

SEPTEMBER 2023



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

Family

Is there such a thing as a normal family? Probably not. All families have quirks. Perhaps you have been in on one of those conversations where someone talks about something they expect happens in every home, in every family; only to discover they are the only one. For those of you who are married, you probably experienced this most when you met your in-laws. The discovery that the dishwasher needs stacking or not stacking a particular way. That Christmas needs to be celebrated in a particular way. That birthdays are a big deal or not really. That we discuss everything or discuss nothing. All families have quirks.



One of the gifts Jesus gave us was a family wider than our biological one. A family made up of people who also want to grow to love God. People perhaps a lot like us, or nothing like us.

But what does it mean to say All Saints is a family? Does it mean we all stack the dishwasher the same way. I hope not!

We get some insight in this from how Jesus was with his friends. In his hour of need, about to be arrested, in the middle of the night; his friends are with him. We see what it looks like when he is able to share with them from his heart in a way more honest and open than he could do with anyone else. We see what it looks like when Peter who had denied knowing Jesus, was forgiven, and welcomed back again, restored.

Lots of us have things from Ikea (amongst other shops) hanging on our walls that say things like 'Family, where even the nuts can feel at home', 'Family, where you know you are loved', 'Family, where dad knows best'. (Actually, I made that last one up; nowhere sells that!) What would the sign say about our family here at All Saints? Something like this:

'All Saints family, where all are warmly welcome whoever you are. Whether you have a faith or are starting to explore faith, you are welcome. Whether you like informality or tradition, welcome. Whether you are young or old welcome. Whether you are married, single, or divorced, welcome. Whether life looks a mess, or it's going ok, welcome to the family. God's invitation is to all. Come have fun. Come and join the adventure of growing in knowing God and working for the good of our communities'.



One of my favourite verses in the Bible comes from 1 Peter chapter 2. It says, 'Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God'. For people I would insert family. At All Saints, in Life Groups, in friendships, as God's family we want to be those who are there for one another no matter what. To go beyond any club, any organisation, but to be family together. ALL is in the name.

So, welcome whoever you are. Come and enjoy the adventure God has us on together.

Matt Levinsohn



Prayer

Prayer is the way we communicate with our Heavenly Father and He loves it when we spend time with Him in meaningful prayer. God wants us to talk with Him about everything that is going on in our lives, just like we would sit down and enjoy a cup of coffee and a slice of cake with a friend.

Our church wishes to be known as a church that firmly relies on communication with God and therefore teaches and encourages its family to pray to God about anything and everything and to this end prayer is actively encouraged in a number of ways:

Prayer before 10.30am service

Everyone is invited to meet at 10am in the Chapel, to listen to God and pray for everyone involved in and attending the 10.30am service.

Prayer following a service

Through prayer after a service, we expect God to show up in people's lives in amazing ways and we are pleased to say that there are testimonies to confirm this (Matthew 18:19).

Members of the Prayer Team want to stand with you as you thank God for the good things happening in your life, for success in exams or a job application, or for answered prayer. Prayer can also be for guidance; protection; provision; to lift another person to God; for a blessing or encouragement; to be filled with the Holy Spirit; for deeper spiritual understanding; to be filled with joy, strength and thankfulness; a request for healing; to ask for forgiveness for yourselves/towards others or to seek freedom from something that you feel is holding you back in your relationship with Jesus or stopping you moving forward on your life journey. Anything discussed during prayer is confidential (unless there is a concern regarding a person's safety).

The Prayer Team has been trained in praying with another person and listening to God on their behalf, in order to discern and pass on to them anything they sense God has for them.

It is then up to the person who was prayed for to discern and to continue to pray about it. A prayer appointment can be arranged if you wish to have further prayer concerning a matter.

For easy identification members of the prayer team will be wearing a badge and are available after the service and during the coffee time to pray with you. It would be good for the prayer team to be representative of our church family so if you are interested in attending training, please contact Rev Matt or **Nicola Dursley**.



Monthly Prayer and Worship Meeting.

For 2 years now we have been meeting monthly on Saturday mornings, usually the second Saturday, for Worship and Prayer. We started meeting 10-11am but then moved to 9-10am but are open to whichever of these times best suits those who want to pray. We begin with worship and thanksgiving, moving onto intercession for national and international situations, for All Saints and for the wider church. We aim to be open to the Spirit in terms of prophecy and sometimes include confession or adoration. We aim to ask people to come and share on specific topics for prayer that they have information about, while of course being led by the Spirit. Our September meeting on 5th we plan to do prayer walking around the parish (weather permitting). Do come along and join us in prayer and do give any feedback as to how we could improve what we offer. **David and Jill Munby**



Prayer appointments

If there is anything you would like to pray about in a quieter environment, for a longer time period and at your convenience, then please email: prayerappointments.allsaints@gmail.com or contact the office to book an appointment.

Prayer requests

There is a team of people who will join you in praying confidentially for a specific matter. and these requests for prayer can be made to **Sandra Griffiths**. Sandra also publishes really helpful prayer topics every morning on the All Saints Members Facebook Group.



Ever wanted to develop a better understanding of the bible and how to apply it to some of the big questions of our day? Then Going Deeper could be just what you are looking for.

Each session will be interactive and will not assume prior understanding but will be designed so you can enjoy learning more. We have deliberately not planned this as something for those who want to be church leaders. This is simply a space for anyone who want to delve a bit deeper in their faith. You don't need to be a regular at All Saint Church to come along.

Each session will be at All Saints Church, and we will start at 9am with coffee with a view to getting going soon after that. You are welcome to come to all three sessions or dip in for as many as you want.

The team helping to lead this are Andrew Killick, Matt (the vicar) and David Munby, but will have guest appearances from a few more helpful folks.

There is no need to book, but it would be helpful for us to know if you are interested in coming along. If so please email revmatt.allsaints@gmail.com



GOING DEEPER

3 Mornings 9.00-12.30, 6 Topics,

Open to all who want to go deeper in their understanding of the bible and applying it to life.

2nd Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* What is the big picture of the bible?* What does 'the bible is the word of God' mean?
9th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* What is Romans all about?* How have we got the church we have today? Whistle stop tour of key figures who have given us the church we have today.
11th May.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">* Science, Creation and Faith; understanding the world.* What is our hope? Understanding what comes next.

Welcome to Bailey

Bailey will be joining us in September as our Serve Team Volunteer from Youth for Christ! She will be serving mainly on the Youth Team and will spend some time with our children too.

How would you describe yourself in 5 words? I would describe myself as a friend, hardworking, determined, creative and loving.

If you could have a meal with any three people right now, who would you choose? I would totally want to have a meal with Superman, Jesus, and my mom, I think the conversation would be so interesting!

Where are you from? Can you tell us a bit about what it's like there? I am from Texas and most of the time it is extremely hot! This summer our highest temperature was 118 degrees Fahrenheit (47 Celsius)!

How did you come to faith in Jesus? I was a freshman in high school and I went through a really tough patch mentally, I was on my own until I realized I couldn't do it by myself. So at the next youth group at my church, I went for the first time in 2 years and gave my life to the Lord!

What are you going to be up to this year while you're with us at All Saints'?

This year at All Saints' I will be on the youth team! I will be helping to plan the AMAZING events coming very soon!

Imagine yourself a year down the line. What do you want to see when you look back on this year?

In a year I would love to see my faith as well as the faith of those around me to have grown!

What can we be praying for you?

Please pray for safe travel to Teesside and for me to settle in quickly and easily. Please also pray that our two weeks of training go well and that I can build great relationships with everyone at All Saints.





**Alpha is an opportunity to explore
life and the Christian faith in a friendly,
open and informal environment.**

Starting here 26th Sept 7-9pm

To join go to allsaints-church.net.

**No cost, just come and enjoy a meal
and a time to think about faith.**

Alpha

To join our Alpha Course, please scan the QR code or go
to: <https://allsaints.churchsuite.com/events/e8p5zpvg>



BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER

If you've been to church before
or if you've never been -
why not come along and join us.
Everyone is welcome!

Services at 9am & 10.30am

**Followed by a
Bring & Share BBQ lunch
at 12.30pm**



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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 - Christmas Fayre
(Mexico Fundraiser)
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

Sun 10 Sept - Back to Church
Sunday
Sat 3 Feb - Church Vision Day
Sat 8 - Sun 9 June
- Festival Teesside
Fri 5 - Sun 7 Jul - Church Camp

Courses

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

Children & Families

Sun 17 Sep - Families Fun Event
Tues 31 Oct - Glow Party

Christmas

Sun 10 Dec - Christmas Families event
Sun 17 Dec - Christmas Celebration
Sat 23 Dec - Carol Service
Sun 24 Dec - 10am morning service
Sun 24 Dec - Midnight Communion
Mon 25 Dec - Christmas Day
Celebration

SERVICES SEPTEMBER

SUNDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

Restoring Relationships
John 4:27-45, 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

9am Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker Matt Levinsohn

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER Back to Church Sunday

Justice will prevail
John 5:19-29, Isaiah 42:1-9

9am Morning Worship
10.30am Communion

Speaker Matt Levinsohn

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER

Essential for life
John 6:35-40, Exodus 12:1-11

9am Morning Worship
10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker Ben Scott

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER

Know your enemy
John 8:39-47, James 4:1-10

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>

Sept 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 4 Weeks of Fun Weds, 6-8pm further details to be sent by email.	Toddlers Thurs <i>term time</i> 9.45am -11.30am - Centre	Hymn Singing for All Mon 25 Sept 6.30pm-7.30pm Church
Prayer & Worship Sat 2 Sept 9am-10am Meeting Room	Life Groups – various days/times see noticeboard in Centre	Youth Club <i>term time</i> Fri, 7-9pm – Centre <i>Back on Fri 6 Sept</i>	Play and Praise Fri <i>term time</i> 10am-11.15am – Centre	Walkers Group Sat 16 Sept – <i>more details on ChurchSuite or the calendar on our website</i>
Young Adults Gathering Sun 3 Sept 7.30pm-9pm Church	Monday Morning Coffee Mondays 9.30am-11.30am Youth Room	Youth Church – during our Sunday 10.30am services – Youth Rooms	Families Fun Event Sun 17 Sept 3.15pm-4.45pm Centre	Sharing Faith Tues 12 & Tues 26 Sept 7.30pm-8.30pm Meeting Room
Encounter Sun 24 Sept 6pm-7.30pm Church	Connect Lunch Tues 12 Sept 11.45am-2pm Centre	Doulos Graduation Sun 3 Sept 6pm Church	Gems (up to reception) and Trailblazers (Y1-Y6), during our Sunday 10.30am service - Centre & Meeting Room	Sharing Faith Sun 17 Sept & Sun 8 Oct 6pm-7pm Meeting Room
	Connect Seated Exercise Tues 1pm - Centre (not on Connect lunch club days)	Doulos Mon 18 Sept 7pm-9pm Youth Rooms	God's Giants Group (Y5&6) Tuesdays 4.15pm-5.15pm Youth Room	
	Joyful Craft Thursdays 1.30pm-3pm, Library	Doulos Kids Club (Mexico Fundraiser) Sat 30 Sept 4pm-8pm	Puppet Practice Mon 7pm-9pm – Centre <i>term time</i>	
	Ukraine Support Café Thurs 21 Sept 7pm-9pm Youth Room	Café Church, Tues 3 Oct 6pm-7.30pm Yarm Costa		
		Youth Apprenticeships Sun 17 Sept during the 10.30am service		

Standing Committee Mon 4 Sept 7.30pm, The Vicarage, PCC Mon 18 Sept 7.30pm Meeting Room