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God's promise is to be with us

Hello everyone, I hope you are having a wonderful start to February. As I was thinking through what I wanted to say for this month's reflection I felt like God was asking me to talk about Gideon, who we find in Chapter 6 of the book of Judges.

Now if I'm honest with you all, sometimes I can be a bit of a scaredy cat when it comes to stepping out and doing something new or taking a risk and so when reading through the Bible I can find it encouraging to read about people who have struggled in the same way I do. When we first meet Gideon he is threshing wheat in a winepress, which isn't something that's usually done.

Usually you would thresh wheat out in a field as the wind would help blow away the unusable chaff making the job of gathering wheat a whole lot easier. And if you've ever seen a winepress you'd know it is only going to make that job a whole lot harder. So why is he doing it? Well the answer is he's scared.

He's scared that the raiders pillaging Israel at the time might find him if he's out in the open and so he is hiding away. And he continues being scared when the Lord tells him to 'go in the strength he has and save Israel'. All Gideon can think is that he is too weak, that he is the least in His family.



And yet God's answer to him is simple. God says 'I will be with you'. If you know the story you will know Gideon isn't a perfect person, he made mistakes and feared that his own limitations would stop God working but God still used him and that message is a source of great comfort for me.

God's promise is that He will be with us. At church recently we have started Alpha again, a mental health wellbeing group in a local school in partnership with Kintsugi hope and a money course with CAP. All of these involve some sort of risk, 'will people show up', 'will I say the wrong thing' and so on but sitting here writing this I find myself encouraged by how they have gone, and by how members of our congregation have stepped up, taken a risk and seen God work through them.

And so as we look ahead into February, do you feel like God is calling you to step out and take a risk? Perhaps that might be to invite someone along to our men's breakfast, or make and mingle or even our worship night on the 11th. Or perhaps God is also encouraging you to start something new, or step into an existing ministry. If that is the case then maybe like Gideon, each of us needs to place our trust in a God who promises to be with us and take that risk. God bless, Ben



All Saints Church

Men's Breakfast
Saturday 21 February
8am - 10am, Youth Room

Tickets available on our website, ChurchSuite or scan the QR code

The flyer features images of a burger with bacon, orange juice, pancakes, and a croissant.



MAKE & Mingle

Create
Connect
Community

February 26th
6:30-9pm
Pyrography
£25 per person
Booking essential if you want to make
Mingling is free 🍷

The flyer includes images of a pyrography machine and a finished pyrography piece.



WORSHIP NIGHT

Weds 11 Feb 2026

6pm-8pm

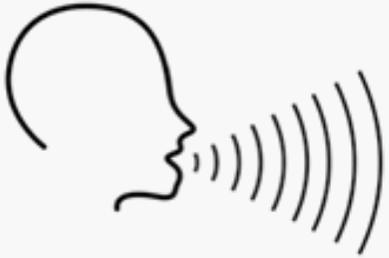
We will be eating pizza together afterwards so please come with money to contribute

The flyer features a silhouette of a person with arms raised against a purple background.



Ben Scott

Finding Our Voice In Flux

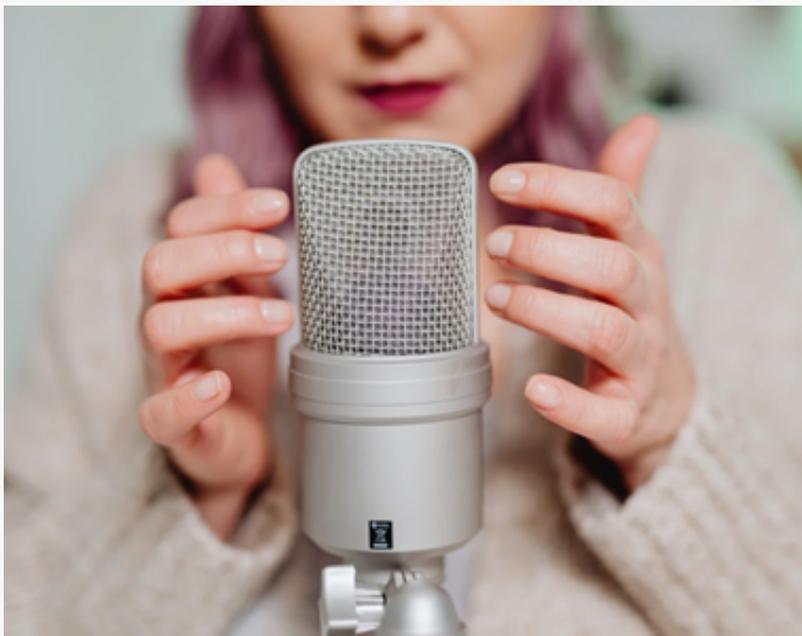


We live at a time of enormous flux. Continual change is around us all the time, and there is a remodelling of much of what society thinks and how it acts, both on a small scale and on a massive scale. Into this sphere it is sometimes difficult to speak. We are unsure what to say. And often we find there are just too many issues, too many risks of being misunderstood that we remain silent. But it is a time almost without precedent when people are searching for truth, for meaning, for God. It is a good time to find our voice.

As I write this, I have just been to hear the launch of the Bible Society's mission for Teesside. They are giving £400,000 to Teesside churches to help us raise awareness of the Christian faith and to help local churches to engage with those hungry for the difference God can make. Over the coming months we will be working out how we might want to engage in this mission to make Jesus known. Unlike Festival Teesside this mission is going to be wholly designed on the ground by churches like ours. So if you have thoughts do let me know.



As well as giving that invitation to know Jesus, we are also called to bring wisdom and to engage in society and there are some massive questions being grappled with at the moment. Often debate is polarised, and perhaps this is a further reason we are needed; recognising that the truth of the bible crosses over political lines of left and right, it crosses over polarisation. We need to find our voices, partly because it is in discussing with one another that we can think through what our views should be. But also because so many of our friends are keen to engage us. Many Christians are trying to do this, and we can learn a lot from them that at the very least will help prompt us to reflect.



I was pleased to hear Sarah Mullaly the new Archbishop of Canterbury speaking up in caution on euthanasia. She wrote with empathy for suffering but also in caution that the risks to those who are vulnerable of legalising doctors causing death is significant and the safeguards are not adequate. I was pleased to read in Premier Christianity that while abortion is legal, 300,000 abortions in 2025 seems a massive number and that it is in everyone's interests to bring that number down in a whole range of compassionate ways. I was pleased to see Christians entering into the debate on the 2 child cap for benefits, both helping us reflect on balancing the books, but also pointing out children can be the unintended victims of the cap.

Closer to home I am so pleased we at All Saints are playing our part in addressing some of the major issues of our day. For example starting mental health and wellness coaching for and mentoring primary students so they can all flourish.

So can I encourage you to be praying about the mission ahead of us that we would find our voice. But can I also encourage you to be willing to allow your voice to be heard not just with our friends who don't have a faith but also within the church. The culture of our day wants to polarise and silence debates, but core to our faith is wrestling with the truth. In the first century debates in the temple were common. Knowing they loved one another, Christians took the risk of discussing with one another, grappling to find the truth. So whether you come along to Connect Discussion, or whether you give some Life Group time to this, learning to think like Jesus will help us engage with a society which does not listen across tribes and is struggling to hear what God's word to us might be.



Matt Levinsohn

Some of our young people have taken Gap Years and are serving in different churches, they have provided an update as to how things are going, please continue to pray for them.

I have been working alongside the team at Stockton Baptist Church since September. My main role is to help run the Youth Ministry alongside Jess. On Sunday mornings, we have youth church where the youth play games, have time to 'catch up' with each other and listen to some teaching, given by the volunteer youth leaders. Also, on Tuesday nights, we run a youth club, with sports, board games, crafts and a time to learn more about God. We usually have between 20 and 25 young people on both Sundays and Tuesdays.

Alongside running the youth ministry, I have been able to take part in different aspects of Church life. I am thankful that I have been given the opportunity to serve in many different parts of the Church, from the toddlers to the senior citizens. I have already learned so much about how to serve, how to talk to new people and how to share my faith.

At first, I was nervous about going into a new role and having to learn new skills. However, in the past few months, I have grown in confidence and have loved every new opportunity and challenge that I have faced. I am thankful that I have had the opportunity to go into new places and see how God is at work. I have been going into Northshore Academy to talk to the students about God and faith. This allows me to share God with students who don't go to church.

Overall, the past few months have been full of new experiences, have allowed me to grow in many different parts of my life, and have been a brilliant way to see where God is at work and how I can join in. Thank you for praying for me and my ministry. As I continue this year, I would like prayer for more opportunities to help people grow closer to God.

Thomas Wheeldon



Hiya Church Family, Abi here!

I'm doing the New Wine Discipleship year at St Thomas Crookes in their Sheffield hub. My ministry areas are Welcome, Social Transformation and Evangelism. In terms of what my week looks like, on a Sunday I'll serve on Hospitality and Welcome and then volunteer in our youth ministry in my free time. In the week I'll be on reception one day and help in our foodbank and warm space as well as helping with general admin around church. I typically work 9-5 Sunday to Wednesday with Alpha on Wednesday evening; Student outreach on Thursday evening and Friday after Youth fortnightly; and street evangelism once a month on a Saturday morning. As well as this we have a teaching day on Thursday. There are 10 interns here, 8 New Wine interns and 2 interns with the diocese and teaching days are such a fun time!

One of my highlights so far would be running alpha, helping people explore faith is such a blessing! One of the guys from my group is getting baptised soon and seeing his journey has been so cool! It's been such a privilege to hear the way God is moving in people's lives in such a powerful way!

Being involved with a charity called Red Frogs who support students on nights out - making sure they get home safe and running social events in student accommodations has also been amazing! It's been a joy getting to know students, have fun conversations about Jesus and serve God in a new way!

I've also loved heading up our street evangelism! I've run three mornings so far and leading in this way is still quite new to me but it's been so fun. We've had some great conversations and prayed for so many people. I'm really excited to see what God will continue to do with this in the new year! It's such a blessing to know so many people are praying for me so a massive thank you! If you could pray in particular for our evangelistic ministries and that I would grow to know and love God more. Thank you so much, God bless and keep you.

Abi Levinsohn





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Wednesday 10.30-12pm
Term Time

This is a **free drop-in** session

- ★ Sensory Play
- ★ Song-Time
- ★ Hot drinks & Snacks

**A group for parents/carers & their babies to
Play, Relax & Connect!**

This group is for newborns up to confidently walking babies



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Any questions? Contact Cat on 07831 102082



YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR

PANCAKE PARTY!

PS. IT'S FREE!

TUESDAY 17 FEB
5.30-7PM
ALL SAINTS CHURCH
22 DUNOTTAR AVE,
TS16 0AB

PANCAKE DECORATING

ALL AGE GAMES

FAMILY QUIZ

FUN CRAFTS

[Click here for tickets](#)



Connect Lunch Club

A two course meal with after lunch entertainment for retired people, All are welcome.

Come along for great food and good company.
Lunch costs £5 and booking is essential.

Our next lunch is Tues 10 Feb
& then monthly on 2nd Tuesday
11.45am-2pm

To book please email:
office.allsaints@gmail.com
or call: 01642 783814



Coming up next month



GOING DEEPER 2026

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

No need to book. Just come along

Sat March 7th 9am-12.30pm

- The Bible and Women in Leadership
David Munby
- The Two Epistles of Peter
Andrew Eley



Save the date..... 21st March
for an evening of
MURDER & MYSTERY!
An entertaining evening of Who? What?
How? & Why? Can you crack the case?
Back by popular demand....
(Well we had fun last year so why not....)
More information to follow....

The background of the poster is a collage of crime scene investigation elements. It includes a yellow and black striped "CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS" tape, a red pushpin, a magnifying glass, and various pieces of paper with text and images. The text is overlaid on this background.

Services February

Sunday 1 Feb

A Better Agreement

Hebrews 8:1-13, Numbers 15:37-41

9am Communion

Speaker: David Munby

10.45am Morning Worship

Speaker: Rick Simpson

Sunday 8 Feb

A Better Sacrifice

Hebrews 10:1-14, Luke 22:14-20

9am Morning Worship

10.45am Morning Worship

Speaker: Sean Sankey

Sunday 15 Feb

Confident Faith

Hebrews 10:19-36, Exodus 26:31-37

9am Morning Worship

10.45am Communion

Speaker: Matt Levinsohn

Sunday 22 Feb

The Amazing Results of Faith

Hebrews 11:17-40, Numbers 14:1-10

9am Communion

10.45am Morning Worship

Speaker: Henry Silva

The sermons from our 10.45am services are live-streamed,
you can watch live, just after 11.15am or later <https://www.youtube.com/@AllSaintsVideo/streams>

Worship	Midweek	Youth	Children & Families	Other
Morning Prayer by Zoom: 862 4733 2301 Password 316316 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9.10am	Life Groups various days/times see noticeboard in Centre	Doulos Mon 9 Feb 7pm-9pm Youth Rooms	Family Life Group Mondays 9.30am-11.30am Meeting Room	Favourite Hymn Singing Mon 23 Feb 6.30pm-7.30pm Meeting Room
Informal Holy Communion Weds 9.30am Youth Room	Monday Morning Coffee Mondays 9.30am-11.30am Youth Room	Youth Life Groups Term time, Weds 6pm-8pm Youth Rooms	Baby Saints Term time Wednesdays 10.30am-12pm Meeting Room	Young Adults Gathering Thurs 7.30pm-9pm 23 Butterfield Drive TS16 0EX
Prayer & Worship Sat 14 Feb 9am-10am Meeting Room	Connect Seated Exercise Tues 1pm - Meeting Room (not on Connect lunch days)	Youth Club Term time, Fri 7pm-9pm, Centre	Toddlers Thurs term time 9.30am -11.30am Centre	Men's Breakfast Sat 21 Feb 8am-10am Youth Rooms
Worship Night Weds 11 Feb 6pm-8pm Church	Connect Lunch Tues 10 Feb 11.45am-2pm Hall	Youth Church during our Sunday 10.45am services Youth Rooms	God's Giants Group (Y5&6) Thurs 12 Feb 4pm-5.15pm Youth Rooms	Make & Mingle Thurs 26 Feb 7pm-9pm Youth Rooms (details above)
	Connect Coffee & Discussion Tues 24 Feb 11am-12.15am Youth Rooms	Youth Apprenticeships Sun 15 Feb during our 10.30am service	Gems (up to reception) during our Sunday 10.45am service Meeting Room	
	Joyful Craft Thursdays 1.30pm-3pm, Youth Room	Refresh Sun 1 March 6pm-8pm Church	Trailblazers (Y1-Y6) during our Sunday 10.45am service Centre	
	Ukraine Family Support Café Thurs 5 & 19 Feb 7pm-9pm Youth Room	Doulos Residential Fri 20- Sun 22 Feb Marrick Priory	Pancake Party (details above) Tues 17 Feb 5.30pm-7pm Hall	Standing Committee Mon 2 Feb 7.30pm-9pm Vicarage
		Big Questions Lunch Club Egglecliffe School Weds lunchtime, Room 106		PCC Mon 16 Feb 7.30pm-9.30pm Meeting Room