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

Ask A Better Question

Would you make a good interrogator? We have probably as a family watched way too many police dramas. By now (at least in the drama universe) we should be skilled at getting the truth out of a possible suspect, but I suspect we are not.

We would forget to cross analyse the person's answers. We would forget to see the tell-tale signs of someone lying to us. We would in short probably not get to the truth very quickly. Largely because we would not ask the right questions.



The right questions are often at the heart of making sense of life. Remembering to check details. Spotting the information that has been avoided as well as that which is included. A sort of healthy curiosity is key.

In faith curiosity can help us. I often ask myself 'What might God be doing in this situation?' Sometimes I don't find out, but it helps me to notice where He is definitely doing something.

In reading my Bible it helps massively as well. Recently at Encounter (monthly relaxed worship time with space to hear from God at which the band were amazing this month) we experimented with asking questions of God based around a text. Let me give you an example:

John 21: 12

Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord.



On first glance it is a small bit of the Bible. It comes after Jesus resurrection when he had appeared already just once to the disciples. This is the second time. They were fishing. It is a small part; but maybe there is a lot God might say through little bits like this? So here are the steps we used to try and help us to see if God would speak through it:-

- 1) What do you notice? That might be words that stand out. It could be a phrase.
- 2) What echoes are there? Things it reminds you of in the Bible or your life. Are any of those echoes significant?
- 3) What questions might you like to ask of it and of God? In this case, what was it that meant they at once knew it was Jesus? Or why did he bother making them breakfast?
- 4) Take time to be still and ask God; do you want to say anything to me through this?

It was amazing how much God spoke to people through such a simple exercise. If you like it, you might have a go. The other bits we used from the Bible were: Revelation 21:5, Genesis 16:13, 1 Peter 5:6, John 15:5, Exodus 3:11, Jeremiah 10:6, and Numbers 6:24. There are lots more you could try but these ones were really interesting.

So, whether you know the Bible or not. Give it a go. It won't take long, but you might just find He is saying to you more than you thought.

Matt Levinsohn





What is festival Teesside? It is a series of events culminating in a weekend of fun including live music, extreme sports, crafts, face painting, and much more. Starting on the 3rd to the 7th June we will be hosting local celebration events including in schools, local parks and around our area, building up to the main event which will be in Stewart Park on the 8th and 9th. Everything apart from the food stalls will be completely free and the idea is to have loads of great events to invite friends along to.

Why are churches behind this? Festival Teesside originated with the churches across our region asking if the Pilau organisation would like to come over and help us run events which would be fun for the people of Teesside and would offer opportunities for people to hear about Jesus.

A similar but larger scale festival was organised in Manchester last year. If you want to check out what happened search [festivalmanchester](#).



How can we get involved? As All Saints church we are already involved quite a bit in Festival Teesside with people from our church having joined many of the teams preparing for the festival. If you go to festivalteesside.com you too can volunteer to join one of the teams and get preparing for what should be the biggest organised opportunity for the people of Teesside to hear about Jesus.

What does the road map look like? The festival will be amazing, but the build-up and follow up is probably more important. So, on the 15th Oct there will be an evening unity celebration at TVCC which would be great to go to. Then on the 27th April we have booked the Globe in Middlesbrough which holds about 1600 people. The aim is to have an amazing evening of worship and praise and start praying for the festival.



On the 13th May we will be having a Teesside wide week on how to talk to our friends about Jesus without sounding weird. Then on the 3rd to the 7th there will be local events with the main event on the 8th to the 9th June.

Please get these dates in your diaries and check out the website to see how you might get involved.

Outreach Ministry Events for Families

An important part of our vision strategy within ministry to families is to provide opportunities for social events to which we can invite lots of families from the surrounding area and local schools to join us in enjoying fun activities, hear about Jesus, and have an opportunity to connect with us as a church and for us to build relationship with them.

This often is the springboard to children and adults attending other things such as Discovery church, God's giants group, under 5's groups, and more! In May, we had a fantastic response to our family's event with 250 people attending, as well as a great time at our holiday Kids club.

Likewise, we were thrilled to welcome 85 people to our Social in September and many encouraging conversations were had and invitations given to Alpha and other relevant things. This term we have two more important opportunities.

The Glow Party – 31st October

One of the highlights within our ministry to families is our Glow Party which has taken place for many years on halloween. This event is always well attended by lots of families from the community as well as some of our church families.

As a church we oppose the idea of celebrating all that halloween stands for, but we are passionate about the importance of providing a high quality, fun, safe, affordable alternative, and many families really appreciate it.

This year we have booked an entertainer – Crazy Colin, who will provide a magic show, games, Disco, balloon modelling, and giant bubbles game. We also have a Bouncy castle, face painting, coconut shy, youth club room, food, and more!

Christmas Special Families Event – 10th December

We will be exploring the Christmas story and message through a variety of festive crafts and activities, as well as an informal service which will be interactive and include our puppet friends. It will be suitable for all ages of children and their grown-ups.

It will be brilliant if you can pray for and offer help at these events if you are able, please.

Jan Peters



Friendship Gathering

In May a small team and I started a new ministry called the Friendship Gathering which is a coffee morning with a difference. Our aim is to build friendships, reach people who don't go to church, the lonely and vulnerable. Showing the love, kindness, care, and support Jesus calls us to give. Some people find church a stumbling block for various reasons, so they find it difficult to participate in activities at church which is why we are hosting it at Timothy Hackworth Court. We meet every fourth Tuesday of the month from 11am-12.30pm.

We have a half hour welcome with tea, coffee, homemade cakes, and scones. During this time everyone is given a sticker with their name on it which helps conversations flow and makes it easier for new friends to feel able to join in. Between 11.30-12pm is our entertainment time and the last half an hour is for chatting.

In the beginning residents of Timothy Hackworth were asked to invite a friend and in May we were expecting about 12 people but were blessed with over 20. Our theme was Music and Memories, on the poster we asked, "What is your favourite song and why?". Which was a great icebreaker for our first gathering. It was wonderful to hear everyone's songs and their reasons for choosing them. The first song chosen was "The Donkey Serenade from the musical Firefly". We were told the singer was their first crush when they were 13 years old which was eighty years ago. We have also had a singalong with David Munby on guitar, a theme of 'Hobbies and Interests, past and present' which over 25 attended. Everyone contributed to the conversation. It was so interesting to hear about so many different hobbies and interests and the places they took them. We went all over the world and saw some beautiful needlework. Thirty people were in attendance in August when we had a Musicals quiz the winners were very pleased to have received a cup.

Friendships are continuing to grow, and more people are joining the gathering. September was a Macmillan coffee morning and we raised £167.05.

Alexandra Lamond



Making a visible difference in your local community

 **SIGN UP TODAY** 

As a TS16 litter picking volunteer!



- Make a real difference in our local community
- Meet new people
- Help keep Eaglescliffe clean and tidy
- Help look after our parks, streets and the environment

We are a fun, friendly and welcoming group of volunteers of all ages. We meet for group litter picks in Eaglescliffe, mainly on evenings and weekends. All equipment is provided including gloves, litter grabbers, hoops and bags. We meet up for an hour and collect litter once a week and we would LOVE it if you could be involved. Join our Facebook group and just attend when you can. Sign up today!



SCAN THE QR CODE



Or search 'Eaglescliffe Community Litter Project' on Facebook.
If you're not on Facebook call/text 07900 007820.

The Eaglescliffe Community Litter Project was created at the end of June this year by Rebecca Hassack. She introduced the project on Facebook in the hope of finding volunteers happy to meet for group litter picks on evenings and at weekends in and around TS16. Should you prefer to do solo picks, equipment can be provided but the initial idea of the group is to work as a team. All ages are welcome but children under 16 and vulnerable adults should be accompanied by a parent, guardian or carer.

Both Karen Killick and I have joined this group and find it very rewarding. It is a great way to meet new people as well as a great way to serve the community. We mostly join the group picks when they take place in Preston Park, the Preston-on-Tees area and the Sunningdale Estate because they are local to us but there are other opportunities around Egglescliffe, the Orchard Estate and Durham Lane Industrial Estate where quite a few members of our Church community live.

If you are interested, you only need to search for the group on Facebook, introduce yourself to Rebecca and find out where and when the next group pick is taking place.

Anne Rolfe



Church Family Walk

Saturday 7th October
Guisborough Forest

Meet opposite the visitor centre for a picnic at 12.30pm followed by various walk options in the afternoon.

For those who would like a longer walk we will meet at 9.30am in the church car park or 10am at Guisbrough Forest and join everyone for lunch after a morning walk.

Please note that there is a charge for parking.



For more information contact Martin Howard.

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

Sat 21 Oct - 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

Sat 7 Oct - Church Walk
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 8 - Sun 9 June
- Festival Teesside

Fri 5 - Sun 7 Jul - Church Camp

Courses

Oct - Parenting young children
Oct - Parenting Teenagers
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 - Christmas Families event
Sat 16 Dec - Carol Service
Sun 17 Dec - Christmas Celebration
Sun 24 Dec - 10am morning service
Sun 24 Dec - Midnight Communion
Mon 25 Dec - Christmas Day
Celebration

SERVICES OCTOBER 2023

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER

Love looks different

John 13:1-20, Matthew 5:43-47

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker Kathryn Belmont

SUNDAY 8 OCTOBER

Life is a gift

John 16:32-17:8, John 14:1-7

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker Dave Steadman

SUNDAY 15 OCTOBER

Spiritually alive

John 14:15-31, Romans 8:14-17

9am Communion

10.30am Communion

Speaker Kevin Storer

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER

Not any old 'truth'

John 18:33-38, Psalm 19:7-14

9am Morning Worship

10.30am Morning Worship

Speaker Andrew Killick

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER

It all points to Jesus

John 20:30-21:14, Genesis 3:8-15

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>

Oct 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 30 Oct 6.30pm-7.30pm Church
Prayer & Worship Sat 21 Oct 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-11.30am – Centre	Walkers Group & Church Walk Sat 7 Oct – <i>more details on ChurchSuite or the calendar on our website</i>
Young Adults Gathering Sun 1 Oct 7.30pm-9pm Jubilee Church	Monday Morning Coffee Mondays 9.30am-11.30am Youth Room	Youth Church – during our Sunday 10.30am services – Youth Rooms	Gems (up to reception) and Trailblazers (Y1-Y6), during our Sunday 10.30am service - Centre & Meeting Room	Sharing Faith Thurs 26 Oct & 9 Nov 7.30pm-8.30pm The Vicarage
Encounter Sun 26 Nov 6pm-7.30pm Church	Connect Lunch Tues 10 Oct 11.45am-2pm Centre	Doulos Mon 23 Oct 7pm-9pm Youth Rooms	God's Giants Group (Y5&6) Tues 3 & 17 Oct 4.15pm-5.15pm Youth Room	Hospitality Sunday Sun 1 October
	Connect Seated Exercise Tues 1pm - Centre (not on Connect lunch club days)	Doulos Kids Club (Mexico Fundraiser) Sat 21 Oct 4pm-8pm	Puppet Practice Mon 7pm-9pm – Centre <i>term time</i>	
	Joyful Craft Thursdays 1.30pm-3pm, Library	Café Church, Tues 3 Oct 6pm-7.30pm Yarm Costa	Glow Party Tues 31 Oct 4.45pm-7pm Centre	
	Ukraine Support Café Thurs 5 Oct & 19 Oct 7pm-9pm Youth Room	Youth Apprenticeships Sun 15 Oct during the 10.30am service	Parenting Children Course Dates to be confirmed	
'The Pulse' Youth Event Sun 22 Oct 6.30-8.30pm Durham Cathedral		Refresh Sun 15 Oct 6pm-8pm Church		

Standing Committee Mon 2 Oct 7.30pm, The Vicarage, PCC Mon 16 Oct 7.30pm Meeting Room