

# Newsletter

## Join us on Sunday 9th June 2024

Trinity 2 - Letters to the churches: Pergamum -  
Revelation 2:12-17

9am Holy Communion & 10:45am Morning Service

### CRECHE

'Raven' is set up as a creche. Do make use of this at any time during the 10.45am service each week. A parent will need to stay with their child.

### CHURCH ACCESS KITS

We want you and the children you care for to be able to take part in and feel comfortable within our services. Our access kits contain items that may help you in your time in church. Our kits are made with children with additional needs in mind but are available for use by all children and can be found with our welcomers.



We are passionate about kids loving Jesus and loving church! We worship and pray together, play games, make things, read Bible stories and have a LOT of fun! Please do join us - Sunday Mornings during the 10:45am service.

This week we continue our series Fruits of the Spirit: Goodness



Prayer Focus: For our Heart & Soul Cafe and all its visitors.

## Whats on - Week Commencing - 10th June 2024

Monday	Heart & Soul Cafe - 8:45am - 2pm Little lights - 10 - 11:30am
Tuesday	Heart & Soul Cafe - 8:45am - 2pm Chester Deo Gratias Choir - 7:30pm
Thursday	Heart & Soul Cafe - 8:45am - 2pm Chatty Group - in the Heart and Soul Café - 10:30am
Friday	Craft Club - 1:30pm

# as youth

All Youth events are now 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.

If you do not get a message from Sam on WhatsApp, please make sure you contact him to sign up to the broadcast.

as youth Programme

SUNDAY AM  
Y7-11 10.45-12.00

SUNDAY PM JOINT MEAL 18.45-19.15  
Y7-11 18.00-19.15  
Y11-13 18.45-20.00

SOCIAL NIGHT EVERY 4TH SUNDAY

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## EXAM PRAYER DIARY

Philippians 4:13  
Eph. 6:18

All Saints Church is committed to supporting all our Young people as they go through their exams. You've got this!

Please pray for all our young people who are doing exams over the next few weeks. The following document shows the dates of our young peoples exams. These include GCSE and A Level.

as youth

## as youth June PM

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9TH NEW WINE WORSHIP  
14TH YTHX @FESTIVAL 7-9PM  
16TH YOUTH SERIES  
23RD YOUTH GAMES NIGHT  
30TH ~~NO YOUTH~~

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EXAM PRAYER DIARY

JUNE

## Curry or Quiz

How about both!

Curry AND Quiz

Youth family quiz  
19:00 - 21:00 12th July 2024

End of year Youth and Family Curry and Quiz for all Y6-Y13s and their families. Invite your family and friends, and let us know you are coming (for catering and prizes needs). Click the button to sign up:

[CLICK HERE](#)

## **A quick word from your Worship Team Leader...**

I am really excited about how things are developing with our worship team at All Saints, Hoole. It is a joy to be able to worship God in song together in the various ways that we do that: in our 9am service and 10.45 service. We have an excellent and dedicated team of worship leaders who are united in their desire to serve and facilitate the church in sung worship across both services. This unity is also expressed in a desire to grow in our roles and it has been a joy to see team members developing and taking on greater responsibility over the past year.

The role of our musical worship team is to help facilitate and lead others to a place of meaningful connection and engagement with God. Through musical worship we are working in line with our overarching vision to live with, like and for Jesus. In musical worship we encounter God (live with), are transformed (live like) and engage in our mission (live for) of knowing Him and making Him known. To do this we hold to the following values...

1. We desire to sing songs that are rich in biblical truth.
2. We desire to play music that is stylistically coherent and culturally relevant.
3. We are primarily facilitators, not performers.
4. We seek to be diligent and humble.
5. We seek to be sensitive to the Spirit.
6. We seek to passionately love and enjoy Jesus.

It is important to us that the church understands what we do and why, and therefore we welcome constructive feedback and questions. A few people have recently asked why we use repetition in our sung worship so I thought it might be helpful to write a brief response regarding this.

### **Why do we use of repetition in sung worship?**

#### **It's biblical.**

The book of Psalms (the Hymnbook of God's people) is filled with repeated phrases and refrains that help us focus our hearts and minds on God (see Psalm 136 as an example). We know that the heavenly creatures repeat the same refrain around God's throne day and night... "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" (Rev. 4:8). The Hebrew word for meditate can be translated "to mutter." The Hebrews would practice this by taking passages of scripture and muttering them repeatedly under their breath as a form of meditation. This allowed for the truth of God's word to get deep into their heart.

#### **It's historical.**

Repetition in Christian music has been practiced throughout church history. Chanting was a popular form of worship with monks in the medieval period, whereby they repeated phrases and melodies for hours on end. Martin Luther believed that music was a powerful tool for communicating the gospel and incorporated repetition into his hymns as a way of making the lyrics more memorable. Many followed in Luther's footsteps afterwards and used repetition to create powerful and emotive pieces of music. Repetition has been used in many well-known older hymns such as Joy to the World, written in 1719; There Is a Fountain, written in 1772; Nearer My God to Thee, written in 1841; Jesus Loves Me This I Know, written in 1860; O to be like Thee written in 1897; to name just a few.

#### **Memorisation and Meditation**

The repetitions are used to help lead people into encounter with God, rather than simply reading lyrics, by encouraging memorisation and meditation of significant truths. Christian meditation is filling our minds with biblical truth, chewing on it and seeking to savour every mouthful. When we are singing phrases repeatedly, we are seeking to do this and make way for the truth of God's word to be planted more deeply into our hearts. As David Mathis says, "meditation moves us into a more spiral [rather than linear] pattern by limiting the information set and seeking to press and apply the truth to our hearts, to actually experience the truth and not just let it run on through our minds on our way to the next thing."

## Focus and Formation

One of the biggest benefits of repetition in worship is that it helps us focus our attention on God and connect with Him on a deeper level. When we repeat the same words and melodies, it's not just about singing a song like that because that's the way it goes, it's about opening our hearts to God and allowing Him to speak to us through those lyrics in a powerful way. It's so easy, in today's fast-paced world, to get distracted by all the noise around us. Repeating the same words and melodies over and over helps us block out those distractions and focus our minds on God. As we repeat the words, it helps us internalize that truth, and allow it to affect us. Repeating helps lift us out of our spiritual dullness, consider more fully what we are singing and then engage with God in worship. It helps the words move from our head to our heart. Repetitive worship, therefore, is not "mindless", but mind-shaping. Instead of 'boring' us, one of the main purposes of repetition is to 'bore' the truth of what we are singing about more deeply into our heart. As Tom Wright says, "Sometimes... the things we sing in church are deliberately repetitive. We use them... as a way of meditation, of stopping on one point and mulling it over, of allowing something which is very deep and important to make more of an impact on us than if we just said or sung it once and passed on... Repetition can touch, deep down inside us, parts that other, 'safer' kinds of hymn cannot reach, or do not very often." N.T. Wright, *The Early Christian Letters for Everyone*, p. 139.

I hope this short response is, in some way, helpful for those who have been asking about this and I hope it will serve to enable greater and deeper engagement with God during our times of sung worship.

Every blessing,  
Andy Grey

## Play lists

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](#)



In recent weeks, various feedback has been provided to our Church Wardens from members of our Congregation.

Whilst the feedback was received informally, it has been extremely valuable and supported the Leadership Team to reflect on and review how we continue to serve Hoole, Chester and Beyond in the best way possible.

*Thank You*

**What we do well...** 

"All Saints is seeking to do God's Will"

"Our Sermon Series are Good"

"There is a 'Buzz' about Kids Church"

"Our Vicar has a warm presence and a clear love for God"

"We are blessed with the talent of our Worship Team Members"

"We are seeing lots of new people joining us"

"It feels like Family"

"We are blessed with wonderful people who want to serve and see God's work carried out"

## What We Are Working On.....

- You Said  We Did
- Service Length  Working to achieve a better balance between sermons and the wider elements of the service.
  - Prayer Style  Using different styles of prayer across different weeks
  - Accessibility  Printing of Bible readings and songs (with copies in large print also)
  - Half Term Services  In the absence of Kids Church, considering the style and length of sermons to support the engagement of our Children.
  - Live Streaming of Services  Actively looking at ways to re-introduce our Live Stream to enable access for those who can't be with us face to face.

# Upcoming Events

**NW** NEW WINE CHESTER  
*Worship Celebration*  
**SUNDAY 9TH JUNE @ 6:30PM**  
**SPEAKER: KATE WHARTON**  
**ALL SAINTS HOOLE**  
**CH2 3HZ**



Chester Deo Gratias Choir  
Conductor: Vicki Bulgin

## Summer Concert

Saturday 22nd June 7.30pm  
All Saints Church  
Hoole Road, Chester, CH2 3HZ

Accompanist:  
Julian Waite

With guests:  
Diana Anderson [oboe]  
& David Taylor [piano]

Ticket Prices:  
£10 / School children FREE

Tickets available from:  
centre@allsaints.church  
Tel: 01244 345649

Chester Deo Gratias Choir

Supporting:  
The Leprosy Mission and  
Save the Family (bucket collection)

*Hello* **NEW HERE?**  
We would love to get to know you!

We are inviting anyone who has started attending All Saints since January 2024 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 23rd June - 12.45pm - 3pm**  
Sign up will close on Sunday 16th June



To Sign up - [CLICK HERE](#) 

## COSTA DEL DOWN UNDER

14-16TH August 2023

Come and join us as a helper.

Pick up a 'helper form' and return it to the office or speak to one of the Costa Team

(Vicki Bulgin, Gill Brown, Elaine Hemmings or Paula Warren) as soon as you can to help us with our planning.



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## SUMMER FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 21ST JULY

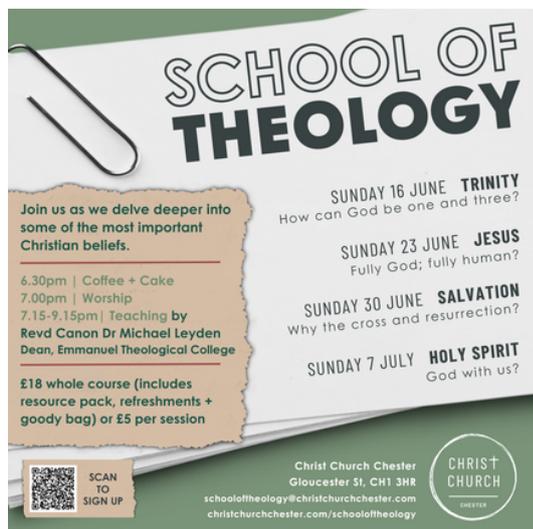
### TEAM NEEDED

THE SUMMER FESTIVAL IS A REAL HIGHLIGHT OF THE ALL SAINTS CHURCH YEAR. AS WITH ALL SUCCESSFUL EVENTS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PEOPLE TO BE ON THE PLANNING TEAM FOR THIS YEAR'S EVENT. PLEASE EMAIL GEMMA TO SIGN UP.

gemma.gaudion@allsaints.church

# Other Events & News



**SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

Join us as we delve deeper into some of the most important Christian beliefs.

6.30pm | Coffee + Cake  
7.00pm | Worship  
7.15-9.15pm | Teaching by Revd Canon Dr Michael Leyden Dean, Emmanuel Theological College

£18 whole course (includes resource pack, refreshments + goody bag) or £5 per session

SCAN TO SIGN UP

Christ Church Chester  
Gloucester St, CH1 3HR  
schooloftheology@christchurchchester.com  
christchurchchester.com/schooloftheology

CHRIST CHURCH CHESTER

SUNDAY 16 JUNE TRINITY  
How can God be one and three?

SUNDAY 23 JUNE JESUS  
Fully God; fully human?

SUNDAY 30 JUNE SALVATION  
Why the cross and resurrection?

SUNDAY 7 JULY HOLY SPIRIT  
God with us?

## WOMEN MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Hoole IRC, offer a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come to an illustrated talk about Chanasa, a small charity in Malawi, which empowers girls and women through funding their education and enabling them to generate an income. Susan Flynn has recently returned from a month's visit when Chanasa's 10th Anniversary was celebrated. Her talk will briefly include other activities which she undertook there. There will be an opportunity to hear Chifundo News and to discuss ideas for future developments.

SATURDAY 8TH JUNE 2.00pm -4.00pm

With Refreshments In the lower church hall of Hoole URC Hoole Road, Chester CH2 3NT

## Refugee Week 2024 16th-28th June

- 16th-23rd Free 'At Home in Our City' - join the Chester Group of the 'City of Sanctuary' for solidarity, poems, artwork, a quiz and more. In Chester Cathedral Gardens 10am-4pm Saturday/Sunday 11am-3pm Monday-Friday
- Tues 18th Free 'Our Home - a Musical Reflection' featuring Matt Baker with local choirs and schools. In the Kitchen, Storyhouse at 6.30pm
- All week Free Book display at Amblongus Books - 19 Upper Northgate Street  
SHARE : see the window display and share what home means to you. At 30 Pepper Street, CH1 1DF. 10am-5pm daily.
- Sat 22nd Free 'Our Home' theme for drop-in 'Family Hangout' with Theatre Porto - games, crafts and story-exploring whilst enjoying tea and cake from the cafe. 10am-12noon at Cafe, Theatre Porto, Whitby Park, Ellesmere Port
- Sat 22nd Free Open Day at Unity Centre - Multicultural Hub, 17 Cuppin Street, CH1 2BN.
- Sun 23rd Free 'The Great Get Together' at Crossroads Community Hub, Dickson's Drive CH2 2BN. At 12.30-2.30pm, bring your own picnic or visit the cafe for tea and cake
- Fri 28th Free Talk by Dr Waheed Arian, originally from Afghanistan, now based in Chester, and founder of Adrian Teleheal and Adrian Wellbeing. 5.30pm at St Mary's Creative Space, St Mary's Hill, CH1 2DW.



**Shared on behalf of Ali Boston, our Undergraduate Programme Leader - Light College**

My name is Ali Boston, and I am the Undergraduate Programme Leader for the Light College. I would like to bring to your attention the need of a very special student. Roseanne has, as you will read below, many challenges in life. She desired to do our BA degree in order to prepare herself for when her husband passes. She has a passion for sharing Jesus with those who do not yet know him but in such a gentle and compassionate manner. Roseanne has struggled this year but has always finished her assignments to an incredible level gaining much higher marks than would be expected for a first-year student, let alone one with so many difficult challenges to overcome. We are looking for 10 people who would be willing to sponsor Roseanne - just 10 people paying £35 a month would cover her fees and lecture blocks for the coming year. Roseanne herself is effectively already one of those people, paying what she can from the little she receives. Below are Roseanne's own words.

My name is Roseanne, and I am married with 3 daughters, 9 yr old twins and a 12yr old. I am a full-time carer to my husband, Tony who has complex health issues with the main ones being vascular dementia and diabetes. Tony survived a stroke a few years back that caused significant damage to the brain, which has progressed to vascular dementia. Since diagnosis, the dementia has progressed quickly, and he has forgotten how to do most things and gets very confused. Tony is physically disabled and is now unable to walk. He requires a lot of instruction, handling and direction.

Tony struggles with depression and extremely low moods, he hates his life and wishes it to end. He is very loud and boisterous, and vocally aggressive mainly to carers and those he sees as a threat. He is disruptive most of time including at night. Although we have carers who come in to help us throughout the day, Tony is still very dependent on me. Tony is also an insulin dependent diabetic and has nurses visiting throughout the day as his sugars are unstable. Tony has a heart condition due to the medical intervention he has had to go through with the diabetes over the years. He relies heavily on me for physical and emotional support. This degree is a beautiful distraction from a difficult situation at home. It has become a way for me to escape, mentally for a little while, and to think of other things outside my caring role. The course fills me with hope, that when my caring role is over, I will have something in my hands to catapult me into my future. As a carer it is easy to lose yourself and your identity, and I believe this course is helping me to discover new layers of who I am. We have double-up carers who come to attend to Tony 4 times a day. Although this was too free me up, I still find I am very much needed as Tony rejects the care being offered. This means I am unable to work and to generate an income nor fully commit to anything due to demand of my caring role. I rely on benefits for support.

We would like people to commit to sponsoring her through the next 5 years but anything you can do would be helpful. If you are able to help Roseanne in any way, please contact Tim Cox [tim.cox@lightcollege.ac.uk](mailto:tim.cox@lightcollege.ac.uk).

# NEWS FROM HOOLE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

Pupils have returned to school looking rested and smart after the half term break. We are looking forward to the final section of the school year and, as you would expect, we have lots of exciting activities and events planned.

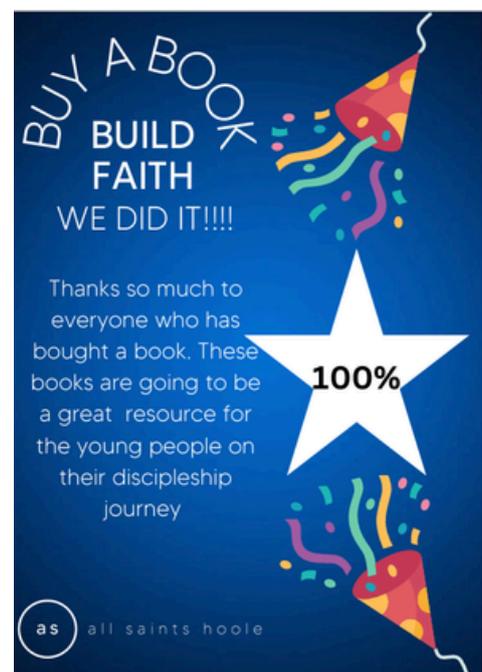
Our Year six pupils are busily preparing for the end of their primary school career. They are getting ready to move on to secondary school and the next chapter in their lives.

Before the end of the academic year, pupils will have enjoyed their leavers' service at All Saints, their end of year performance and their leavers' party.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Gemma Gaudion and our church family for supporting the purchase of special books to help Year six children to navigate the challenge of transition. Thank you for donations which have enabled Gemma to buy a copy of the book Soul Fuel for Young Explorers by Bears Grylls for every single child in Year six. This act of kindness will complement our work to ensure that children are well prepared for moving on.

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

Rosalind Flanders  
Headteacher



# OTHER NEWS AND INFORMATION

## 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

In need of donations of cup-a-soups, jams, spreads, custard, biscuits and small jars of coffee. Copies of their full shopping list are available in the centre foyer. Please put any donations in the collection crates in the church centre foyer. Alternatively, you can make a cash donation online. Thank you for your continued support. If you'd like to know more about the foodbank, please go to <https://westcheshire.foodbank.org.uk/>

## 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
- Scan the QR code
- Donation Stations at the entrance
- Offering Boxes at the back of church
- Gift Aid forms available. Visit: [allsaints.church/giving](https://allsaints.church/giving)



## 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, Val Ornsby or Deputy Safeguarding Officer, Ros Flanders 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 All Saints website: [allsaints.church/church-life/safeguarding](https://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](https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org)

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