



# May 2024



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Exciting times are coming to Teesside. 18 months or so in the planning, dreaming, and organising; Festival Teesside is now just around the corner.

Almost a hundred churches across Teesside are collaborating to host a series of local and area wide events. As part of it there will be BBQ's, Concerts, Kids activities, Extreme Sports, as well as opportunities to hear about what a difference Jesus can make in our lives.

Locally we will be running three events, a BBQ/Quiz for which there are limited tickets so do book quickly through our website; as well as two outdoor events. The first is a massive Picnic and games afternoon in half term which anyone and everyone is free to join. Just come along and look for the flags and have fun. And secondly the BMX and Skate team are coming to Preston Park. Alongside the skate park we will have the games bus coming and lots more.

So please put the events in your diaries and come along. The main festival events in Stewarts Park are all free and you will have an amazing time whatever you come to.

For a flavour of what it will be like follow the link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9KsD\\_rhZro&t=47s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n9KsD_rhZro&t=47s)

See you there!

**Matt Levinsohn**



Date	What's Going On	Location
Tues 14 May, 7pm-9pm	Friendship Evangelism Training, please sign up at <a href="https://festivalteesside.com/training">https://festivalteesside.com/training</a>	Stockton Baptist Church, TS18 1TE
Sat 18 May, 9am-5pm	9am-10am Prayer & Worship Meeting & 10am-5pm prayer slots to pray for Festival Teesside	All Saints' Church
Sat 18 May, 7.30pm-10pm	BBQ & Quiz Night to invite friends to (£3 incl BBQ & quiz, bring your own drinks)	Eaglescliffe Community Centre TS16 0EH
Sun 26 May, 6pm-7.30pm	Encounter, focused on praying for Festival Teesside	All Saints' Church
Fri 31 May, 2pm-4.30pm	Big Picnic in Preston Park to invite friends to (more details to follow)	Main Field, Preston Park
Sun 2 Jun, 1pm-3pm	Litter Pick & Prayer Walk in the local area (bring your lunch to eat beforehand)	starting at All Saints'
Mon 3 Jun 9pm	Festival Friend Training (for those who will welcome people at the festival & help out)	Tees Valley Community Church TS16 0RD
Weds 5 June 4pm-7.30pm	Professional Skate Team coming to Preston Park, sharing faith & blessing the community	Preston Park
Thurs 6 June 7pm	Men's Southern Style BBQ - drinks, live music, comedy from Dave Archer, arcade games and hear Andrew Pilau's story. Tickets £5 each from <a href="https://festivalteesside.com/mission">https://festivalteesside.com/mission</a>	Stewart Park TS7 8AR
Fri 7 June 7pm	Stories of Hope Ladies High Tea with Leah McFall from The Voice. Tickets £5 each from <a href="https://festivalteesside.com/mission">https://festivalteesside.com/mission</a>	Stewart Park TS7 8AR
<b>Sat 8 &amp; Sun 9 June all day</b>	<b>Main Festival, sports displays, rides, live music, family festival, more details to follow</b>	Stewart Park TS7 8AR

# Introducing our new ChurchWarden

At our APCM meeting in April we welcomed a new Church Warden, Karen Snowden, and we thanked Anne Rolfe for her years of faithful service as warden.

Anne has interviewed Karen as she starts her new role and says:

*Karen is a long standing member of All Saints' and is known by many for the important part she has played in overseeing Pastoral Care and the Connect Luncheon Club. In her new role as warden I am confident that she will carry out her duties with the same wisdom and dedication. Please pray for both Karen and Chris as they begin their new partnership.*

Anne Rolfe

## **Tell us a bit about your family and background**

I was born in Bridlington, East Yorkshire and have a younger brother. We were brought up attending a Methodist church in the village where we lived. I trained in London as an Early Years/Primary teacher and have taught in Middlesbrough and Stillington. I moved to Teesside when I married Geoff in 1975.

We have two daughters, Kate and Jenny and three grandchildren. Kate lives in Australia and has two children and Jenny lives a bit closer in Sheffield and they have a son.

**Do you remember the first time you came to All Saints. What made you come back?**

The first time I came to All Saints was for a family service when Kate was in Brownies and was asked to attend Church Parade. I remember being welcomed by Brian Wake and feeling relaxed and at ease. I'd been worried that Church of England services might be very different from Methodist services and I might feel out of place. I needn't have worried. All Saints soon felt like 'home'. I started to come to family services once a month and took Jenny to Mums and Toddlers and made more friends from All Saints, many of whom are still friends today.

I volunteered to help at a holiday club at All Saints and it was there that I experienced my first encounter with the Holy Spirit. During a children's worship song 'I'm special because God has loved me' I came to realise how special I was to God and that he cared about me. I was confirmed in my 30s at All Saints. I helped to run the Scramblers group (now called Gems), have led the pastoral team, have been part of the prayer ministry team and am presently helping to lead the team who deliver Connect lunch club.

### **What verse/passage of Scripture/prayer do you hang onto when times are tough?**

Proverbs 3 v5.6 and Isaiah 40 v31. These passages talk about trusting in God, letting him guide you and give you strength and wisdom as you live for him.

I know that God has been with me through illness, bereavement but also in the joyful times of life. He has sent people to support and pray for me.

### **What do you do to relax?**

I like meeting friends for coffee, gardening, going out for meals, walking and playing with my five year old grandson (maybe not so relaxing the last one!) Recently I felt that I needed to be more physically active so I've joined a gym and enjoy swimming. For my birthday Geoff bought me a ukulele. Learning to play it is my new challenge.

### **Thoughts as you start as Churchwarden?**

Talking to Anne and Chris before being elected gave me some idea of what is involved but Anne said it would be fun so I'm looking forward to that! I know it may be challenging at times, but I also know that God will give me His strength and wisdom. So here I am leaning on God and on each one of you to help me. I have so much to thank God for and feel that this is one of the ways I can do that and also share His love. It is a real privilege to serve God at All Saints.

**Karen Snowden**



# Stories from Mexico



Over Easter a team of our Young People and their leaders went to Mexico to build a home for a family living in poverty, some of the team have shared their thoughts after returning home:

Abi:

My highlights were: praying over the structure of the house with our hopes for the family; time spent as a team and handing the keys over to Justina one of members of the Zenovio family. It's taught me so much about God especially his heart for justice and for his people. For me Mexico has made me really grateful for what I have; seeing the reality of the conditions people live in and seeing their thankfulness for what they had, literally thanking God for everything. It's also left me with a longing for change, some of the things we witnessed were just not right and it broke my heart to see and it's challenged me to try and live differently, shopping sustainably, raising awareness and praying for injustice.

Thomas:

Mexico was a time to put my faith into action. I believe that God has called me to serve others and this trip has allowed me to live out this calling. I loved learning about the Mexican culture and seeing how God can make a difference through our lives. I have learned a lot from this trip. The families in Mexico have so little and yet thanked God for what they have. This trip has made me so grateful for what I have and has made me want to use this to help others.

Katherine:

The main thing that stood out to me was how positive the team were despite facing some extremely challenging things. This looked like singing at every opportunity (mainly Party In The USA), jokes galore and having so much fun around the campfire. My highlights? Playing bungalow!! Also spending time with some of the Americans on the campsite.

God was moving throughout us all that week, especially with prayer. Everyone was so God focused, and it really resonated with me as that was the entire purpose of the trip summed up perfectly. How the trip impacted my life? I'm going to implement some of the Mexican culture into my life by using everything I have until I can't anymore and try and shop preloved to not buy into the idea of fast fashion.



# 3 Local Events Open To All Hosted By



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## BBQ & Quiz

Sat 18th May 7.30pm-10pm  
Orchard Community Centre  
£3 inc food/quiz (bring your own drink)  
Book through TVC/All Saints websites

## Picnic & Games

Fri 31st May  
2pm-4.30pm  
Preston Park main field



Come see the  
Skate & BMX team  
Preston skate park  
Wed 5th June 4pm-7pm



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# Stories of Hope

Ladies High Tea with  
The Voice's Leah McFall  
Fri 7th June 7pm Stewarts Park

Tickets £5 via [festivalteesside.com/mission](https://festivalteesside.com/mission)

## MENS SOUTHERN STYLE BBQ

Including: live music, retro arcade games,  
comedy from John Archer & hear the  
story of Andrew Palau.

Thurs 6th June 7pm  
Stewarts Park





# 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>



**DURHAM DEN**



Discovering treasure in life's scars



## Join Patrick Regan From Kintsugi Hope For A Day Looking At How Chuches Can Best Welcome and Support Those Struggling With Mental Health

Saturday 11 May 2024, 9.30am-4pm.

Open to all, whether you are a church member, leader, or just interested.

<https://allsaints.churchsuite.com/events/s7ifdymn>  
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(If cost is a barrier please just come)



All Saints' Church, 22 Dunottar Avenue, Stockton-on-Tees TS16 0AB

# Services this month

## Sunday 5 May

The Value of Mentors, Coaches & Godparents  
2 Kings 2: 7-15, Proverbs 2:1-8

9am Communion  
1030am Morning Worship

Speaker Matt Levinsohn

## Sunday 12 May

What Does it Mean to be Grafted Into The Family?  
Romans 11:13-24, Deuteronomy 7:1-6

9am Morning Worship  
1030am Morning Worship

Speaker Ben Scott

## Sunday 19 May - Pentecost

Who is The Spirit?  
Joel 2:28-38, Acts 2:1-4 + 14-21

9am Communion  
1030am Communion

Speaker Kathryn Belmont

## Sunday 26 May

Signed, Sealed, Delivered I'm Yours.  
Ephesians 1: 3-14, Luke 24:1-12

9am Communion  
1030am Morning Worship

Speaker Matt Levinsohn

**Our 10.30am services are live-streamed and you can watch them live or later on:  
<https://www.youtube.com/@AllSaintsVideo/streams>**

Worship	Midweek	Youth	Children & Families	Other
<b>Morning Prayer</b> Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9.10am Zoom: 862 4733 2301 Password 316316	<b>Informal Holy Communion</b> Wed 9.30am - Youth Room	<b>Youth Life Groups</b> term time Weds, 6pm-8pm everyone to start in the Youth Rooms	<b>Toddlers</b> Thurs term time 9.45am -11.30am Centre	<b>Favourite Hymn Singing</b> Mon 27 May 6.30pm-7.30pm Church
<b>Young Adults Gathering</b> Sun 5 May 7.30pm-9pm Stockton Parish Church	<b>Life Groups</b> various days/times see noticeboard in Centre	<b>Youth Club</b> term time Fri, 7pm-9pm Centre	<b>God's Giants Group (Y5&amp;6)</b> Tues 14 May 4.15pm-5.30pm Youth Room	<b>Going Deeper</b> Back in June
<b>Prayer &amp; Worship</b> Sat 18 May 9am-10am Meeting Room	<b>Monday Morning Coffee</b> Mondays 9.30am-11.30am Youth Room	<b>Youth Church</b> during our Sunday 10.30am services, Youth Rooms	<b>Gems</b> (up to reception) during our Sunday 10.30am service Meeting Room	<b>BBQ &amp; Quiz Night</b> Sat 18 May 7.30pm-10pm Eaglescliffe Community Centre
<b>Prayer Event for Festival Teesside</b> Sat 18 May 10am-5pm Chapel <b>please speak to David Munby to book your slot</b>	<b>Ukraine Family Support Café</b> Thurs 2, 16 & 30 May 7pm-9pm Youth Room	<b>Doulos</b> Mon 13 May 7pm-9pm Youth Rooms	<b>Trailblazers</b> (Y1-Y6) during our Sunday 10.30am service Centre	<b>Big Picnic in Preston Park</b> Fri 31 May 2pm-4.30pm Main Field Preston Park
<b>Encounter</b> Sun 26 May 6pm-7.30pm Church	<b>Joyful Craft</b> Thursdays 1.30pm-3pm, Youth Room	<b>Youth Apprenticeships</b> Sun 19 May during the 10.30am service	<b>Discovery Church</b> Sun 12 May 3.15pm-4.45pm Centre	
	<b>Connect Seated Exercise</b> Tues 1pm - Youth Rooms (not on Connect lunch days)	<b>Yarm Cafe Church</b> Wed 1 May Yarm Costa, 6pm-7.30pm		<b>PCC</b> Mon 20 May 7.30pm-9.30pm Meeting Room
	<b>Connect Lunch</b> Tues 14 May 11.45am-2pm Centre	<b>Advance Youth Evangelism Day</b> Sat 25 May 10am-3pm All Saints/Preston Park		<b>Standing Committee</b> Mon 13 May 7.30pm-9pm Vicarage