



all saints hoole

# Newsletter

**Sunday 1st February 2026**  
**Presentation of Christ - Candlemas**  
**Rhythms of Grace: Live Expectantly - Acts 3:1-10**

9:00am Holy Communion

10:45am Morning Service

## This Week at Kids Church

A Prayer of Guidance: Esther's brave stand

## This Week at All Saints Youth

10:45am Breakfast Club - Bible Explored: Galatians  
6:00 - 8:30pm After Dark: Study

## Prayer Focus

Please pray for world leaders, for unity and peace.

## Helpful Service Information

### Live Streaming

- Our 10:45am services are being live-streamed and recorded to support those unable to attend. The stream and recording may appear online (website, YouTube, social media).
- If you sit in the first three rows or are on the Chancel, you may be visible on camera.
- No Filming Zones:** All seating after the first three rows of pews.
- No filming will take place during moments of prayer ministry or during the administering of Holy Communion.
- Please speak to our welcome team or Wardens if you need help.
- Thank you for helping us keep our services accessible to all.

### Crèche

The 'Raven' room is set up as a crèche and is available for use during the 10:45am service each week. Parents and carers are welcome to use this space at any time during the service. Please note: a parent or guardian will need to stay with their child while using the crèche.

### Church Access Kits

We want you—and the children you care for—to feel comfortable and included during our services. Our Access Kits are designed to support children with additional needs but are available for all children to use. Each kit contains a selection of helpful items to make your time in church more enjoyable and accessible. You can find them with our welcomers when you arrive.

# Weekly Church Calendar

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## WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK...

### Monday 2nd

Heart & Soul Cafe: 8:45am-2pm  
Little Lights: 10-11:30am  
Encounter: 7:45pm

### Tuesday 3rd

Heart & Soul Cafe: 8:45am-2pm  
Oasis: 1:30-3:00pm  
After-School Drop In: 3:30-5pm  
Deo Gratias Choir: 7:30pm

### Wednesday 4th

Bible Study Fellowship: 9:55-11:30am  
The Prayer Gathering: 7:45-8:45pm

### Thursday 5th

Heart & Soul Cafe: 8:45am-2pm  
Chatty Group in Heart & Soul Café: 10:30am  
The 'Sparrowhawks' Community: 11:30am

### Friday 6th

Craft Club: 1:30pm

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## PASTORAL CARE FOR THOSE NOT IN GROUPS – HOW TO MAKE CONTACT WITH TEAM

In the Sunday services, a new Pastoral Care Team was announced. This is ahead of the appointment of the new Discipleship and Pastoral Care Lay Worker, and the new team will form part of their remit.

We have much excellent pastoral care given in the church, mainly through groups such as Communities and Oasis. We also have some wonderful individual care.

The purpose of the new team is to provide care for those who are NOT in one of the groups above. So, if you are not in one of the groups and you, for example, end up in hospital, are stuck at home, or would appreciate someone getting alongside you, a member of the team can meet with you, listen and pray with you if that's what you'd like.

Also if you know someone that is in these circumstances, and you have their permission, you can also request that they receive care.

If you are already being visited by someone or if you are visiting someone, please don't stop! We are not trying to replace wonderful care that is already happening.

You can get in contact via the website, by clicking [HERE](#)

Alternatively you can contact the office and they will enter the details for you. If you know someone who is not able to make contact, you can do so on their behalf, so long as you have their permission.

We will be in touch!

Andy Creeth, Pastoral Care Team Coordinator

# Looking back at Christmas 2025

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICES



The Christingle services in 2025 were a wonderful occasion, with over 500 people attending across two services. So many people mentioned what a wonderful atmosphere it was and how welcome they felt. The gospel message was shared and we raised £464.50 for The Children's Society.



It was a great opportunity for people to gather who are connected with the life of the church via Hoole Primary School, Little Lights and other community events along with local residents and church family.



A big thank you to all who helped to make the actual Christingles and those who helped on the day. Without your support we wouldn't be able to run these kind of events. Thank you so much!

## CHRISTMAS IN HEART & SOUL CAFE

Christmas in the Café has become an annual event that we all look forward to! 2025 was our 4th year, and every year we meet new people who had never been to Heart & Soul Café until they came to enjoy the lovely Christmas atmosphere and festive food in our beautifully decorated church.

As well as festive food we have some craft stalls and a programme of events to get us in the Christmas spirit. This year choirs of children from Hoole Primary and St Martins came to delight us with their Christmas songs, as well as amazing singing from Upton Community Choir. We had carols on the organ with David Pawson, Christmas story time & songs for the toddlers, and a short Carol service led by Craig.

At the stalls there were handmade cards, homemade jams & Christmas cakes, personalised magnets, artwork, knitted gifts, floral table decorations and handmade log reindeer for your garden! This year we also had an art exhibition from a local art group. So there was something for everyone!

Many of our stalls were raising money for charity, and we were really blessed when a couple of our craft stalls donated their takings to support Heart & Soul Café, giving us £250! Thank you so much for your kindness.

Also, a huge thank you to all our volunteers who worked so hard (it couldn't run without you!) and to all who helped organise the programme of events and to those who performed and made it such an enjoyable week. Finally, thank you to all who came and joined in! We loved serving you!



# Upcoming Events and News



**STAY CURIOUS**

Try Alpha

**Alpha Course starts  
23<sup>rd</sup> February, 7:45pm  
@ All Saints Hoole**

Sign up via our website [HERE](#) or scan the QR code



**Join us for a Special Service of  
Admitting Baptized Children  
to Holy Communion  
before Confirmation**

**Sunday 8 Feb | 10:45am**



## THE PRAYER GATHERING

**1ST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, 7.45-8.45PM**

**A monthly gathering to pray together for our world, city and church**

## IGNITE

**2ND SUNDAY OF THE MONTH  
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, 6-7PM**

**A monthly worship gathering for those who want to encounter God's renewing power and presence.**

## OASIS

**Tuesday 3rd February  
All Saints Church Centre  
1:30-3pm  
(please note the new time)**

If you are retired or of retirement age, come and enjoy an afternoon of fun, friendship and more besides - including tea and cake!

## Grounds Maintenance – Saturday 7 February

Thanks to everyone who was able to help out on Friday 16 January – it was great to see you.

The next Grounds Maintenance session will be on Saturday 7 February, from 10am to 2pm. If you're able to come along and lend a hand, please have a word with Ken Wood or email him at [ken.wood@allsaints.church](mailto:ken.wood@allsaints.church).

## LOST PROPERTY

Please have a look in the lost property at the back of church for anything that might belong to you. After half term, the remaining items will be taken to a charity shop. Thank you!

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## NEW HERE?

We would love to get to know you!

We are inviting anyone who has started attending All Saints since October 2025 to come along and join us for good food, a chance to get to know each other better and an opportunity to hear the vision of All Saints Church.

**Sunday 22nd February - 12.45pm - 3pm**

Sign up will close on Sunday 15th February

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**SIGN UP HERE**



The poster features a dark background with numerous lit tealight candles. In the upper left, the choir's logo (a stylized 'D' and 'G') and text: 'Chester Deo Gratias Choir'. A yellow banner across the middle contains the text 'INVITES YOU TO COME & SING' and 'Handel's Messiah' in large, bold letters. Below this, it says 'with soloists, organ and orchestra' and 'Conductor: Vicki Bulgin'. A yellow box at the bottom left lists the date: 'SATURDAY APRIL 18TH 2026'. The bottom section contains details about rehearsals, costs, and audience information.

**Rehearsals**  
11.30am - 1.00pm  
1.45pm - 3.15pm  
[Registration from 10.45am]  
BYO lunch. Performance 7.00pm

**Cost £20 per singer**  
£15 Early bird rate if booked by Feb 1st  
£5 For those in full time education  
Cost includes coffee on arrival, and glass of wine/ juice in performance interval

**For registration form or more information contact:**  
Email: [cdgcsecretary@hotmail.com](mailto:cdgcsecretary@hotmail.com) Tel: 01244 344529  
Website: [www.deogratiaschoir.com](http://www.deogratiaschoir.com)

**Audience tickets for the performance: £10 / School children free**  
available from 01244 345649 / [centre@allsaints.church](mailto:centre@allsaints.church)

**Charity bucket collection**

### CALLING ALL YOU SINGERS OUT THERE!

The Deo Gratias choir is preparing to host a special event in April - a 'COME and SING MESSIAH'. See the poster for details.

I think there are people in All Saints who would be interested in taking part in this, and the reason I'm highlighting this now is that there is an 'early bird' booking rate if booked by February 1st. Booking forms are on the choir's new website, [[www.deogratiaschoir.com](http://www.deogratiaschoir.com)] but Vicki also has some paper copies available.

So if you would like to join us for this special day on Saturday April 18th, do get your booking in by the end of the month. Hope lots of you will !!  
Vicki



## Youth Events

All Youth events are published on a notice board at the front of church. Messages go out on the weekly Newsletter and are also sent via the Youth WhatsApp Broadcast group and SPONDApp (code CDUYF).

# January reflection

## A word from our Youth Worker

Happy New Year! What's the latest you're allowed to say that?

John 20:26: Jesus came and stood among them and said

"Peace be with you!"

### Breakfast Club (Sunday AM)

Topics: Bible Explored: The books of 1, 2 and 3 John, Joshua and Habakkuk.

Looking at living for God, being brave because God is with us and crying out to God when the World needs Him most whilst trusting that He has everything in hand.



### AfterDark (Sunday PM)

Topics: (Y9-) NUA series, discovering fresh starts and connecting with God.

(Y9+) Studying Psalms chapter by chapter - Psalm 6 crying out to God.

Our January Social was Games Night at Church, where we had a great time of fun through fellowship, playing Traitors, Mario Kart, Football and a reaction game, among others. I would like to thank all of our youth team who get stuck in and are so enthusiastic week by week, not just in the morning, but the evenings too. The youth work at All Saints could literally not be done without you.

The 'After School Drop In' continued strong in January with all our regulars coming back. On Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> I spoke at church about donations towards the After School Drop In, so in case you missed it....I will be applying for funding for a number of items for the Drop In, but before sending off for it, I would like to offer items up to the congregation if anyone wants to buy them as part of their offering.

If you would like to donate in such a way please contact me on Whatsapp or Email.

The key items we are looking for are; Foldable Pool, Table football and Table Tennis tables; Indoor football goals; Dodgeballs and bag; Switch Games and Accessories; Large bean bags; Strip light bars; EuroHoc set; Basketball/Roundball posts; Mats; Cushions; Cones and advertising boards.



## Golden dude Award

January's golden dude award goes to Josh C. The journey Josh is going on in our sessions, answering questions, challenging others and going deep in to Bible topics has really challenged the group in a really good way. Well done Josh!

Sam



# NEWS FROM HOOLE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

'let your light shine' Matthew 5:16 Sermon on the Mount

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Shakespeare clubs have begun to gear up for our annual Shakespeare Festival!

Due to the tremendous interest in Shakespeare at our schools, we run two clubs. The club for Year five and six pupils runs on Fridays after school. Children discovered last week that they are going to premiere a brand new play, never before seen at Hoole Primary! They will perform the comedic play, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Over the last two years, pupils have been exposed to many Shakespearean works including those performed by Shakespeare Clubs and others which they have enjoyed performed by visiting actors.

Club members have presented *Macbeth*, *Hamlet*, *Romeo & Juliet* and *Much Ado About Nothing*. We have welcomed performances of *Twelfth Night* and *The Tempest*. Later this term, we have a visiting company performing *Romeo & Juliet*.

The Year three and four Shakespeare Club will present *Hamlet* during our festival. We spend two weeks, really getting to know the stories and the different characters before allocating roles. From the third week of club, we are rehearsing in earnest to ensure that we do the plays justice.

I am always amazed by the enthusiasm and interest our pupils show towards Shakespearean plays. We feel that enjoying experiences like Shakespeare Club and seeing the plays in action builds confidence for the next stage in children's education. This in turn will enable pupils to continue to shine brightly, in line with our school vision, in their next school.

We hope to welcome some friends from All Saints Church to come and enjoy our shows. I will keep you posted on the progress of rehearsals and the show dates over coming months.

Thank you for your prayers and good wishes for our school family.

Rosalind Flanders  
Headteacher



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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## All Saints Songbook 2024-2025

Play lists are now available to help our congregation find and familiarise themselves with the songs we sing during our services, which we hope will prove to be a blessing.



[Spotify](#) [Click Here](#)



[YouTube](#)

[Click Here](#)

## The World Church

All Saints supports a number of individuals and groups around the world.  
Please visit our mission page for information on our mission partners.

## West Cheshire Foodbank

Please put any donations in the collection crates in the church centre foyer. Thank you for your continued support. If you'd like to know more about the foodbank, please click [HERE](#).

## Greeting Cards

Cards for all occasions by Gill Holt. Please have a look after the Sunday services and support the work of Tearfund.

## Giving at All Saints

Our thanks to all who give. Your generosity is making a huge difference!

### WAYS TO GIVE:

- Standing Order - contact the Welcome Desk at a service
- Scan the QR code
- Donation Stations at the entrance
- Offering Boxes at the back of church
- Gift Aid forms are available from the Welcome Desk



## Food Allergies and Intolerances

Offering food and refreshments is an important part of our ministry here at All Saints.

Due to the way our food is prepared, **it is not possible to guarantee the absence of allergens.**

If you have a known allergy, we ask that you take all necessary precautions.

## Promoting a Safer Church

If you ever have any safeguarding concerns relating to children and/or vulnerable adults, please pass these on to our Safeguarding Officer, Fiona Jones either in person or by emailing [safeguarding@allsaints.church](mailto:safeguarding@allsaints.church).

Further contact details can be found on the posters in church and the church centre or on the All Saints website: [allsaints.church/church-life/safeguarding](http://allsaints.church/church-life/safeguarding).

Church family are encouraged to undertake the Church of England Basic Awareness safeguarding training which can be found on their website: [safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org](http://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org)

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