

# All Saints MILTON

Church at the heart of the community

## November 2023 News



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### **Bible verse for 2023**

Isaiah 43.18-19:

'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing!'

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# All About Us



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## Regular Prayer Meetings and Events

### Prayer Meeting

7.00am

Fridays

### Toddler Group

10.00-11.30am

Mondays and Fridays (during term time)

### Praise and Play

9.30-10.30am

Wednesdays (during term time)

### Baby Group

2.00-4.00pm

Wednesdays (all year)

## November Services

### 5th November

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion  
3pm Service of Remembering

### 12th November

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Remembrance Service

### 19th November

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Morning Worship

### 26th November

8am Holy Communion  
10.30am Holy Communion Come Together  
(children returning from Junior Church  
and Youth for Communion)

You are warmly invited to a

# Service of Remembering

*To remember and give thanks  
for loved ones who have died.*



**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**3.00pm**

**All Saints Church Milton**

*Refreshments served after the service.*

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# Prayer Diary November 2023

Wednesday 1 November	Pray for our Baby group meeting every Wednesday and for all new Mums.
Thursday 2 November	Pray for all those working in our Doctors' surgery.
Friday 3 November	Pray for Alex and his family as they adapt to life in Milton.
Saturday 4 November	Pray for the teachers, other staff and pupils of Milton Primary School.
Sunday 5 November	Pray for those leading and those attending our Remembering Service.
Monday 6 November	Pray for our Parish Council meeting this evening.
Tuesday 7 November	Pray for those who lead and help with Junior Church that they may be energetic, enthusiastic and wise.
Wednesday 8 November	Pray for our village pubs that they would be places where true friendship is found.
Thursday 9 November	Pray for our administrator Sally as she leaves us and for Michelle as she continues in that role.
Friday 10 November	Pray for all those who work at the village vets.
Saturday 11 November	On the day of the Ekisa Fair, pray for all who work with Ekisa and the children for whom they care.
Sunday 12 November	On Remembrance Sunday, pray for the peace of the world and for those who still bear the physical and mental wounds of war.
Monday 13 November	At the start of Diwali, pray for our Hindu friends.
Tuesday 14 November	Remember those known to us who have gone abroad to share the good news about Jesus; ask God to keep them safe and pray that their endeavours would be fruitful.

Wednesday 15 November	Give thanks for the work of the Edmund Trust and pray that God would bless its staff and Milton residents.
Thursday 16 November	Pray for the PCC meeting tonight.
Friday 17 November	Pray for the children being cared for in/by the Children's Hospice, and their parents and carers.
Saturday 18 November	Pray for those whose work is stressful or demoralising.
Sunday 19 November	Pray for those who lead and attend the New Apostolic church in the High Street.
Monday 20 November	Pray for those who are recently bereaved and those who are lonely.
Tuesday 21 November	Pray for our MP Lucy Fraser.
Wednesday 22 November	Pray for those who work in our Health Service and for those who plan for its future.
Thursday 23 November	Remember those who are suffering hardship because of their faith; pray that God would give them an unexpected blessing.
Friday 24 November	Pray for those who work with our young people.
Saturday 25 November	Pray for the young people in our church as they make plans for their future.
Sunday 26 November	Pray for those who attend the College of West Anglia and those who teach and support them.
Monday 27 November	Pray for those who attend and those who help with the Toddler Group.
Tuesday 28 November	Pray for Tuesdays Together that adults and children would feel welcome and loved among us.
Wednesday 29 November	Pray for the Prime Minister and all those in the cabinet that they would lead us wisely.
Thursday 30 November	Pray for Jackie Metcalfe as she prepares to begin work in the Waterbeach and Landbeach parishes.

# Dates for your Diary

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 3pm**

**Service of Remembering**

To remember and give thanks for loved ones who have died. Refreshments served after the service.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am-4pm**

**Ekisa UK Gift and Food Fair, All Saints Church**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 10.30am**

**Remembrance Service**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm**

**Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service at Ely Cathedral**

A service for anyone who has lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, whether the loss was yesterday or 80 years ago. This event is also for those grieving that they have never been able to conceive. [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org)

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November after the 10.30am service**

**Bring and share lunch to say goodbye to Rev. Jackie Metcalfe**

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 3.30-4.45pm**

**Tuesdays Together: Jesse Tree Party**

Meet, play & create together. Includes tea & toast and the 'tech' zone. Eco swap - gifts (ike new). Children, please bring an adult. No charge, donations welcome.

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

**Rev. Jackie Metcalfe's final Sunday**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 3.30pm**

**Christingle Service**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 7pm**

**Carols by Candlelight**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am**

**Crib Service and Morning Worship**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30pm**

**Midnight Christmas Service**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.30am**

**Christmas Celebration with Holy Communion**



# Gift & Food Fair

FREE ENTRY

SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER  
10.30AM - 4PM

Family Photographer attending, to  
book a sitting - 07572 822 939 or  
[info@ekisa.org.uk](mailto:info@ekisa.org.uk)

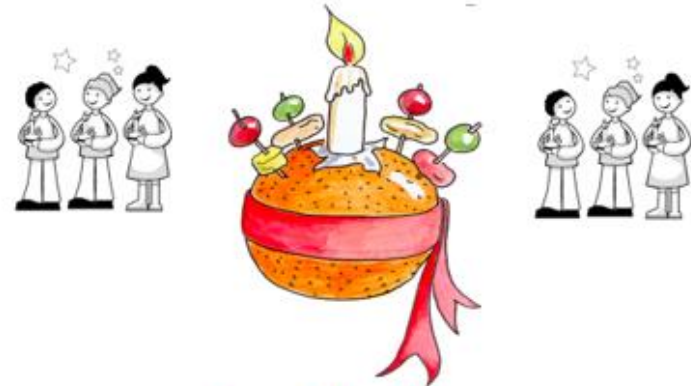
ALL SAINTS CHURCH, CHURCH LANE,  
MILTON, CB24 6AB

FREE PARKING IN MILTON HALL, OFF ELY  
ROAD. DISABLED PARKING OUTSIDE THE  
CHURCH ON CHURCH LANE

[www.ekisa.org.uk](http://www.ekisa.org.uk)

# Christingle

For all the family



Save the date...

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023  
3.30pm

More details to follow soon

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## A message from your curate ...

Two things that I have learnt in recent years is that firstly God does not give us a sell by date and secondly that God's timing is everything. I am not sure how many of you knew about my

selection for ordination or the subsequent ordination service that took place in Ely Cathedral in September 2020. It wasn't a secret from anyone. But, as you will recall, life in the Covid pandemic was topsy turvy, few of us met up and the big celebration in church that I might have wished for just didn't happen. Nor did it happen when I was priested a year later. Although the number of guests that I was allowed in the cathedral had doubled from 5 to 10!

It was a surreal time. And some might say how surreal it was that I was ordained at an age when most folk look forward to leisurely lunches, holidays by the sea and putting their feet up. Looking at it from a human perspective it doesn't make much sense. But of course, God's ways are not necessarily our ways and remember, God does not give us a sell by date. I had no doubt when Bishop Stephen laid his hands upon my head that God had called me to be his deacon and that I would also be his priest.

I cannot really remember a time when I wasn't a Christian. I

loved all things to do with religion, was very proud of the certificates that I obtained in Sunday school exams (first class with distinction every time!), came top in all my Religious Education exams (except when we had to label a map of the Holy Land) and went to Nottingham University to read Theology. Upon graduating I trained to teach and taught Religious Education in different schools for almost 40 years. I also married Gerry and we had two lovely daughters.

My life has had its fair share of ups and downs. At times I had an inkling or two that God might be calling me to ordained ministry. However, the timing was never right.

When I retired I looked after grandchildren (still ongoing!) and I took on leadership roles in Mothers' Union. I also became a licensed lay minister. I loved that role but knew, deep down inside that God had more in store for me.

How do you describe it? An inextinguishable passion. An itch that will not go away. I began to read about people who had been ordained to ministry in later life. Some people, including Gerry suggested that I should put myself forward as a candidate for ordination.

During the selection process I was reminded that God's timing is everything. Doors unexpectedly opened, problems became possibilities and the result is that I have been your curate for over three years. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work both with you and for you. We have done a lot together. I hope I have served you well. I am sure that

exciting times are ahead for everyone at All Saints. Truth to say, I am sorry that I will not be working with Alex. Nonetheless, deep down inside, now I have completed my curacy training I know it is time to move on and minister in a new context. So, next year I will be joining the ministry team at Waterbeach and Landbeach.

Thank you for your love, friendship and support. All Saints has been an integral part of my life for 35 years. I will carry you all in my heart and hopefully have some of those leisurely lunches with some of you in the future. May God bless you all.

With my love,

Jackie

## News from the Ecochurch Team



The United Nations Conference Of The Parties on Climate Change (COP 28) will be taking place between 30<sup>th</sup> November and 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 in the UAE. It has now been two years since COP26 in Glasgow, so what has changed in the interim?

The bad news is:

- The world has missed the deadline for taking practical action to limit global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees above 1850 values, which expired in January 2023, though some dispute this. If we are to meet this goal it will be exceedingly expensive, and may be impossible.
- Forest fires, floods and dangerous heat waves, all attributable, at least in part, to climate change have resulted in many thousands of deaths around the world.
- Wars in Ukraine and Gaza have distracted the world's attention from the pressing demands of climate change.
- There has been no agreement as to the financing of mitigation projects in poorer countries by the richer countries, which have caused climate change.
- According to the Ely Diocese Open Synod on the

Environment, which I attended recently, one of the major issues the church and UK Society now faces is “Climate Despair” – mental illness resulting from the lack of positive action on Climate change.

The Good News is:

- We have not yet exceeded the atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> Level (around 450ppm) where the Global Equilibrium Temperature reaches 2 degrees above 1850 values.
- God is bigger than Climate despair!
- The UAE President of COP 28 has agreed that Fossil Fuels need to be phased out as soon as possible. Remember that 99% of the UAE’s income is from fossil fuel production.

I think the following thought experiment puts the whole thing in context:

*“Let us assume that the whole world goes Carbon Neutral today. What will happen?”*

The latest IPCC Report (The UN International Panel On Climate Change) does not tell us precisely, but does provide some figures from which I have derived the answer, which is:

Global temperatures will continue to rise, eventually reaching 1.7 degrees above 1850 values by around 2060. There is a great deal of uncertainty in both the 1.7 degrees and in the 2060. The figures I have given are based on IPCC best estimates. Higher or lower figures may be possible, although my own research suggests that the more

optimistic values are untenable.

One of the things to be done at the COP is a “Global Stocktake”, that is an audit of how far countries have fulfilled their emission reduction commitments. Please pray for truth and clarity.

You may wish to use the following prayer taken from the Cafod website:

God of blessings,  
the universe sings of your glory.  
Deepen our gratitude for all you have made  
and awaken in us a renewed commitment  
to care for the earth and each other.

Inspire world leaders at COP28,  
with openness to listen to those most affected by climate  
change  
and with courage to act urgently and wisely,  
so that our common home may be healed and restored  
and all people, and generations to come, may delight in it.

Amen.

You can find more about COP28 at: <https://unfccc.int/cop28>

## Open Doors

All Saints Milton continues to support the work of Open Doors financially and in prayer in their support for Christians around the world who are persecuted for their faith. You may find additional resources on the Open Doors website and use the daily Prayer Diary:

<https://www.opendoorsuk.org/resources/prayer/>

MIDDLE EAST: The continuing need to pray for peace and reconciliation all over the area remains; the whole of these prayer letters could focus on just this for ever but I do not want to side-line other places. As with the Syrian civil war, Christians in Israel, Gaza, the West Bank, Lebanon, and Iran (etc.) are accused by both sides of supporting the other when they pursue peace or justice. Please support them. I need not recommend anything as more wise and compassionate in the current crisis than to listen to Jackie's prayers and Mac's sermon from 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

CHINA: The state watches its civilians more closely than it ever did. An indigenous church of many millions was a product of the previous harsh repression here; pray for encouragement for all that their endurance with God's help is for the salvation of millions more. Worryingly, on the ground news from Open Doors workers in China is that 600 refugees from North Korea have been returned there by authorities. Many are known to be Christians and return is

tantamount to a death sentence; certainly long imprisonment. Pray for compassion but the fact remains that one of the places you are most likely to hear the gospel in North Korea is from an inmate inside a prison camp; whether you are a political prisoner or a guard.

VIETNAM: God saved our mission partner (they call him Philemon) from alcohol addiction and near-suicide and he is now a bold pastor of churches, teaching people to read using the Bible so they can get better work and escape poverty. As such, he is a difficulty for the Communist authorities, they oppose the gospel but like the community work he leads. Pray for protection for him as he walks this line and for the largely underground church in Vietnam.

NEPAL: Open Doors continues to provide persecution survival training for isolated pastors in Nepalese villages. Unfortunately, many are the only witness in isolated communities where their neighbours have learned that they can get good treatment and gifts from authorities and assorted Hindu nationalist thugs by harassing them. Without resilience training there is only so much you can take before breaking but these people are stronger for our action and support.



# Tea, Cake and Conversation

**Milton Community Café**  
**Milton Community Centre Lounge**  
**Fourth Tuesday of the month**  
**2.30 - 4.30 pm**



**£2**

**All Welcome!**



An idea from the Milton Surgery Patient Participation Group

## Milton Community Café

**Exciting News!**

The current Community Café in Milton (which runs on the fourth Tuesday of each month), has proved a great success. So much so, that Phoenix Trust have been approached to run an additional café, starting next month, at the same venue, the Milton Community Centre, off Coles Rd.

We will be launching on Tuesday, 4th April and thereafter, will be running the first Tuesday of every month.

The café will be open from 2.30 to 4.30pm, serving drinks and delicious homemade cakes, for a small charge of £2.

A lovely definition of a community café is “a place where you belong” It is run by the community for the community. Everyone is welcome – come with friends, or come alone, there will be plenty of people to chat to, or get involved in some arty-crafty fun, the first one will have an Easter theme and in May we are planning a “plant and share” activity.

So do pop along – we are looking forward to seeing you!

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