

A large, dark silhouette of a wooden cross stands on a grassy hill. The background is a vibrant sunset sky with a bright sun low on the horizon, casting a golden glow. Wispy clouds are scattered across the sky, some catching the low light of the sun. The overall mood is peaceful and spiritual.

# APRIL 2023



**All Saints' Church**

*Loving Jesus,  
Loving Our Communities*

# Happy Easter Church Family



Some people's first cars are cool. I don't know what yours was. Mine at age 17 was my mum's and it was Ok. A pretty dated Rover. But what was more challenging to me at the time was the bumper sticker. A great big red sticker that read 'Thank God For Jesus'. At the time it was definitely a challenge to look cool with a sticker like that on the back. But it is so true, and hopefully made people think.

Ever since Jesus died and was buried, there have been people trying to explain away the resurrection; people trying to come up with what might have happened. The first of these we read about in Matthew 28, when the religious leaders tried to get everyone to agree to the story that his disciples had stolen the body. But as Jesus appeared to more and more people post resurrection, that story wasn't believed.

Other faiths try and explain the resurrection in other ways. Some say Jesus wasn't really dead, and so after being beaten by Romans, hung on the cross, buried in a tomb, guarded by soldiers and blocked by a massive stone; he was still strong enough to fight his way out and escape. Others say that Jesus didn't die at all, but somehow one of his friends who looked like him died in his place. That doesn't hold water either as Jesus was killed in the city where he lived, where people would have known him; and people were crucified at head height with other people so a body double just would not work.



The best explanation is that Jesus rose from the dead like he said he would. That he came back to life. He was seen by 500 people. His disciples were so radically changed that they go and start the first churches and see many come to faith. But because Jesus resurrection is so often talked about at easter, we sometimes lose the WOW. A human, killed, dead for three days started to breathe again. His heart started to beat again. His eyes opened. And once the angel moved the stone he walked out of his own grave.

And when he did, he showed that our graves will not be the end of us either. God promised Jesus was the first, but we would follow. In Romans 6 Paul tries to explain this. That if you have chosen to be a Christian, that means you said yes to your identity being tied to that of Jesus. So that when he died, so the mistakes and things you are ashamed of died with him. And when he rose, so you were reborn. A new person. With a new life to live. A fresh purpose to pursue. A new family with Jesus and his family the church. And a new relationship with God.

As Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:14; if Jesus was not raised, our sins are unforgiven, and death will be the end for us. But praise God for Jesus. For he died, and rose, and sits alongside God the father. So, our present and our future are both assured, guaranteed, and secure.

So have a wonderful easter, and as my mum's bumper sticker used to say, 'Thank God for Jesus'.

**Matt Levinsohn**





# Build Home Mexico

*If anyone is poor among your people in any of the towns of the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted toward them. Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need. (Deuteronomy 15:7-8)*

It has now been 10 years since John and I took our first group of young people to Tijuana, Mexico on our very first mission trip. Looking back, I think we had no idea of the impact that it would have on our lives, but as you know we are now preparing for Build Home Mexico 2024, which will be our eighth trip.

A few years ago, whilst sat in a big-top style tent in the (very-cold-at-night) Mexican desert, we were challenged in the evening meeting to reflect on what our response would be to the injustice we had seen. Beautiful and affluent San Diego was not many miles away from the poverty we were building in. Our own garages where we keep our cars far nicer than the places many in Mexico called home. What were we going to do with this and what was God stirring in us?

For many people their response is about how they can strive for justice in *their* world. For John and I our response is that we want to play our part in enabling as many young people as possible to have this experience. Why? Because Jesus loves the poor and calls us to do the same. Because it is good for us to experience injustice first hand and allow God to stir our hearts into action. Because it pushes us outside of comfort to a place where we need to rely on Him. Because we want to serve, listen, and learn. Because it draws a group of young people closer together in a way nothing else can. Because away from the distractions of life at home, we have an opportunity to meet with God and be community in the most simple, yet powerful way.

*Our young people would appreciate your prayers so much as they prepare for Mexico 2024.*

**Kathryn Belmont**



# Exciting Development For Messy Church

Our Messy church has entered its 10<sup>th</sup> year and it has been a joy to have welcomed hundreds of families through our doors during that time. The majority of families are from non-Christian backgrounds, so their only opportunity to hear the gospel message has been at Messy church. We have been amazed at how open the families are to enjoying the activities but also hearing about the Christian faith, and accepting literature about how to become a follower of Jesus.

We have had many chats about faith and been able to support some of the families in specific ways. We have sown seeds of faith and believe that the Holy Spirit is working in people's lives which is really exciting.

In 2019 after much discussion and prayer about how we can help families go a bit deeper with faith, the vision for 'Discovery church' came into being and we ran two monthly sessions before Covid hit. Since returning the format has morphed into a mixture of Messy church and Discovery church and we have been encouraged by the number of families enjoying it, some have been with us for years and quite a few new ones.

We feel the time is right now to say a fond farewell to Messy church and from May we will continue but with '**Discovery church**' as our name.

The reasoning for this name change is because we want to find ways of being even more intentional about helping families '**Discover**' more about how they can know Jesus, and as the format is so different now, we want to eliminate confusion between the original way we ran Messy church and what we are doing now.

Our monthly **Discovery church** starts around tables with a fun icebreaker activity and yummy refreshments, then an informal service including testimonies, a short all age talk, 'table talk' questions, songs, puppets and creative prayers. Then families enjoy crafts and activities based on the theme.

We are looking forward to seeing what God will do through it and please keep our wonderful team and families in your prayers.

Jan Peters





# Good Friday

Please join us at our  
Service of Reflection

Friday 7 April  
2pm-3pm

All Saints Church.  
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Eaglescliffe  
TS16 0AB



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**Come and celebrate  
with us on Easter Day!**

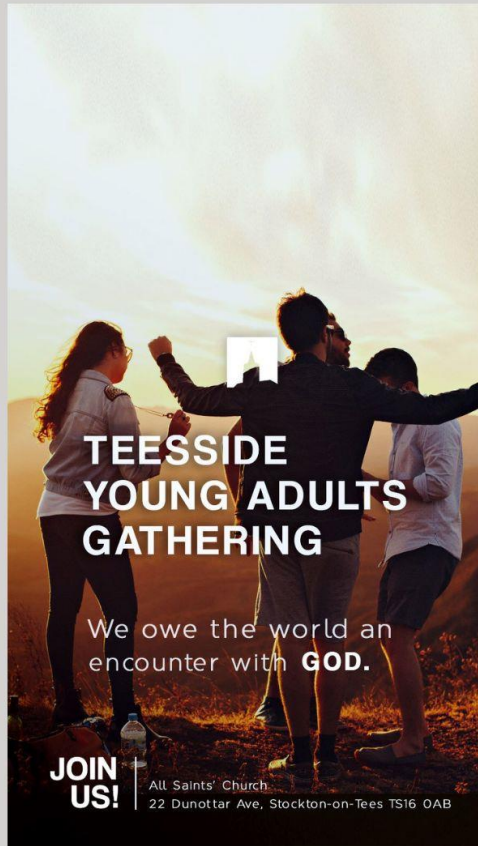
- Our **9am service** will be in church, followed by Hot Cross Buns & Drinks in the hall.
- Our **10.30am service** will start in the hall with Hot Cross Buns & drinks, followed by a service in church.

All are welcome

**Our Annual  
Meeting  
(APCM) is on  
Sunday 23 April  
at 10am**

**Please join us to hear  
about last year and  
our plans for this year**





**Starting on Sunday 2 April  
at 7.30pm & then the first  
Sunday of each month.**

**Join us for an evening of  
worship, teaching and food.**



# **Coming Up in May**



**Tues 2 May**

**Men's Meal**



**Sun 6 May**

**Organise your  
own Coronation  
Street Party**



**Sat 20 May**

**Church Family  
Treasure Hunt  
& Bring & Share tea**

**Coming up later this year**

# **PAINT AND POUR**

*Join us for an evening where you become the artist!*

SATURDAY 01 JULY 2023 | 7PM-9.30PM | ALL SAINTS' CENTRE

MICHAEL DAVISON OF 'ART & SOUL' WILL GUIDE YOU  
STEP-BY-STEP TO CREATE A BEAUTIFUL PIECE OF ART

ART, DRINKS, CANAPES AND A WONDERFUL EVENING!

SEE KATHRYN BELMONT FOR TICKETS £30

**BUILD HOME MEXICO FUNDRAISER**



**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH CAMP**  
**FRI 7 - SUN 9 JULY**

**HOLLYBUSH CHRISTIAN CAMPSITE**  
**THIRSK**



## SERVICES APRIL 2023

### **SUNDAY 2 APRIL Palm Sunday**

Repentance & Forgiveness

John 12:12-19, Zechariah 9:9-13

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

*Speaker Sola Adeboye*

### **FRIDAY 7 APRIL Good Friday**

2pm-3pm Service of Reflection

### **SUNDAY 9 APRIL Easter Day**

9am Communion

10.30am Communion

*Speaker Matt Levinsohn*

### **SUNDAY 16 APRIL**

Intro to Nicene Creed. We believe in one God

1 Kings 18:30-39, Mark 12:28-30

9am Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

*Speaker Kathryn Belmont*

### **SUNDAY 23 APRIL Combined service**

10am Morning Worship – including our APCM (annual meeting)

### **SUNDAY 30 APRIL**

What do we know about heaven both from the beginning and in the future?

Revelation 21:1-5+22-27, Philippians 3:17-21

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

*Speaker Michael Davison*

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

April 2023 Dates				
Worship	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	<b>Toddlers</b> Thurs <i>term time</i> 9.45am -11.30am - Centre	<b>Choral Group</b> Mon 24 Apr 6.30pm-7.30pm Church
<b>Prayer &amp; Worship</b> Sat 8 Apr 9am-10am 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	<b>Play and Praise</b> Fri <i>term time</i> 10am-11.15am – Centre	
<b>Encounter</b> Sun 23 Apr 6.30pm-8pm Church	<b>Monday Morning Coffee</b> Mondays 9.30am-11.30am Youth Room	<b>Youth Church</b> – during our Sunday 10.30am services – Youth Rooms	<b>Messy Church</b> , <i>back in May and changing to <b>Discovery Church</b> – see above for details</i>	
<b>Young Adults Gathering</b> Sun 2 Apr 7.30pm-9pm Church <i>more details above</i>	<b>Connect Lunch</b> , <i>Back in May</i>	<b>Refresh</b> , Sun 16 Apr 6pm-8pm Church	<b>Gems</b> (up to reception) and <b>Trailblazers</b> (Y1-Y6), 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 June</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 16 Apr during the 10.30am service	<b>Puppet Practice</b> Mon 7pm-9pm – Centre <i>term time</i>	
	<b>Monday Night Social</b> Mon 24 Apr 7.30pm-9pm Centre	<b>Doulos Youth Leadership Training</b> Mon 17 Apr 7pm-9pm Youth Rooms		
	<b>Ukraine Support Café</b> Thurs 6 & 20 Apr 7pm-9pm Youth Room			

**Standing Committee** Mon 3 Apr 7.30pm, The Vicarage, PCC Mon 17 Apr 7.30pm Meeting Room

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