



The Magazine

Christ Church Alsager

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From everlasting to everlasting



Dear friends,

As I write we are still in January, so I feel I can still ask what are your hopes for 2022? Given the immense turmoil of the past two years, perhaps they are quite low or maybe you hardly dare to consider the question.

Winter itself can make us feel quite low with its short days and long nights. Those commuting to work may be travelling to and from work in the dark and hardly seeing any natural daylight all day.

I went on retreat in the Lake District earlier in this month. I always find it inspiring to be in the mountains and it helps to put our struggles in perspective. Mankind has achieved many things in science, engineering and the arts. But it all pales into relative insignificance when we look at what God has created. No engineering project that humans have undertaken, no matter how stunning, comes close to the awesomeness of the landscapes of, say, the Lake District. There are vistas that reveal snow-capped mountain ranges, one after another stretching out far and wide. And when we consider that this is just a small part of the this blue planet, and the earth is just on small dot in comparison to the universe – all created by God.

The psalmist declares, *“Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.”* (Psalm 90:2)

God is the one constant who was there before time and will endure for all time.

Hebrews 13:8 says, *“Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever”*

We can rely on Jesus always to be there and unchanging. If we trust in him he will bring us through our present troubles and encourage us with renewal.

I’ve being really encouraged with signs of renewal recently.

It was wonderful to have so many people join us for our Christmas celebrations and to witness young and old searching for Jesus rocks in our community. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this possible.

As we’ve moved into the new year, it’s lovely to see new people joining in our services, which have been taking place in the church hall during January.

Even our church building has seen renewal with a new more efficient boiler and the redecoration of the interior. It looks amazing. Thank to everyone who has helped to empty the building in readiness for the work and then to clean it and re-fit it afterwards.

We have so much to look forward to this year. For example, I’m excited about our new young people’s worship service: Face to Face. I hope they let me in!

Yours in Christ,

Daran

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All pictures of children must have parental permission to publish. Aly**

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ALSAGER
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7PM ONWARDS



JAN
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YOUNG ADULTS FELLOWSHIP & WORSHIP NIGHT

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Sunday 6th February

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THE DISAPPEARED

What would you say is the worst thing that could happen to a member of your family?

To be diagnosed of an incurable illness?

To die in a tragic road accident?

To be sent to prison?

To be executed for a crime they did not commit?

Any of these scenarios would cause unbelievable pain to those nearest and dearest to us, but I consider there is one situation that is even worse, the sudden disappearance of someone at the hands of a despotic regime.

It is 17th February, 2017. The scene is a street in a town on the outskirts of Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia. This was the day Pastor Raymond Koh was abducted. Suddenly, according to CCTV footage, five black SUVs, two motorcycles and 15 men wearing black balaclavas appeared out of nowhere. It took just 42 seconds to abduct him on a street in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia in broad daylight. An eyewitness described the February 2017 incident as like 'something out of a movie'.

Pastor Raymond hasn't been seen or heard from since that day nearly five years ago. His activities had drawn the attention of the authorities for some time before his abduction. In 2004 he founded Harapan Komuniti (Hope Community), an NGO that provides social and charitable assistance to marginalised and underprivileged communities. In 2011, a dinner organised by the NGO was raided by 30 officers from the Selangor Islamic Religious Department after the organisers were accused of 'proselytising Muslims'. Pastor Koh's family received death threats in the aftermath - once he received a box of bullets in the post. Despite this, Pastor Raymond continued to carry out his ministry work bravely until his abduction. Pastor Raymond's family believe that he was abducted in an attempt to silence him.



His wife, Susanna and his family are still seeking answers, fighting for justice and continuing to trust that God will help them find the truth.

Gao Zhisheng is a fearless Chinese human rights lawyer and a Christian. For many years he defended the rights of Christians and those of other religious faiths against the charges levelled against them by the Chinese authorities. In 2005 he resigned from the Communist party and began to criticise the Chinese Government openly. After his conversion to Christianity in 2006



things got much worse for him. There was a bungled attempt to assassinate him through a road traffic accident and there followed numerous arrests and several spells in prison.

He was first detained by the Chinese authorities in 2006. By this time he had gained a reputation for taking on human rights cases, and was known in particular for defending religious minorities.

Between 2006 and 2011 he was disappeared multiple times and suffered many beatings and spells of torture. He spent 3 years in prison from 2011 before being released in August 2014. While in prison he was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize twice, in 2008 and 2010. Then on 13 August 2017 Gao disappeared once more. Since that day nothing at all has been heard of him.

Before his final disappearance Gao was kept under strict surveillance under house arrest. I remember his daughter telling us at a meeting in Birmingham that the authorities had installed CCTV in every room in the house, even in the showers. Amazingly, despite the surveillance, he had been able to author a 40-page report detailing human rights abuses and related social issues in China. This was the first comprehensive human rights commentary written by a human rights lawyer still living in China and probably is the reason for his last disappearance. He knew the risk he was taking, but his concern, borne out of his deep Christian faith, meant he had to do this. By a miracle this document was smuggled out of China and has now come into the hands of Christian Solidarity Worldwide, who use it in Parliament and at the U N to press for change in China.

As I have said, it is believed that Gao is now in prison again although his whereabouts are uncertain. We dread to think what treatment he is undergoing in detention or even whether he is still alive.

As a postscript, in 2009 his wife, Geng He, and his children were forced to leave China because their lives were in danger. They now live in asylum in the United States, where they wait day after day, year after year for news.

Please pray for Raymond and Gao and their families. You can also find out more on the CSW website, www.csw.org.uk

Keith Davies



Accelerating Community Transformation

Thank you again to all who support the Mission financially and with your prayers. The Christmas Appeal, featured in the last magazine, raised nearly £4,000 and the money is still coming in. We thank and praise God for that! Christ Church can take legitimate pleasure (humble, of course!) in the knowledge that to date we are deemed to be the church that made the biggest single contribution - of nearly £800.

More recent news is the exciting completion of the brand-new X ray building which has scope for future development as the leading Diagnostic Imaging Centre in western Kenya. This was the subject of an appeal made early last year following the imminent terminal collapse of the ancient film-based X ray machine which had been repaired many times and for which spares were becoming unobtainable. It had been in use for over 20 years, having been shipped out from the UK at the turn of the century, classed as too old for use in the NHS! Globally, it was also becoming increasingly difficult to source X ray films. A new building was required, designed to be an entire diagnostic imaging department in due course. See photos below...



The new machine ready for use



One of the first users



Collins, the radiographer



A delighted Ruth Nabie, hospital CEO

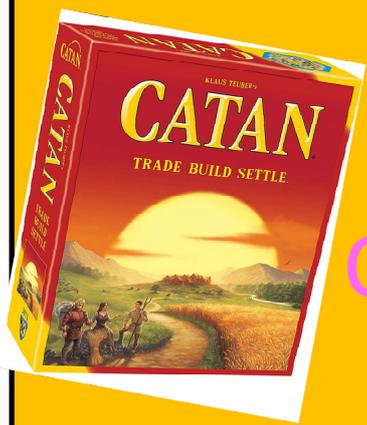
Collins was sponsored by supporters through DEC, the Mission's own primary school, then through secondary and tertiary education as he trained in digital radiography. He has returned to the Mission's own hospital in gratitude for the start he was given. From a very poor background, he's done really well! Visit the website above to see how you can sponsor a child.

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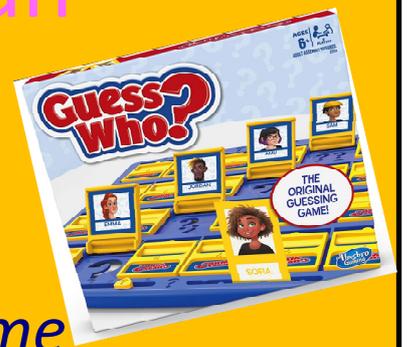


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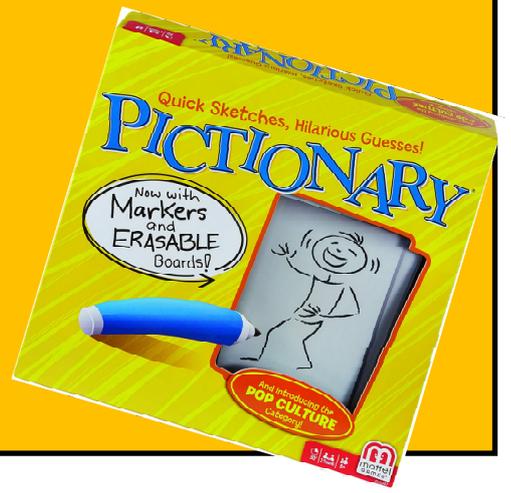
Saturday 19th February
7-9pm in the church hall



Come along for fun
and fellowship



*Bring your favourite game
or just come along and
join in.*





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Christ Church Youth

The 4th of March will hopefully see the long delayed launch of Chat & Chill, our after-school board game café and homework club for students from Alsager High School. This is an exciting opportunity for us to meet and connect with local young people, to spend time getting to know them, to have some fun, and hopefully to break some stereotypes they might hold about Christians and the church.

Food, drinks and games are in my experience all great levellers. No matter where we are in life, or what difficulties we might be facing, and no matter what kind of background we might be from, food and fun are things that bring people together. We hope and pray that the conversations that happen at Chat & Chill are uplifting, supportive, and life giving ones, that may lead to the young people who come developing an interest in faith through the care they experience here.

Please join us in praying for Chat & Chill as we launch it soon, and if you'd like to be a part of the team helping to make Chat & Chill happen (our team is currently very small!), please get in touch with us, or speak to Sam about serving as part of the team.

At the end of January, we arranged a day away at Astbury Mere for the young people who have been attending our Youth Alpha course. This day away focused on learning about the Holy Spirit, and seeing ways that God is at work in the world today. We played games and spent some time getting to know each other better, discussed questions like 'What comes to mind when you think about the Holy Spirit', and 'Which of the fruits of the spirit do you think would most impact your life if you had more of it?' We also explored the area around Astbury Mere and took part in a scavenger hunt, and then spent some time in worship and prayer together asking God to fill us with his Holy Spirit, to help equip us for the plans he has for us, and the ways he wants to use us.

Please continue to pray for the young people who are taking part in our Alpha Course for youth, that they will continue to grow in their knowledge and understanding of what they believe.



**STARTS
MARCH 4TH!**



Chat & Chill

BOARD GAME CAFE & HOMEWORK CLUB

*Free Hot Drink & Cake, Computers for Homework,
Board Games, Card Games, Space to Chat.
School Years 7-11*



*Fridays, 3:15-4:15pm
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..... And after.



Our newly decorated church looks fabulous, although there was still some dusting to do when this picture was taken. Thank you so much for everyone who worked so hard to make this happen. Ed



Coffee and Communion

Dates for February and March:

3rd February

17th February

3rd March

17th March

If you need a lift, please contact:

Adrienne on 01270 875072 or Pam on 01270 874521

FAMILY & CHILDREN'S EVENTS

AT CHRIST CHURCH ALSAGER, CHURCH RD

HAVING FUN, EXPLORING FAITH!

JAN - JUL 2022

FREE!



Sun 2 Jan	11am-12	Together Service	In Hall
Sun 9 Jan	11am-12	Together Service	In Hall
Sun 16 Jan	11am-12	Together Service	In Hall
Sun 23 Jan	11am-12	Together Service	In Hall
Sun 6 Feb	11am-1	Messy Church	in Hall
Sun 13 Feb	11am-12	Together Service	in Church
Sun 6 Mar	11am-1	Messy Church	in Hall
Sun 20 Mar	11am-12	Together Service	in Church
Sun 10 Apr	11am-1	Messy Church	in Hall
Fri 15 Apr	10am-12:30	Easter Detectives	in Hall
Sun 17 Apr	11am-12:15	Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt	in Church
Sun 1 May	11am-1	Messy Church	in Hall
Sun 15 May	11am-12	Together Service	in Church
Sun 29 May	11am-1	Messy Church	in Hall
Sun 19 Jun	11am-12	Together Service	in Church
Sun 26 Jun	11am-1	Messy Church	in Hall
Sun 17 Jul	11am-1	Messy Church and BBQ	in Hall

Messy Church is crafts, games, songs, lunch - for families together

Together are services for all ages with interactive activities & songs

Other Sundays 'Kids for God' for children for part of the 11am service

YOUTH

for 11-18s.
See website

**PARENT
CHAT**

Mon 10am

CHERUBS

Mon 1.30-3pm
Toddlers/Carers

A lively part of the Church of England. On Church Rd near the High School ST7 2HS

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Imogen Belicki *Children and Families Leader*
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Christ Church Children and Families

Dear Friends, I am excited to be into a New Year and we have lots of wonderful things to look forward to throughout the upcoming season. We have a range of activities for different ages that happen throughout the week, whether that be sharing food, bible stories or playing together, all families are welcome and we hope to see you soon.

Come and join us at our regular activities that take place in the church hall during the week (term time only).

Parent Chat with crèche: Mondays 10-11:30am

A group of parents who meet together to chat about life as parents, to support and encourage one another. All parents are welcome to join us.

Cherubs Toddler Group: Mondays 1:30-3pm

A group for parents, grandparents, carers, babies and toddlers to meet together in a safe and friendly environment. You are welcome to join us. Only £1 per child.

- Safe, friendly group with a wide range of toys.
 - Baby corner for playing and feeding.
 - Interactive story time.
 - Crafts – for children and carers together.
- Snacks and refreshments for children and adults.

Sunday Activities

We have something for children at 11am every Sunday at Christ Church. Most weeks, after enjoying drinks and snacks in the hall before the service, we start in church all together for a time of welcome and singing songs. Then the children have the opportunity to go to the hall for activities to explore their faith and have fun! Sometimes we all stay together in church for a fun and interactive time with songs, activities and teaching. About once a month we have Messy Church instead of our usual 11am children's activities. This is run in the church hall for families together where we have lots of fun doing activities, games, songs and share lunch together. **We hope to see you soon, you are most welcome.**

Christmas at Cherubs

Looking back at the month of December we had lots of wonderful Christmas events that were enjoyed by children and families alike. This included our cherubs Christmas party. We were able to share a lunch, do crafts and hear a story on the true meaning of Christmas. Santa also made a visit from the North Pole to give bible story books to the children.



Local Schools

Heather and I visited local primary schools in person and digitally to share an interactive Christmas story using the Posada characters. It was great to be able to share about the journey that was made that very first Christmastime. The Posada figures remained in schools for a week so students could be reminded and learn more about the very first Christmas in their classes.



In Church

At the Messy Nativity children enjoyed dressing up in costumes, ranging from shepherds to angels. We had a great time creating costumes before journeying up to church together (with the help of a donkey) to share in the Christmas story and Christmas carols. Families also enjoyed carol services, singing carols and eating mince pies together.



Fun, faith and food for families!

Hands on activities for everyone including: games, paint, craft, baking, action, family challenges.

Join us in the church hall at 11am.

Booking required via the church office: christchurchoffice@hotmail.co.uk

Dates:

Dates: 6th Feb, 6th Mar and 10th Apr

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- Crafts
- Paint
- Baking
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- Songs
- Bible Stories
- Baby Zone
- Action
- FREE!

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Family Events

Easter Detectives

Fri 15th Apr 10am-12.30pm

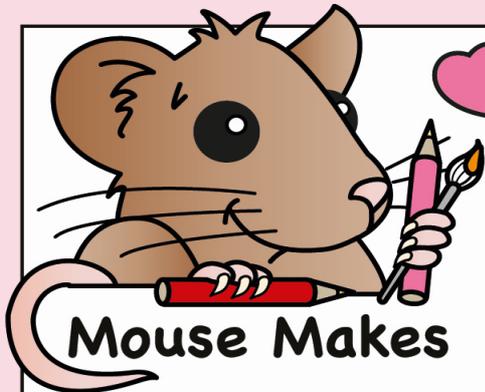
Easter Celebration + Egg Hunt

Sun 17th Apr 11am-12.15pm

Prayer Points

Pray that children and families would get closer to God and understand His love for them.
For new families to join activities and to hear about Jesus.

Children's Corner



Mouse Makes

See what great love the Father has for us that He would call us His

1 John 1:3

Lord, you are a God who shows _____ and is _____
...You have great _____ and _____

Psalm 86:1



How did God show He **loved** us?
Read 1 John 4:9

Love the Lord your God with all your

_____ with all your _____
and with all your _____

Matthew 22:37

Word search words include: DBSE, NSSE, COMPASSIONATE, MERCIFUL LOVE, GRACIOUS, YTIK, JUST, RUDE, BRAVE, DAEME, JEALOUS, KIND, HATE, FAT, PRIDE, YLVSE, OUPRGISHOE, DIYP, PRPNAURSTFUS, NUKE, EDTSYHFUS, GODS, FAITHFUL, HLUNEIBOL, NLTNNEN, DTG.

_____ is love.
Whoever lives in love lives in _____, and _____ lives in them.

1 John 4:16

Love is ..
Read 1 Cor 13:4-7

Love your _____
the same as you love

Matthew 22:39

Love is:

PATIENT • KIND • GRACIOUS • JUST • TRUTHFUL • TRUSTING • HOPEFUL
PERSEVERE • ENDURES • GOD

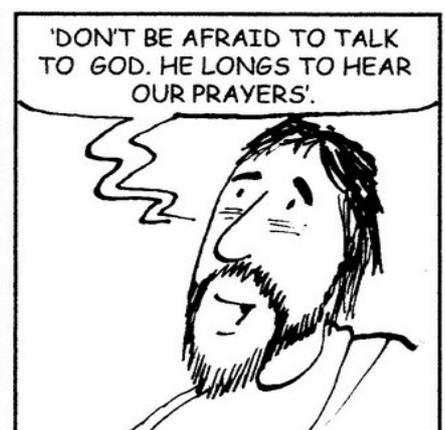
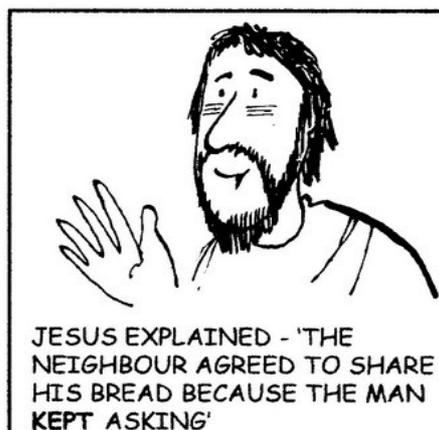
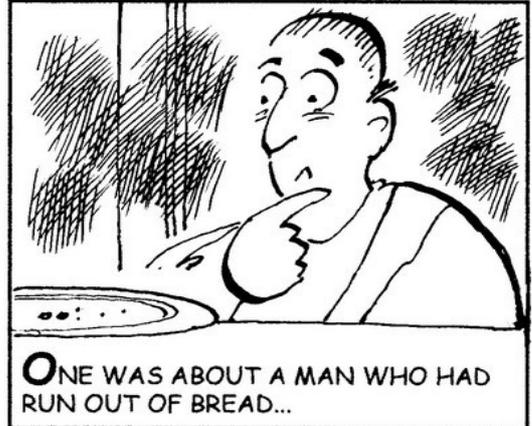
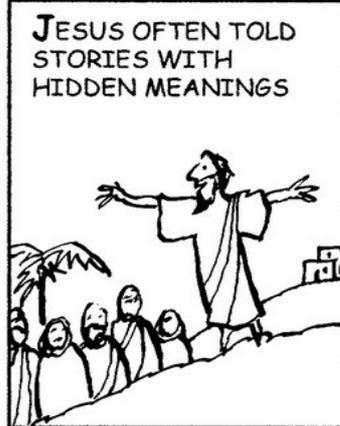
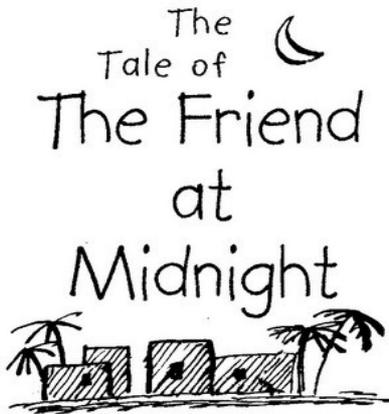
Love is not:

JEALOUS • ENVY • BOASTFUL • PROUD • SELFISH • ANGRY • RUDE • EVIL

God's love is:

LOVE • MERCIFUL • FAITHFUL • UNFAILING • ABUNDANT • COMPASSIONATE

Children's Corner





I wonder who
made all
this?

#AskAtAlpha



What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of weekly sessions where you can explore the Christian faith in an open-minded and welcoming environment.

There's no cost, and no pressure. Just lots of great conversation and space to think.

Each session includes food, a short talk, and time of discussion where you can share your thoughts about what you've heard.

Whatever questions you've got, you can ask them at Alpha.



**Starts
Wednesday 2nd March
7:30pm**

**Christ Church Hall,
Alsager**

**Email
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to book**

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Growth Groups

Acts 2: v44, 46-47

“All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their possessions with one another...Day after day they met as a group at the Temple, and they had their meals together in their homes, eating with glad and humble hearts, praising God, and enjoying the good will of all the people.”

Richard and Ceri Hewitt stood down as our Growth Group leaders just before Christmas and this prompted me to reflect on what it means to be in a Growth Group and how our Group was led by Richard and Ceri. They led our group whilst being busy with work, family and studying for new qualifications.

Dave and I joined this Growth Group in 2018 after the first group we joined at Christ Church, set up after the Alpha course we attended, dispersed for various reasons. We were made very welcome by other members who had been meeting together for some time. Richard and Ceri hosted our fortnightly meetings at their home with dog Oscar being an honorary canine member.

Each meeting was focused and well-prepared by Richard and Ceri with material prepared by vicar Toby, ensuring all Growth Groups were literally on the same page, usually exploring themes covered in Sunday services at the time. This topic connection I found to be valuable; it gives a chance to explore areas of faith and scripture in more depth, to clarify understanding through the more extensive knowledge of other group members and to listen to more points of view.

I really appreciate the fellowship in Growth Group. We love being part of the wider Christ Church community but to meet and get to know a smaller group of church members, to pray together and for each other and to socialize in a smaller group is so valuable – and complements being part of the bigger Church community well.

Being part of a supportive and friendly Growth Group really helps us to grow in faith. Jesus came so that we may experience life in all its fullness and for us, our Growth Group really enhances our life in a unique way.

As in all areas of life, good leadership maximises the benefits that a Growth Group can bring to its members. Richard and Ceri planned our meetings for each term and ensured we could all contact each other. Our WhatsApp group is busy with messages, asking for prayer, sharing resources of support and communicating the practicalities. Richard and Ceri's messages were always kind, thoughtful and supportive.

Their leadership took us through lockdowns and although Zoom meetings definitely lacked something, they meant we could still support and encourage each other – and have a laugh.

Thank you both! We move to a new chapter with Andrew and Joelle Warren at the helm. If you are not currently in a Growth Group, I encourage you to give it a go.

Rachel White



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Alsager Food Bank
Community Support Centre
5A Lawton Road

Tel: 07743659906

January 2022

Dear, Christchurch Church Alsager

We would like to thank you for your interest and support during a very difficult year with Lockdowns, Shielding and working in bubbles to stay open. Alsager and District Foodbank works hard to help local people who find themselves in crisis and without continued support of the community we would not be able to help individuals and families in crisis throughout our area.

We thought that you would like to see how you have helped during 2021 (the 2nd year of Pandemic)

We were able to help feed 106 (133) referred households during 2021 (2020)

Consisting of:-

155 (183) Individual Adults and 146 (148) Individual Children in 2021 (2020)

To fulfil the needs of these households in 2021 we issued:-

1199 (1189) Adult units and 1225 (1327) Children units (1 unit = 1 weeks' worth of food) in 2021 (2020)

2021 we provided food for an average of:-

7.7 weeks to each adult/8.3 weeks to each child (2020 = 6.5 weeks to each adult/9 weeks to each child)

With the help of Alsager Rotary we were able to provide over 50 households with Christmas Hampers. Toys were also supplied to families with the help of Alsager Community Support Centre Toy Appeal.

Please pass on a massive Thank You to all, for the support given with food/finances which has been donated. The generosity from the people of Alsager and surrounding area has been overwhelming and with your support we hope to continue our work in 2022.

For the Community – By the Community

Many thanks

Di, Ness, Pia and Tracey

Foodbank Coordinating Team

Alsager and District Foodbank

Another New Day

When I awake in the morning
I thank God for a new day dawning
As I look out and see the sunshine
I feel that God has send me a sign
To go out and enjoy this world he has made
And savour his wonders that are all on parade
The trees, the flowers and the birds that sing
Dear God, life is such a beautiful thing
All this you have given to our human race
Praise be for your blessings and good grace
To believe in you is in our favour
Knowing your love for us will never waver

John Dunn



"The knitting circle are playing their part
in our heating efficiency programme."

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED LEAVING A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO CHRIST CHURCH?

A gift in your will can keep our church alive in our community – and transform its future.

Many of us give a proportion of our income to support our church every week. But we are stewards of everything we own, not just our income. As Christians, we have to support the mission and ministry of our church too.

Writing a will helps secure the future of the people you love. Leaving a gift in your will helps secure the future of our church. We could carry out repairs or alterations to our building, work with young people, run courses, reach out to people in need.... What could your gift achieve?

Your Will

Thinking about life after death should not be difficult to Christians! Make sure you are prepared practically as well as spiritually. Whatever your age, write a will and keep it up to date.

If you die without a will, your loved ones could face a lot of trouble and expense, and a court could decide how your property is divided and who cares for your children.

As we give proportionately from your income, why not give proportionately from your estate too?

A gift in your will helps our church to live out our dreams and mission in this community.

It's a way to thank God for the gifts of life and faith – and to hand them on to future generations.

Leaving a gift in your will can reduce the amount of inheritance tax you pay.

Your Gift

We welcome all legacies, however large or small, and we promise to use your gift to make a difference in our parish.

PCCs generally use legacies to help fund significant development projects in the parish, whether buildings, equipment or staff. Since needs change over the years, you are encouraged to leave a gift for the general purposes of the parish. PCCs will often discuss with executors the most appropriate use of the gift in the light of current projects and your areas interest in the church (e.g. children and youth, music, buildings).

Your Vision

Sometimes parish life can feel like an endless cycle of raising money to pay bills. Leaving a gift to our church in your will lets you think about your vision for our church's future.

Would you like to see more children attending?

Are you passionate about music?

Do you wish the heating worked better in winter?

Do you think we should reach out to more young people, elderly people or people in need?

Do you want to help save our building for the future? Do you want more people to experience the love of God?

Your gift could pay for a youth-worker, provide new instruments for the band, help rebuild the organ, pay for a soup kitchen for the homeless, employ a missionary, fund repairs or alterations to the building..... Whatever your vision for our church's future, your gift could make it happen.

Three steps

We encourage every adult member of our church to :

Make a will and review it regularly,

Consider leaving a proportion of your estate or a cash sum as a gift in your will to our parish.

Get a free information pack to help you: visit www.churchlegacy.org.uk , email pack@churchlegacy.org.uk or phone the Church's Legacy and Wills information line on 08445 870875

If you already have a will, the easiest way to make simple amendments such as adding a gift to our church is by completing a codicil form. Visit www.churchlegacy.org.uk to download a codicil form or order a free copy from the Church Legacy and Wills Information line on 08445 870875.

Remember to consult your solicitor if your affairs are complex or if you have any queries.

Alsager Clean Team

The new Clean Team has done two litter picks around the town centre so far, on a Saturday morning, finishing with a hot drink at Bank Corner – kindly funded by Alsager Partnership. We plan to meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month, 10am-12 midday. All equipment is provided (bags, hoops, hi viz, gloves and litter pickers) or you can bring your own. Our next pick is Sat 12th February; final details will be shared on Facebook and Instagram via Alsager Community Support.

Contact Rachel White for more details at Alsager Community Support Centre – 01270 876605 or email info@alsagercommunitysupport.org.uk.

This is a great way to care for our natural world, get some fresh air and meet like-minded people. All ages welcome – under 18s must be accompanied by an adult – but no dogs (sorry).

Oakhanger Church

Oakhanger News



Oakhanger Project Annual General Meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd February at 7.45pm. This will be an in-person meeting with a zoom option for anyone unable to attend in person. Please register your interest by Monday 31st January 2022 to receive full details.

The Annual Hike on Kinder Scout will be on Sunday 13th February 2022. Please register by 2nd February if you plan to join us.

Kayak activities start on Friday 25th February with training at Sandbach School Swimming Pool.

A great opportunity to build confidence in a controlled setting. Places are limited so book early.

The Oakhanger summer activity program starts at Easter.

Register at oakchallenge@aol.com for details and to receive newsletters.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee is on the weekend of 2nd to 5th June 2022.

Members of Oakhanger Church and Community Group and Oakhanger Project plan to celebrate at Oakhanger with joint activities on Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June.

Details on Oakhanger Facebook pages and What's App.

Oakhanger Church and Community News

We invite you to share services with us at Oakhanger on the first and third Sunday of each month. The group also organise walks and social events through the year.

Check out the Facebook and What's App pages or send an email to oakchallenge@aol.com to receive regular updates.

Have a wonder-filled summer.

Every Blessing

Graham

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1

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I'm feeling alone now Lord
I need you now Lord

2

I really can't wait for Sunday
I'm hurting right now Lord
People all around me are suffering
Crying for help and release Lord
They need you now Lord

3

I really can't wait for Sunday
I want to thank you now Lord
To show my appreciation now Lord
For all the things you do for me
I need to thank you now Lord

4

I really can't wait for Sunday
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To tell you how much I love you
To honour and obey you
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Graham Bushill - 1st June 2008

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Church Services

No need to book!!!

Theme: Jesus our Centre

- 6th Feb Jesus our Lord Colossians 1:15-23**
9am Reflective Service with Holy Communion
11am Informal service with Messy Church in the hall
- 13th Feb Jesus our Rock Colossians 1:24-2:5**
9am Reflective Service with Holy Communion
11am Together Service
- 20th Feb Jesus our Fullness Colossians 2:6-23**
9am Reflective Service
11am Informal communion service with children's activities in the hall
- 27th Feb Jesus our Lifestyle Colossians 3:1-17**
9am Reflective Service
11am Informal service with children's activities in the hall
- 6th March Jesus our Master Colossians 3:18-4:1**
9am Reflective Service with Holy Communion
11am Informal service with Messy Church in the hall
- 13th March Jesus our Ministry Colossians 4:2-18**
9am Reflective Service
11am Informal service with children's activities in the hall
- 20th March Jesus our Reconciler Philemon**
9am Reflective Service
11am Together Service

Theme: Mothers' Day

- 27th March Jesus our Mindset Philippians 2.5-11; Luke 1.39-45**
9am Reflective Service with Holy Communion
11am Informal communion service with children's activities in the hall

Online Service—If you can't make it to church, some of our services will be live streamed and also available on our website for you to watch later. Please check the website for details.

Our YouTube channel is: <https://tinyurl.com/chchalsager>

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