

JUNE 2023



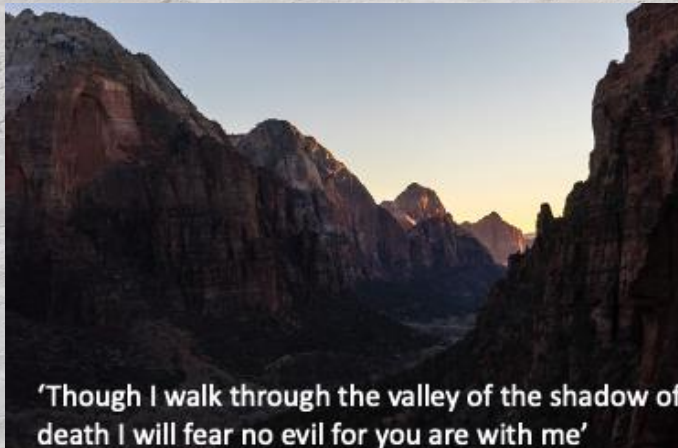
All Saints' Church
*Loving Jesus,
Loving Our Communities*

Honesty

Honesty is one of the things I prize most. Perhaps you do too. I want honesty in politicians, honesty in my friends, honesty in my family, honesty in those around me; and of course, I want to try to be honest myself.

The Bible is a hugely honest account of the ups and downs of life, even life with God. Ups when God steps in and does amazing miracles, when he parts the sea, when he talks to people, and they encounter him. But there are also the other times. The times we would perhaps rather skip over. The times when life is challenging.

This morning I have been reading about Elijah. Following probably the highest high in his life of seeing God step in and prove himself to be powerful and good; Elijah runs to the desert afraid of his enemies and hides. Angels feed him to keep him going, but nevertheless he feels really low and asks God to take his life. Perhaps you have felt like that at times. Does God grant his request?



No. Instead God draws close to him. He reminds Elijah not only that God is with him and was not as far away as he thought. But he also tells Elijah something that perhaps he had not realised; that there are plenty of other people like him, who are not far away, and perhaps people he could stand with in difficulty.

For us, there will be highs and lows. In probably the most famous Psalm (poem) in the Bible we read 'though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for you are with me'. Note that the valley is not removed. The bad things still happen. But we don't need to live in fear because we are not alone.

It has been my experience, and perhaps it is yours too, that sometimes God comes through in big and bold ways and sorts out a situation I have been praying about. And yet at other times, as Elijah found, God was there in the tiny, small, still, barely audible voice reminding him that he was not alone. That not only had God not abandoned him, but that God had other people who could stand alongside Elijah even in times of challenge.

Elijah, having had the way he saw his situation altered, was able again to go back out and fight for the good of his society. First, he needed to be reminded God is there; that he is not alone or abandoned. My prayer for you today is that whether you know God a lot or a little that you would be encouraged. Highs and lows are normal. But what we need to hold onto, is the God who holds us in both, who reminds us He is there often in a still small voice, and who reminds us that there are other people who can stand alongside us if you feel alone. The church would be happy to be that community of people standing with you.



**'When Elijah heard the whisper of
God, he pulled his cloak over his
face and went out and stood and
listened' 1 kings 19**

Matt Levinsohn



The Marriage MOT



You can find out more and **book your places** on Churchsuite

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Come along to enjoy puddings and drinks, have space to talk as a couple, and listen to a little bit of input each week on a different aspect of marriage.

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



Sign up to a Sharing Faith course



There are lots of course dates to choose from.

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



Or use this link: <https://allsaints-church.net/mid-week/sharing-faith/>

If you are thinking of signing up to a Sharing Faith course, and you wanted to know more about it, here are some words from a couple of people who have attended a Sharing Faith Course previously.

I attended the Sharing Faith course to help me to become more confident in sharing the story of my faith and how the Fathership and love of God has sustained me through difficult and joyous times in my life.

Previously, when there have been opportunities, I have felt too uncomfortable or fearful and not felt I had the right words and the opportunity has passed!!!

The Sharing Faith course took the fear away. Matt guided us through very easy ways to start conversations and take next steps as if it was an everyday conversation.

I would encourage everyone to attend, there's nothing to be lost and a lot to gain in learning how to share the love of Jesus.

Jane Harmer

In March this year I attended the first "Sharing Faith" course. I was apprehensive, not keen, but knew it was something I needed to do, and I am so pleased I did it.

This is a very practical course. We were a small group and spent the majority of time discussing our experiences e.g. when we had missed opportunities because we had not spoken out, and when we had spoken out, had we said the right thing at the right time, and in that situation.

I was encouraged and shall be attending again, for we can all learn by listening to each other and discussing the many varied situations others have encountered.

We all need to share our faith and this course has given me the confidence to do just that.

Pat Snaith

US Mission #2

After a wonderful week of mission with our friends from First Baptist Opelika Church, Alabama, where many children and young people have heard about Jesus, we are excited to say that we will soon be joined by a second American mission team from Prestonwood!

Prestonwood is a huge Baptist church with a membership of around 49,000 people from all across the North Texas area, who come together 'to study God's Word, to worship Him, to do His work, and to reach the world with the Gospel message'. John and I actually had the opportunity to visit Prestonwood in 2015 and it was fascinating to learn from people who are leading church on such a huge scale.

This July the church are going to be sending a gigantic mission team of 300 young people to Teesside! They will then be split into multiple teams of 15 people and sent out all over Teesside to share the Gospel and serve the community.

At All Saints' we will welcome one of these teams from 17th to 19th July. Whilst with us they will take part in service projects as well as sharing the Gospel in a variety of ways with people of all ages from our community!

A really unique characteristic of this 300 strong team is that they are actually an incredible choir, and they use their gift of singing to tell people about Jesus! Details are still to be confirmed but look out for them performing at a location near you during their trip – it will be an amazing opportunity to take a friend who you would like to share faith with.

Please join us in praying for Tim Wye-Williams at Tees Valley Youth for Christ as he coordinates all of this, and for each team to have great impact during their week here!

We are still in the process of looking for mission opportunities for the team. If you know local people who are in need of some gardening, or something very practical, please do get in touch. Similarly, if you would like to be involved, please let us know!

Kathryn Belmont





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

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**COMING UP
IN JULY**

★ **Welcome to** ★
Ben, Emily & Lucas

**Bring &
Share
BBQ**



**Weds 5 July
5pm-7pm
The Vicarage**

Ben is our curate, and will be joining us in July,
please come along to welcome him & his family.

SUNDAY 4 JUNE

Environment Sunday: Through Jesus everything was made -
Ours to use or ours in another way?
Psalms 19:1-6, Genesis 1:26-31

9am Morning Worship
10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker Matt Levinsohn

SUNDAY 11 JUNE

For us and for our salvation He came down
Romans 5:1-11, John 19:23-30
9am Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker Bishop Sarah

SUNDAY 18 JUNE

Was His resurrection expected? What does it mean for us?
Acts 2:22-36, 1 Corinthians 15:12-27a

9am Morning Worship
10.30am Communion

Speaker Rachel Levinsohn

SUNDAY 25 JUNE

What do we believe about the second coming?
Matthew 24:3-27, 2 Peter 3:3-10
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>

June 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 No Life Group on Wed 7 June	Toddlers Thurs <i>term time</i> 9.45am -11.30am - Centre	Hymn Singing for All Mon 22 May 6.30pm-7.30pm Church
Prayer & Worship Sat 3 June 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 Sat 17 June – <i>more details on ChurchSuite or the calendar on our website</i>
Young Adults Gathering Sun 4 June 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 Sun 11 June 3.15pm-4.45pm Centre	Welcome Lunch Sun 11 June 12.30pm Meeting Room
Encounter Sun 25 June 6.30pm-8pm Church	Connect Away Day Tues 13 June Sunderland Glass Centre <i>Connect Lunch returns in July</i>	Youth Internships Meeting Mon 5 June 7pm-8.30pm Venue tbc	Gems (up to reception) and Trailblazers (Y1-Y6), during our Sunday 10.30am service - Centre & Meeting Room	Sharing Faith Tues 6 June Tues 8 June & Tues 22 June 7.30pm-8.30pm Meeting Room
	Connect Seated Exercise Tues 1pm - Centre (not on Connect lunch club days)	Youth Team Meeting Wed 7 June 6.30pm-8pm Youth Rooms	God's Giants Group (Y5&6) Tues 6 & Tues 27 June 4.15pm-5.15pm Youth Room	Picnic & Croquet Sun 4 June 1pm-3pm Vicarage
Y12 -Y13s & 20-30s	Joyful Craft Thursdays 1.30pm-3pm, Youth Room	Mexico Team Meeting Tues 20 June 6pm-8pm Youth Rooms	Puppet Practice Mon 7pm-9pm – Centre <i>term time</i>	Mens Night BBQ Fri 9 June 7.30pm The Howard's House
BBQ Sun 25 June 7.30pm Vicarage Garden	Monday Night Social Mon 26 June 7.30pm-9pm Centre	Café Church, Tues 27 June 6pm-7.30pm Yarm Costa		Beach Day Sat 17 June 11.30am onwards Saltburn Beach
	Ukraine Support Café Thurs 15 & 29 June 7pm-9pm Youth Room	Youth Apprenticeships Sun 18 June during the 10.30am service		Ladies Night BBQ Fri 23 June 7pm The Howard's House

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