

# All Hallows News



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I love how real and relevant the Bible and the people recorded in it can be at times. When people are going through a hard time they say so, and they say so to God too. We are privileged to be able to listen in on how some people prayed, and can even use their experiences and the prayers that were said to help us to pray when we are going through similar experiences.



Together on Good Friday

One of my favourite prayers is a prayer of Jesus, which can be found in John 17.

Jesus knows that he is about to be arrested and then ultimately crucified, and this is his last chance to be on his own with the Father before that happens. So, the things that Jesus prays must be really important to him and they are!

Jesus prays, *“My prayer is not for my disciples alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.”*

The relationship between Jesus the Son and God the Father was more intimate than we can possibly imagine. That is how close Jesus prays that his future followers, that is the Church, will be.

Now, through the ages the Church has not always got that right, but we are doing better at it now. Locally, the churches have good relationships with each other. I am especially pleased that we have close relationships with friends from Chelwood Baptist Church. I would always recommend Chelwood to somebody looking for a good church to go to.



We might be a little bit different to each other, but we share the same faith and love each other's churches and what each other does.

We are holding a couple of services together this autumn. On 6<sup>th</sup> October we hold a joint service at All Hallows and on 1<sup>st</sup> December we meet together at Chelwood Baptist.

Visitors are welcome to those services too!

**Rev Paul Cumming**

Food donations for harvest will go to Chelwood Foodbank as usual. Please do give generously to this great and important work for needy people in our local area.



# Group Reports

After a successful trial period in the early summer we are fully launching a new monthly mid-week service called 'Cake and Communion'. This service is for anybody at all, but is especially aimed at those people who would like a point in the week when they can meet with other people and share in a relaxed, simple and traditional service of Holy Communion. It might even be that you used to go to church many years ago but stopped going for whatever reason or you find the Sunday services to be at the wrong time. If that's the case then this service might be for you. **This month we meet on 10th October.**



We meet in the church lounge, which is a nice relaxed setting and is easy to get in to from the car park. We start at 11:00 with cake and a cuppa, and have half an hour or so chatting together.

Then at about 11:30 we have a simple service of Holy Communion, using words from the old Book of Common Prayer, and a couple of hymns for us to sing along to or listen to. This all takes place where we were previously sat for cake and a chat, and so if you find it difficult to get about then don't worry. It's all from the same seats.

We aim to finish by 12:00, so if you have any lunch arrangements then there is plenty of time to get away to that. People often ask if they can come along to things at the church that they like the sound of, even though they don't come to church. The answer is, of course, yes. Our services are for the whole community and not just those who gather at All Hallows on a regular basis. So, if you would like to come along to Cake and Communion in order to try it out and see if you like it then you would be very welcome to do so.

*A relaxed and yet traditional service—in an informal setting.*

## An adult's traditional service in an informal setting



## Cake and Communion Service



**11:00 start on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month**

# What's on?

## Breakfast at the Church



Start your day with a hearty breakfast for just

**£1 per person**

Pre-schoolers free

**Tuesdays served between 8 & 10am**

\*(Term time only)\*

Plenty of choices: Including fruit juice, tea, coffee, cereal, toast or a cooked breakfast

All ages welcome. No need to book beforehand.

Meet new people or bring your family & friends.

**TUES 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> October**

**FOR: Toddlers and Carers**

**DAY: Wednesday**

**TIME: 10:00-11:30**

**VENUE: All Hallows Church Hall**

**COST: £1.50**

Expect loads of toast, toys, songs and stories about Jesus.



**Play At The Church**

**WED 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**AGE: High Schoolers**

**DAY: Thursday**

**TIME: 7:30-9:00**

**VENUE: All Hallows Church Hall**

**COST: £1 + money for tuck shop**

A youth group with great activities available.



**THURS 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October**

## Café at the Church

A safe place for anybody to meet, eat and chat



10:00-12:00 on Friday mornings

**FRI 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October**

Bringing lonely 50+ in society together with others

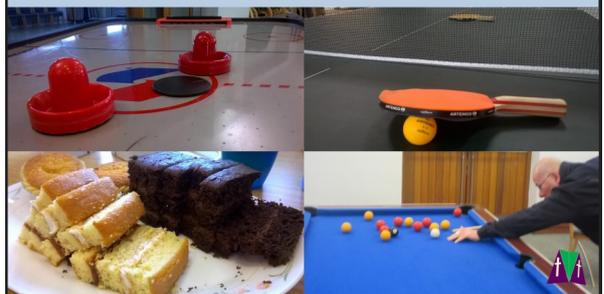


**Lunch Plus**

Soup and sandwiches, followed by cake and tea  
12:30 start on the last Thursday of the month

**THURS 31<sup>st</sup> October**

## Social Night



7:30-9:00 on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

**WED 16<sup>th</sup> October**

**Ladies NIGHT**

Ladies Social Night takes place 2<sup>nd</sup> October

**Ladies BIBLE STUDY**

Ladies Bible Study meets 10am, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October

**Home Groups**

Home Groups for Bible study and prayer meet in different homes on 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October

Do you want to have a service to celebrate the birth of your child and how amazing they are?  
We have 2 options, a Baptism or a Thanksgiving Service.  
One requires an ongoing commitment to bring your child to church, the other doesn't. You choose.  
Chat with Paul the vicar for more details.

## Baptism or Thanksgiving?



# New or Visiting?

## First Time Here?

If it's your first time here then welcome! It's great to have you with us. Here are a few short notes that you might find helpful.

**Relax** - You're our guest, so make yourself at home. If there is anything that you would like to know then ask a member of the Welcome Team.

**Sign the kids in** - The Welcome Team can show you where to take your children. Sometimes we are all in church together, but on other weeks... **Pre-School**; you choose! Either stay in the service (don't worry about noise) OR use our Crèche Room at the back of church. **Ages 3+**; Sunday School meet in rooms at the end of the hall, down the ramp. All leaders have proper DBS checks.

**Fill in a Communication Card** - Drop it in the box on the Welcome Desk in the foyer or give it to the service leader on the way out. Please use it to ask questions, offer feedback or request prayer.

**We don't expect guests to give** - For those who are members or regular attenders of our churches there is usually an offering, but we don't ask our guests for any money.

**We have a Loop System** - Switch your hearing aid to T-coil. You might find it useful to sit towards the middle.

**Hang around afterwards** - Come and join us for a cup of tea or fresh coffee, and for a chat.

**Prayer Ministry** - If you would like somebody to pray with you about something for yourself or somebody that you know then there are people who would love to do so after the service. Please make yourself known to the service leader

## Next Steps

We are all on a journey through life, and our faith is no different. Depending upon where you are on your journey with God here are some 'Next Steps' you could take

**COMMIT YOUR LIFE TO CHRIST**  
Commit to follow Jesus today!

**RE-COMMIT TO CHRIST**  
It's never too late for a fresh start with faith.

**DECLARE YOUR FAITH THROUGH BAPTISM**  
If you feel you've made a commitment to God but have never been baptised, then this could be a great step for you.

**JOIN A HOMEGROUP**  
If you're not in one, there are a number of groups that meet in homes throughout the week to get to know each other better, look at the Bible and pray together.

**BE PART OF THE MISSION**  
There are lots of ways you can use your gifts to serve God, his Church and the wider community.

## Got questions about life



Alpha

#TryAlpha  
Alpha.org

Alpha Courses are taking place again this autumn. See Paul or contact the office for more details.

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