

JULY/AUGUST 2023



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

Enjoy the Son

Our lives often have a great many themes to them. Friends, family, hope, faithfulness. Many of us repeatedly feel a sense of déjà vu, as if many of the things we feel are echoes of other things in our lives. One of the echoes in my life is God at work in the background; His faithfulness to me whether life is going well, or full of struggles; His nudging of me when I am meant to be changing something or helping me become who I am meant to be.

Many of us feel that sense of there being a thread in our lives that we can't quite put a finger on long before we are sure about faith. Often those who find a faith in God say they were aware of Him in the background long before they understood who He is. Many of us can point to moments God saved us from poor choices, brought people across our path, and so on. And yet the journey to put a name to this person in the background of our lives can take a long time.



In September we will be starting an Alpha course which is a space exactly for people trying to work out who God is and what relevance He might have to their lives. Many of us have made that journey ourselves. It is exciting; at times confusing, but ultimately the most rewarding of journeys as we discover God is more than a force in the background, but a person who knows our names.

Do contact the office if you want to join:

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For those in the church, starting Alpha is part of a wider movement across Teesside which will include Festival Teesside, taking place next summer. Festival Teesside will be the biggest celebrations led by those of faith in a generation. An opportunity to showcase what a life of faith can be about, but also a great chance to have fun with concerts, fairground rides, skating, games, parties and so on. It is going to be amazing and it's coming to our cities soon.

In the meantime, across August, I hope you have some downtime, and fun with friends and family. As you may have seen we have a whole calendar of fun and opportunities to engage with others and encounter God from September. Before then though, have a great few weeks and hopefully enjoy the sun! It has been a brilliant year.

Bless you

Matt Levinsohn



Welcome to Ben, Emily & Lucas



Hello! My name's Ben and I'm going to be the new curate at All Saints and St Mary's. Me and my family (my wife Emily and my son Lucas) have just moved into the area and are really looking forward to beginning work and seeing what God has in store for us as I prepare to be ordained on July 2nd, please do be praying for me and all others who are following this calling to priesthood.

Following a call to ordination has been a big turning point in my life. I come from Durham, where I have just finished training at Cranmer Hall, but I spent most of my life growing up in Chester Le Street. My mother became a Christian when I was very young so some of my earliest memories as a child are us attending church as a family and I quickly became a regular at the Sunday school as well as attending services.

It was here that a call toward ordination in my future was first brought up as the vicar at that time prophesised that one day I too would become a vicar.

Now being a kid at that time I didn't really know what that meant but I did understand that God had a plan for my life, something that he wanted me to do. I knew that God had a purpose for me.

That moment always stuck with me, but I had this thought in my mind that this calling wasn't for now, but sometime in the future. So, whilst it stuck with me, it was always in the back of my mind as I waited for a later date.

As the years passed and I became a teenager, we started hopping around different churches for various reasons and there was another moment where this calling was again prophesised to me, further cementing this idea that God was going to use me for something in the future. However it wouldn't be long until I started to drift away from the faith, as I neared the end of my time in school, went through sixth form, and started employment in a local pub.

To be honest with you this was a time in my life when I felt completely lost and without purpose. I felt like I had missed out on going to university and was therefore behind the rest of my peers, needing to catch up to them but not knowing how.

I was also in a job that I struggled to get any joy out of and slowly this feeling that I was going nowhere in my life slowly started to sink into my brain. I was not in a good place.

But it was here when I truly encountered God. Walking home late one night I heard the voice of God reach out and tell me to pray, something that I hadn't really done for so long. This voice was so overwhelming and sure that I knew there was nothing else I could do but pray. So I did. I prayed walking home in the dark and poured out my soul to God. All of my fears, worries and anxieties, and I kept on doing that every day, slowly building back up that pattern of regular prayer, knowing that God was listening to me.

As I prayed more, I started to study my bible again and then eventually found myself attending church once more, where I started to feel like I belonged to a church family, finding support and encouragement from so many faithful Christians. From there this calling that had been placed on my life from such a young age finally came to the forefront of my mind and I knew it was time to begin exploring what that call meant. I spoke to my vicar who affirmed that calling on my life and I began the process of working towards ordination.

For me it took about 4 and a half years as I spent a year or so on a ministry experience scheme (where I met my wife on one of the training days), in Sunderland before beginning formal training at Cranmer Hall

It has at times felt overwhelming and scary, but God has met me in those moments every time and assured me of his faithfulness and steadfast love for me, and for all of us. He has called me, and He will not leave me.

That's a very brief rundown of how I got here so if you want to know more please do come and ask me and I'll be happy to share more of my time in Sunderland and at Cranmer too. God has a purpose for us all and following that purpose has changed my life for the better and I can't wait to see the exciting work he will do (and already is doing) in this church.

We have this little cross that lives in our sitting room and it's been in my head the entire time I've been writing this. It says, 'as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord', Joshua 24:15. We look forward to the ways we will serve God whilst here, knowing just how faithful and good God is.



Ben Scott

Sign up to a Sharing Faith course



**Choose from these
course dates:**

Mon 10 & Mon 24 July

Tues 12 & Tues 26 Sept

Sun 17 Sept & Sun 8 Oct

Thurs 26 Oct & Thurs 9 Nov

You can sign up on ChurchSuite,
via our website or scan the QR code



Church Camp

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



Hollybush Christian Campsite, Thirsk

Sign up now & book your place -
scan this QR code, or sign up on
ChurchSuite/our website



Stay all weekend or come along as a day visitor.

Find out more information and book your places on **ChurchSuite**,
or via this link: <https://allsaints.churchsuite.com/events/ybn4zoxm>
or scan this QR code, or email the office: office.allsaints@gmail.com

What's On!

These are some of the
events planned
for 2023/24

Check ChurchSuite or
the calendar on our website
for details of our
regular weekly/monthly events

Youth

Sun 3 Sept - Doulos Graduation
Sat 30 Sept - Doulos Kids Club
Mexico Fundraiser
Sat 18 Nov - Auction of Promises
Sat 10 Feb - Mexico Fundraiser

Thurs 28 Mar - Mon 8 Apr -
Build Home Mexico Mission Trip

Socials

Sun 10 Sept - BBQ Lunch
Sat 16 Sept - Church Walk
Sat 7 Oct - Walk or Barn Dance
Sat 25 Nov - 10 Pin Bowling
date tbc - Christmas Party
Sun 21 Jan - Bring & Share Lunch
Sat 16 Mar - Church Day Out
Sat 27 Apr - Treasure Hunt
Sat 18 May - Church Walk

Church Family

Sat 3 Feb - Church Vision Day

Sat 15 - Sun 16 June
- Festival Teesside

Fri 5 - Sun 7 Jul
- Church Camp

Courses

Sept - Alpha
Oct - Parenting young children
Oct - Parenting Teenagers
Nov - Exploring Faith Course
Nov - Church Planting Course
Nov - Shapes Course
Jan - Listening to God Course
Feb - Wellbeing Course

Children & Families

Tues 31 Oct - Glow Party

Christmas

Sun 10 Dec - All Age Celebration
Sat 16 Dec - Carol Service
Sun 17 Dec - Christmas Celebration
Sun 24 Dec - 10am morning service
Sun 24 Dec - Midnight Communion
Sun 25 Dec - Christmas Day
Celebration

SERVICES JULY 2023

SUNDAY 2 JULY

What is baptism about? How is it linked to forgiveness?

Mathew 3:1-12, Acts 8:9-17

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker Andrew Killick

SUNDAY 9 JULY

CHURCH CAMP WEEKEND, NO SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

SUNDAY 16 JULY

Who are the church? How does God see us?

Ephesians 5:25-32, 1 Peter 2:9-10

9am Communion

10.30am Communion

Speaker David Munby

SUNDAY 23 JULY

What have we learnt? Reviewing the creed.

John 20:24-31

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker Matt Levinsohn

SUNDAY 30 JULY

Honouring God in all things

Daniel 1

9am Communion

10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker Kathryn Belmont

You can watch our live-streamed 10.30am services on

<https://www.youtube.com/@AllSaintsVideo/streams>

July 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	Hymn Singing for All Mon 31 July 6.30pm-7.30pm Church
Prayer & Worship Sat 8 July at Church Camp Hollybush Christian Fellowship	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> 10am-11.15am – Centre	Walkers Group Sat 1 & 15 July – <i>more details on ChurchSuite or the calendar on our website</i>
Young Adults Gathering Sun 2 July 7.30pm-9pm Church	Monday Morning Coffee Mondays 9.30am-11.30am Youth Room	Youth Church – during our Sunday 10.30am services – Youth Rooms	Discovery Church Back in September	Sharing Faith Mon 10 & 24 July 7.30pm-8.30pm Meeting Room
Encounter Sun 23 July 6.30pm-8pm Church	Connect Lunch Tues 11 July 11.45am-2pm Centre	Paint & Pour Sat 1 July 7pm-9.30pm Centre	Gems (up to reception) and Trailblazers (Y1-Y6), during our Sunday 10.30am service - Centre & Meeting Room	
	Connect Seated Exercise Tues 1pm - Centre (not on Connect lunch days)	Youth Apprenticeships Sun 16 July during the 10.30am service	God's Giants Group (Y5&6) Tues 4, 11 & 18 July 4.15pm-5.15pm Youth Room	
	Joyful Craft Thursdays 1.30pm-3pm, Youth Room	Refresh Sun 16 July 6pm-8pm Centre	Puppet Practice Mon 7pm-9pm – Centre <i>term time</i>	
	Ukraine Support Café Thurs 13 July 7pm-9pm Youth Room	Café Church <i>Back in the Autumn</i>		

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



Our office will be closed from
11.30am on Tues 25 July
until 9am on Mon 31 July

Any answerphone messages will be responded to.

Any emails sent to Shiromi or Rachel will be responded to on Mon 31 July.

SERVICES AUGUST 2023

ALL OUR AUGUST SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE HALL

SUNDAY 6 August

Seeking God for the impossible
Daniel 2:1-28

10am Morning Worship

Speaker Sarah Hope

SUNDAY 13 August

Facing the fire
Daniel 3

10am Communion

Speaker Matt Levinsohn

SUNDAY 20 August

Hard hearts turned to God
Daniel 4: 28-37

10am Morning Worship

Speaker Anne Aboaja

SUNDAY 27 August

Facing Lions
Daniel 6

10am Morning Worship

Speaker Ben Scott

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Prayer & Worship Sat 5 Aug 9am-10am 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> 10am-11.15am – Centre	Walkers Group <i>Back in September – more details on ChurchSuite or the calendar on our website</i>
Young Adults Beach walk & BBQ time TBC Saltburn Beach	Monday Morning Coffee Mondays 9.30am-11.30am Youth Room	Youth Church – back in Sept, <i>please come and join our all-age August services</i>	Discovery Church <i>Back in September</i>	
Encounter <i>Back in September</i>	Connect Lunch <i>Back in September</i>	Café Church, <i>back in the Autumn</i>	Gems (up to reception) and Trailblazers (Y1-Y6), <i>back in Sept, please come and join our all-age August services</i>	
	Connect Seated Exercise <i>Back in September</i>	Youth Apprenticeships <i>Back in September</i>	God's Giants Group (Y5&6) Tuesdays 4.15pm-5.15pm Youth Room <i>term time</i>	
	Joyful Craft <i>Back in September</i>		Puppet Practice Mon 7pm-9pm – Centre <i>term time</i>	
	Ukraine Support Café <i>Back in September</i>			



Our office will be closed on:
Friday 11 Aug &
Tues 15 Aug - Weds 23 Aug

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