



# April 2024



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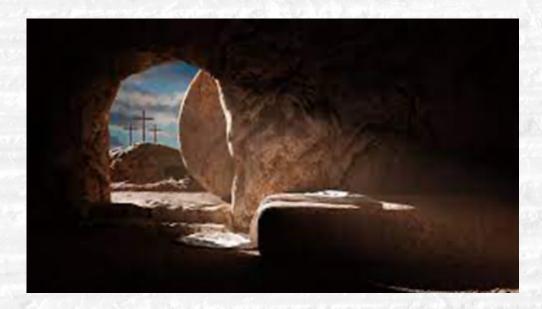
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#### Waking Up

If you are a morning person, then God bless you; but many of us are not. For me the getting out of bed has always been a struggle. It is not just my brain that hates it, but my body seems also to dislike the experience as I have often been asked in the morning 'are you ill?' My response; 'No I am like this every morning!'



Awakening is a theme in many of our films, books and the bible. In films there are lots of Indiana Jones characters trying not to wake up the monsters, in Lord of the Rings, trying not to wake the dragon, and so on. But there are also lots of accounts of trying to wake things up. The films most frustrating are the ones where people never knew they were asleep in the first place.



Easter is about the most amazing awakening. Not from sleep, but from death. Three days Jesus was dead, three days without breath. But then his heart starts again, and he walks out of the tomb. And when he does that it is a game changer for everyone. In sports what often happens is that a world record stands for a long time. And then someone beats it. And then more people beat it. What seems to be true is that one person shows it can be done, and this lifts everyone else to make it possible for them too. For the longest time in the world death was this great full stop over which nobody could beat. But Jesus did not just win over death for himself, but for us too.

And so He offers us two awakenings. The first is where we become spiritually awake to God, forgiven our mistakes, set free, and able to know Jesus as we were intended to. But it does not end there. The second is that awakening to walk with God in our lives and discover who He intended us to be. Sarai, Abram, Joseph, Jacob, Hoshea, Solomon, Simon and others were given new names which matched the new identities they were receiving from God and the roles gifts and relationship with God that went with them. I wonder what God has for you?

For some people they never choose either of these awakenings from God. For others they get as far as the first one, but never step into all God wants them to be. But my hope for each of us is that we would not only take hold of that offer to be made spiritually alive to God which He offers because of Jesus, but go on to discover who He made you to be. If you've got questions do get in touch and one of us would be really pleased to chat things through with you.

Have a great week and a good rest and perhaps a few lie ins over the holidays!





### Please pray for the team from All Saints' who are heading to Mexico

Thurs 28 Mar	Travel to London		
Fri 29 Mar	Flight to San Diego & stay in hotel overnight		
Sat 30 Mar	Travel over the border into Mexico & settle into camp		
Sun 31 Mar	Build Day 1 - working on the foundations of the house		
Mon 1 Apr	Build Day 2 - working on the walls and roof frames		
Tues 2 Apr	Build Day 3 - Put the walls up, start to see the structure of the house come up. Work on roof. Wrap the entire house in chicken wire and building paper.		
Weds 3 Apr	Build Day 4 - Continue work on roof, add first layer of stucco to the walls, fitting door and windows		
Thurs 4 Apr	Build Day 5 - Add another layer of stucco to the outside of the house and complete finishing touches, tidy everything so it is all lovely for the family to move into.		
Fri 5 Apr	Key Handover Day, travel over the border to America		
Sat 6 Apr	Team Debrief and day off in San Diego		
Sun 7 Apr	Start of the journey home		
Mon 8 Apr	Arrive in the UK and travel home		

#### **Team Members:**

Kathryn Belmont, John Belmont,
Katherine Barugh, Grace Davison,
Jacob Howard, Morgan Howard,
Jako de Leeuw-Kent, Abi Levinsohn,
Grace Wheeldon, Thomas Wheeldon,
Eli Aggett, Pearl Sutton,
Demi Adeboye, Katy Levin,
Aidan Fudge,
Jared Bredeson, Jenna Casey





## **∮**↑ **Service Hymn Singing ∮**↑ **Service Hymn Singing f Service Hymn Singing f Service Hymn Singing Se**

After lockdown restrictions were lifted, the Choral Group regrouped to begin singing again, but sadly we were depleted in numbers and were no longer able to produce joyful music in 4 part harmony. However, some members of the group did not want to disband altogether and the suggestion was made that we could meet once a month to sing hymns that we all knew and loved, many or them from our school days when we were taught to sing hymns for school assembly.

So, the Favourite Hymn Singing group started and we meet on the last Monday of the month at All Saints. We began with members from All Saints and St Mary's, Long Newton but have an open invitation for anyone to come, no matter whether they feel they can sing or not. Our numbers have grown and average about 20 most months. We have several members who attend St John's church and some who perhaps do not attend church regularly but enjoy singing in a group.

We invite suggestions from everyone as to their favourite hymns, and try to encourage them to talk about what memories they evoke, perhaps significant life events or just singing them in the school hall surrounded by ropes, wall bars and gym equipment. When asked recently their thoughts about the group, members said they enjoyed reliving memories and being able to sing as loud as they like without any judgement as to the quality of their singing. It is well known that singing induces endorphins and serotonin which can reduce stress levels, feelings of depression and gives an emotional lift.

None of this would be possible without the services of our brilliant accompanist, Janet Smith, to whom we are indebted. We are a friendly, informal group, and would love to have more people join us, so don't feel shy, just turn up.

Our next date will be Monday 29th April 6.30pm -7.30pm.







# Festival Teesside is coming soon

There are training sessions planned and opportunities to serve.

For more details, please see their website: www.festivalteesside.com



## APCM

Our APCM (annual church meeting) will be on Sunday 21 April in our 10am service.

Please come along to celebrate what God has done in 2023, as we look towards 2024.



### Church Camp, Fri 5 - Sun 7 July 2024



### **Church Camp is going ahead!**

If you'd like to come and join us, to camp all weekend, or as a day visitor, you can book your place on this link

https://allsaints.churchsuite.com/events/rh9gaxik







#### **Church and Mental Health**

Saturday 11 May 2024, 9.30am-4pm

Patrick Regan from Kintsugi Hope will be speaking on Mental Health and the church, Navigating Anxiety, and Leading when you're not OK









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#### Services this month

Sunday 7 April		Sunday 21 April						
Samson: How to continue as you start? Judges 13:1-7, 13:24-25, Luke 2: 41-52		APCM (annual meeting)						
		10am joint service						
	9am Communion 1030am Morning Worship	Speaker Matt Levinsohn						
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	Sunday 14 April	Sunday 28 April						
	Two testaments, same God? Judges 2:1-5, Matthew 5:3-12	Disciples are people who look like Jesus. Luke 4:38-44, James 1:16-25						
	9am Communion	9am Morning Worship						
	1030am Morning Worship	1030am Morning Worship						
	Speaker Sarah Hope	Speaker Rachel Levinsohn						
	Ouur 10.30am services are live-streamd							
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Ouur 10.30am services are live-streamd and you can watch them live or later on: https://www.youtube.com/@AllSaintsVideo/streams

Worship	Midweek	Youth	Children & Families	Other
Morning Prayer Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9.10am Zoom: 862 4733 2301 Password 316316	I <b>nformal Holy Communion</b> Wed 9.30am - Youth Room	Youth Life Groups term time Weds, 6-8pm everyone to start in the Youth Rooms returning on Weds 17 Apr	Toddlers Thurs term time 9.45am -11.30am Centre returning on Thurs 18 Apr	Favourite Hymn Singing Mon 29 Apr 6.30pm-7.30pm Church
Prayer & Worship Sat 13 Apr 9am-10am Meeting Room	<b>Life Groups</b> various days/times see noticeboard in Centre	Youth Club term time Fri, 7-9pm Centre returning on Fri 19 Apri	God's Giants Group (Y5&6) Tues 16 & 30 Apr 4.15pm-5.30pm Youth Room	Safeguarding Training Mon 29 Apr 7pm-9pm Centre
Young Adults Gathering Sun 7 April 7.30pm-9pm Stockton Parish Church	Monday Morning Coffee Mondays 9.30am-11.30am Youth Room	Youth Church during our Sunday 10.30am services, Youth Rooms	<b>Gems</b> (up to reception) during our Sunday 10.30am service Meeting Room	Going Deeper Back in May
<b>Encounter</b> Back in May	Ukraine Family Support Café Thurs 18 Apr 6.30pm-8.30pm Youth Room	<b>Doulos</b> Mon 15 Apr 7pm-9pm Youth Rooms	<b>Trailblazers</b> (Y1-Y6) during our Sunday 10.30am service Centre	
Festival Teesside Prayer & Worship Event Sat 27 Apr 7pm-9.30pm Stockton Globe (tickets req'd)	<b>Joyful Craft</b> Thursdays 1.30pm-3pm, Youth Room	Youth Apprenticeships Sun 21 Apr during the joint 10am service	<b>Discovery Church</b> Back in May	
APCM (annual church meeting) Sun 21 Apr 10am	Connect Seated Exercise Tues 1pm - Youth Rooms (not on Connect lunch days)	<b>Refresh</b> Sun 21 Apr 6pm-8pm Church		PCC no meeting in April
	<b>Connect Lunch</b> Back in May	<b>Build Home Mexico</b> Thurs 28 Mar - Mon 8 Apr		Standing Committe no meeting in April
		Mini Mexico Day Tues 2 Apr 11am-6.30pm Youth Rooms		