that bring people here, the atmosphere is bright and happy, and for its founder Susan, that is key. Susan chose the name Purple Rose because every other project had refugee or asylum seeker in the title. She wanted people to be able to say they were coming here and have a name without a label.

Susan cooks beautiful, nutritious food for a weekly dinner for 80 people on Friday evenings and is backed by her husband and team of dedicated volunteers who support the drop-in on top of their day jobs.

The project is so successful that many people, local charities and fundraisers support what Susan, and her team are doing. Donations flood in every Friday night, to be shared out amongst visitors, and the atmosphere must be felt to be believed. It is noisy, friendly, and thriving.

For more information, please contact Purple Rose: [purplerosehealthandwellbeing@yahoo.com](mailto:purplerosehealthandwellbeing@yahoo.com)

# Hearing God for Ourselves and for Others

In John 10, Jesus uses the illustration of a shepherd and sheep to describe his relationship with those that belong to his flock. A shepherd knows, protects, provides for, and leads his sheep and the sheep trust and follow the shepherd wherever he leads them.

What a beautiful picture this is of our relationship with Jesus. Two of the verses that always challenge me are:

'After he has gathered his own flock, he walks ahead of them, and they follow him because **they know His voice**. They won't follow a stranger; they will run from him because they don't know his voice'. (John 10:4-5 NLT)

The shepherd and sheep have a close and trusting relationship, the same relationship that Jesus desires to have with each of us. Maybe you desire to go deeper in your relationship with Jesus, maybe you would like to understand more how you can learn to recognise and follow the voice of Jesus when he speaks to you.

If so, we would like to give you the opportunity to join us for three evenings in February, when we can grow together in recognising His voice and acting on His voice.

This course will run as follows:

**Title:** Hearing God for Ourselves and for Others

**When:** Tuesday 14, 21, 28 February

**Time:** 7.30pm-9.30pm

**Where:** All Saints, in the Meeting Room

**How to book in:** through ChurchSuite or the church office at [office.allsaints@gmail.com](mailto:office.allsaints@gmail.com) or Tel: 01642 783814

The evenings will be in a relaxed environment exploring what the Bible says about the way God loves to communicate with his children and including some time to listen to His voice. It will be a very safe environment and I am sure we will have lots of fun on the way.

It is amazing that we have a God who delights to communicate, he is constantly talking, if you are interested but unsure if this is for you, please come and chat to find out more.

Elaine Eley



# All Saints' Social Events

The PCC has established a number of working groups, one of which is to focus on ensuring we have a range of social activities to allow both church members and our wider church community opportunities to spend time together. During 2022 many people attended events such as beach days, BBQ's, croquet, the church camp, and our Christmas party. Our men's and ladies' events have also proved popular throughout the year.

As we look towards 2023, we have a range of events planned over the coming months which we hope you will be able to attend and if you have ideas for other social activities then please let us know. You can find details of the events on ChurchSuite and in the monthly programme as well as on the screens during service and in the centre foyer. As we head towards the summer many of our Life Groups will be organising events which you may want to join. Social activities are a great opportunity to invite friends to, who perhaps are not ready to join us on a Sunday morning. Hopefully they will realise that Christians and the church are not quite a strange as they thought!

Many of you organised street parties for the jubilee last year and we would encourage you to think about getting together with your neighbours again for King Charles' Coronation in May. From May to October there will be monthly walks arranged around the region, look out for further details nearer the time.

One event that we hope you will all be able to attend for at least part of the time, is our Church Camp which takes place 7-9 July at Hollybush Farm near Thirsk, so put the date in your diary now. For those of you who don't have the luxury of a caravan and can't bring yourself to swap your bed for a sleeping bag, you can still join us as it is only about 40 minutes drive away.

If you would like to join us in planning the social calendar or would be willing are able to help organise an event, then please let us know.

**Martin Howard, Lucy Falcus & Simon Honeywell**



# Upcoming Social Events

plus - last Mon of each month -  
Monday Night Social

Thurs 2  
Mar Mens Night - to be confirmed

Sun 5  
Mar Bring & Share Lunch & Walk

Sat 18  
Mar Ladies Easter Craft Evening

Sat 22  
Apr Ladies Schwapping Evening

Tues 2  
May Mens Night - meal

Sat 6  
May Organise your own  
Coronation Day street-party

All the events are  
on ChurchSuite  
& more details  
will be added  
nearer the time

Sat 20  
May Barn Dance

Sun 4  
Jun Picnic & Croquet

Fri 9  
Jun Mens Night - BBQ

Sat 17  
Jun Beach Day

Thurs  
22 Jun Ladies Night - BBQ

Sun 23  
July Bring & Share BBQ

# Coming up in 2023

## COURSES

### Hearing from God for ourselves and Others

Tues 14, 21, 28 Feb

### The Shapes Course

Tues 21, 28 March

### Sharing Faith

Thurs 14, 21 March

## MISSION

**Mission Week** - in partnership with USA Mission Team  
29 May - 2 June

**Mission Trip** to Sunderland to help The Main Family  
dates to be confirmed

## CAMP

### Church Camp

Hollybush Christian Campsite  
Thirsk  
7-9 July

## COURSES

**dates to follow for....**

Parenting Young Children

Marriage Course

Alpha Course

## NEW WINE

### New Wine United

Week A

Kent Event Centre,  
Maidstone

26-30 July 2023

## YOUTH

### Satellites Youth Camp

Bath & West Showground,  
Shepton Mallett

4 - 9 August

A great event to invite your friends to!



## AN EVENING WITH JOHN ARCHER

Date: 11 February 2023 - 7.15 to 10pm

All Saints' Church, Eaglescliffe  
Includes Drinks, Nibbles & Dessert

£15

Please think and pray about who you can invite.

Tickets are available (cash only) from:  
Karen Killick, Shiromi Davison or Rachel Levinsohn

## Welcome Lunch

Our Next Welcome Lunch is on  
**Sunday 26 February**,  
for anyone who has recently  
joined us.

Please speak to Matt if you  
would like to attend



## LEARN TO HEAR GOD

For yourself & others

3 sessions to help you  
recognise God's voice



TUES 14 / 21 / 28 FEB  
7.30 - 9.30 PM



## The Shapes Course



Tuesday 21 & 28 March

7.30pm - 9.15pm  
Meeting Room

Come along and find out  
the amazing way God  
has SHAPED you for his  
kingdom purposes.

# Coming up in March

## Sharing Faith

Finding your voice to share God with  
your friends

Thursday 16 & 30 March  
7.30pm – Youth Rooms

## SUNDAY 5 FEBRUARY

Solitude

Luke 5:12-16, Exodus 33:7-11

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

*Speaker Sarah Hope*

## SUNDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Generosity

Philippians 4:10-20, 1 Chronicles 29:10-18

9am Communion

10.30am Communion

*Speaker 9am Anne Aboaja*

*Speaker 10.30am Matt Levinsohn*

## SUNDAY 19 FEBRUARY

Fasting

1 Samuel 7:1-12, Matthew 6:16-21

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

*Speaker Michael Davison*

## WEDNESDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Ash Wednesday service

7pm at St Mary's Long Newton

## SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Community

Isaiah 25:6-8, Hebrews 10:19-25

9am Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

*Speaker Matt Levinsohn*

You can watch our live-streamed 10.30am services on  
<https://www.youtube.com/@AllSaintsVideo/streams>

<b>February 2023 Dates</b>				
<b>Worship</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 <i>term time</i></b> Wed, 6-8pm – everyone to start in the Youth Rooms	<b>Toddlers</b> Thurs <i>term time</i> 9.45am -11.30am - Centre	<b>Choral Group</b> Mon 27 Feb 6.30pm-7.30pm Church
<b>Prayer &amp; Worship</b> Sat 11 Feb 9am-10am Meeting Room	<b>Life Groups – various days/times</b> see noticeboard in Centre	<b>Youth Club <i>term time</i></b> Fri, 7-9pm – Centre	<b>Play and Praise</b> Fri <i>term time</i> 10am-11.15am – Centre	<b>Hearing God for Ourselves and Others</b> Tues 14, 21 28 Feb 7.30pm Meeting Room
<b>Encounter</b> Sun 26 Feb 6.30pm-8pm Church	<b>Monday Morning Coffee</b> Mondays 9.30am-11.30am Youth Room	<b>Youth Church – during our Sunday 10.30am services – Youth Rooms</b>	<b>Messy Church,</b> Sun 12 Feb 3.30pm-5.30pm Centre	
	<b>Connect Lunch,</b> Tues 14 Feb 11.45am -2pm	<b>Refresh,</b> <i>Back in April</i>	<b>Gems</b> (up to reception) and <b>Trailblazers (Y1-Y6)</b> , during our Sunday 10.30am service - Centre & Meeting Room	
	<b>Connect Seated Exercise</b> Tues 1pm - Centre (not on Connect lunch club days)	<b>Café Church,</b> <i>Back in March</i>	<b>God's Giants Group (Y5&amp;6)</b> Tues (dates to be confirmed) 4.15pm-5.15pm Youth Room	
	<b>Joyful Craft</b> Thursdays 1.30pm-3pm, Youth Room	<b>Youth Apprenticeships</b> Sun 19 Feb during the 10.30am service	<b>Puppet Practice</b> Mon 7pm-9pm – Centre <i>term time</i>	
	<b>Monday Night Social</b> Mon 27 Feb 7.30pm-9pm Centre	<b>Doulos Youth Leadership Training</b> Mon 27 Feb 7pm-9pm Youth Rooms		
	<b>Ukraine Support Café</b> Thurs 9 & 23 Feb 7pm-9pm Youth Room			

**Standing Committee** Mon 6 Feb 7.30pm, The Vicarage, PCC Mon 20 Feb 7.30pm Meeting Room