

All Saints MILTON

Church at the heart of the community

October 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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Moving on



Jackie Metcalfe has completed her three year curacy at All Saints. In the new year she will join the ministry team at Waterbeach and Landbeach.

Her last Sunday in Milton is expected to be Sunday 3rd December 2023.

Let's pray for Jackie as she moves on to new adventures and challenges.

Parish Pass Holders

Ely Cathedral offers free entry for those on the electoral roll of churches in the Diocese of Ely.

To apply for a pass, please use the [link here to download an Application Form](#).

Please note: Expired Parish Passes are still valid for entry. There is no need to re-apply.

More information on Cathedral Passes can be found on the [Ely Cathedral website here](#).

October Services

1st October

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Harvest Festival Service

8th October

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Holy Communion

15th October

8am Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship

22nd October

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

29th October

The Revd Alexander (Alex) Jeewan
will be leading and preaching:
8am Holy Communion
10.30am All Together Morning Worship



All Saints Church, Church Lane, Milton

HARVEST

Festival

SUNDAY 1ST
OCTOBER
10.30AM

CELEBRATE AND GIVE
THANKS FOR GOD'S
PROVISION

Donations of food items
will be collected for the
Cambridge Foodbank

Prayer Diary October 2023

Sun 1 Oct	As we celebrate Harvest, give thanks for God's provision and pray for those in need
Mon 2 Oct	Pray that the ministry team, churchwardens and administrators might receive guidance and encouragement
Tue 3 Oct	Give thanks for our musicians and singers for the joy they bring to our services
Wed 4 Oct	Pray for those who are recently bereaved and any who are lonely, sad or discouraged
Thu 5 Oct	Inspire the church eco-team to find creative ways to celebrate and care for our world
Fri 6 Oct	Pray for all those who work at Tesco, that it would be a happy place and a real asset to our community
Sat 7 Oct	Give thanks for the beauty and wildlife in Milton, especially at the country park
Sun 8 Oct	Be with, and help us to remember, all those who are no longer able to attend Sunday worship
Mon 9 Oct	Thank God for the gift of our young people and their contribution to the life of our church
Tue 10 Oct	Pray for the children being cared for at the Each hospice, together with their parents and carers
Wed 11 Oct	Bless the work of those who provide activities for young families and children during the week
Thu 12 Oct	Pray for those who work in our doctors' surgery that God would give them wisdom, love and patience
Fri 13 Oct	Pray for the Phoenix Trust, their volunteers and the people they support
Sat 14 Oct	Pray for those known to you who are sick or suffering, that God would enable healing and recovery
Sun 15 Oct	Pray for our services today, that we really listen to God and truly worship him

Mon 16 Oct	Pray that our MP and local councillors may put the needs of our community first in all that they do
Tue 17 Oct	Pray for Cambridge City Food Bank and all who work to provide emergency food for others
Wed 18 Oct	Pray for PCC as it meets in the evening, especially as it thinks about priorities for the coming year
Thu 19 Oct	Thank God for the precious gift of water and ask for wisdom to use it wisely
Fri 20 Oct	Pray for the fight against Climate Change, that God would raise up leaders who can inspire others to take action
Sat 21 Oct	Ask God to reveal himself to a friend or family member who does not know Jesus
Sun 22 Oct	Ask God to give wisdom and strength to all who help refugees, asylum seekers and economic migrants
Mon 23 Oct	Give thanks for the work of the Edmund Trust and ask God to bless all Milton residents
Tue 24 Oct	Pray for those abroad who share the good news about Jesus, asking God to keep them safe and that they would see fruit
Wed 25 Oct	Pray that God would help us to bring peace and harmony to our community
Thu 26 Oct	As Alex is installed as our new Priest-in-Charge, pray that he will receive an anointing from the Holy Spirit
Fri 27 Oct	Continue to pray for the work of Open Doors as it reaches out to the persecuted church
Sat 28 Oct	Keep us vigilant and determined to keep everyone in our Church family safe
Sun 29 Oct	As we celebrate the arrival of our new Priest-in-Charge, pray for Alex and his family as they settle into Milton
Mon 30 Oct	Pray that there would truly be peace on Earth, especially in Ukraine and other places of conflict
Tue 31 Oct	Ask God to bless all who come to Tuesdays Together on the theme "Celebrating Light"

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 11th October 7pm-10pm

Wintercomfort and CCHP Quiz and Curry Night

At St Barnabas Church

Marking World Homeless Day, Wintercomfort and CCHP are teaming up for this spectacular quiz event. Join us to learn more about the work of these two local charities and help us to raise vital funds for our continued work with people facing homelessness in the city. For further details and to book tickets, visit:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/wintercomfort-and-cchp-quiz-and-curry-night-tickets-700750592887>

Thursday 19th October 8.10pm

Monthly Prayer Meeting

Thursday 26th October 7pm

Rev. Alex Jeewan will be licensed by Bishop Dagmar

All welcome. Service followed by refreshments.

Sunday 29th October

Rev. Alex Jeewan's first Sunday

Sunday 29th October after the 10.30am service

Bring and share lunch to welcome Rev. Alex Jeewan

Tuesday 31st October 3.30-4.45pm

Tuesdays Together: Celebrating Light

Sunday 5th November 3pm

Service of Remembering

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

Saturday 11th November 10am-4pm

Ekisa UK Gift and Food Fair, All Saints Church

Sunday 12th November 10.30am

Remembrance Service

Sunday 26th November after the 10.30am service

Bring and share lunch to say farewell to Rev. Jackie Metcalfe

Tuesday 28th November 3.30-4.45pm

Tuesdays Together: Jesse Tree Party

Sunday 3rd December

Rev. Jackie Metcalfe's final Sunday

Sunday 3rd December 3.30pm

Christingle Service

Tuesdays Together

After School: 3.30 - 4.45pm

EcoSwap

26th September **Harvest** Winter clothes
31st October **Celebrating Light** Games & Puzzles
28th November **Jesse Tree** Gifts (Like New)

A place to meet, play and create together including tea and toast and the 'Tech Zone'

Free - donations welcome. Eco Swaps - bring what you can, take what you need
CHILDREN PLEASE BRING AN ADULT WITH YOU

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Tuesdays Together: Summer Holidays 2023

Tuesdays Together is a response to a dream that I had, which included many of the details for the contents of the sessions. This took place every Tuesday morning between 10 and 12 during the summer holidays and was open to anyone; 'The young and young at heart'.

Tuesdays was chosen as a link and continuation from Warm Hub, as a day for the whole community. Many people find



the cessation of the termly groups for the holidays tricky, and along with the food poverty that many find themselves in, I wanted to provide something to support the village. I am grateful to the people who captured the vision with me and enabled me to see it through.

Each session had a different theme linked to 'Taking care of our world' and included toys, crafts, tech, story and songs linked to that theme. Ideas for crafts were given, often using handprints or paper plates, which people then developed in their own style. Our group collage 'A Time for Everything' can be found in the main hall. We also had a popular quiet jigsaw area that was enjoyed by the 'young at heart'!



(books, games, uniform) and were mostly well used.

At some of the Warm Hub mornings we included EcoSwaps, which proved popular and were requested that we should do again. Each week had a different swap

We are grateful to Foodshare, and those who collected the crates of food, that enabled us to offer toast and usually fruit, free of charge at each session. Sometimes we also had cake and there was always plenty of food with short use by dates for families to take home with them.

On two occasions the Eco church team provided the resources to enable bug hunts around the church yard, which proved to be very popular. As did the tech zone, that was aimed at the older children. This included digging for fossils, creating huge bubbles, stomp rockets and making Lego vehicles.

Tuesdays Together was attended by people of many ages. The families mostly included babies, children from pre-school and Key Stage 1. We had between 20 and 40 children attend each week, with most attending more than one session. Many of the families had been through the Church Toddler



Groups, but there were also families from further afield who had spotted the advertising, and a couple of child minders.

I am grateful to the many people who donated craft materials, milk, things to put on



toast and their time.

Many people offered to help at some or all of the sessions, including church families who came as helpers in the kitchen, outside for the bug hunt or to help with the craft table. It was so encouraging to see the teenagers blossom as they took part to support the younger people who attended.

We had a lot of positive feedback from the people who attended, who found that Tuesdays Together helped structure their week and was something that they looked forward to.

We are now looking forward to **Tuesdays Together After School**, that will take place on the last Tuesday of the month this term to continue to build relationships across the community. If you interested in helping, please let me or the church office know.

Thank you.

Elinor

Pearl – My journey

I am a farmer's daughter. The eldest of five siblings. My parents were Christians and despite living way out in the countryside, on Sundays we would attend church (Plymouth Brethren) for the Breaking of Bread service in the morning, Sunday School in the afternoon and the Gospel service in the evening, followed by a Youth service when I was a teenager. All work on the farm would stop on Sundays except for milking the cows and tending to the animals, even if the sun was shining and it was ideal haymaking weather. God came first. I was baptized as a believer when I was 12. However, despite all this Christian input, during my teenage years I questioned my faith. I found that however hard I tried I could not keep up the high standards expected of me and turned my back on God.

When I went to university in Reading, I met people from different Christian backgrounds (most were wearing Jesus stickers – a seventies thing!), and I started hearing about the Holy Spirit. In Brethren circles at that time, the work of the Holy Spirit was not talked about. I wondered whether this was what I was missing in my Christian experience. At a Christian Union house party, I was filled with the Holy Spirit and for the first time Jesus became real to me, and the bible came alive. I joined a local house church, along with many other students, and experienced the gifts of the Spirit in a church setting, alongside deep bible teaching. It was a foundational and joyful time.

I had met Alan on my second day at Uni. We were in the same friendship group and attended the same house church. We started “going out” in our third year, got engaged after finals and were married the following year. We were only 21 – so young! After uni I worked at the Milk Marketing Board, while Alan completed his doctorate, and then we moved to Nottingham where Alan started a job with the Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC).

Our three children, Tim, Carolyn and Zoe, were born in Nottingham, and we were supported in friendship and faith by the local house church, Carlton Christian Fellowship. Alan became treasurer and led the Sunday School, and I helped out generally. After 10 years, the RSC moved to Cambridge, and after much heart searching and prayer, we moved too. We knew nobody, apart from Alan's work colleagues. We tried several churches but eventually settled on a small fellowship that met in Parkside Community College, which we eventually helped to lead.

I went back to work as a Community Education Assistant, once all the children were at school. Around this time all three children began to get never ending viruses, which for the girls developed into ME/CFS. They were ill for around 7 years and missed out on secondary education. They had a tutor for 5 hours a week between them, but mostly they were too ill to take advantage of this. This was a very difficult time. I gave up my job to care for them, and eventually worked from home as a freelance abstractor and indexer. The girls' friends dropped away as they were

unable to understand this strange illness. My younger daughter was also diagnosed with clinical depression, and had a significant scoliosis, which meant she spent many years in an uncomfortable back brace. We spent a lot of time at Addenbrookes. During those years I felt I was grieving and crying inside for everything the girls had lost. I just had to hold on to God each and every day to see us through. And He was faithful.

After Alan's parents died, their legacy enabled us to move out of Cambridge to our lovely home in Milton, a real and timely gift from God. God spoke to our eldest daughter promising to heal her, and from that moment she began to improve. Both girls slowly began to regain their health and after completing Access courses, were able to continue their education, albeit later than planned!

Our new neighbours in Milton went to All Saints and invited us to an Alpha course, which was our introduction to the church here. We felt from God that it was time to move from the small fellowship we had been attending and become part of All Saints. I remember the first time I entered the church. I felt so at home, which was amazing as I had never been in a CofE church before. The welcome, love and support we were shown was so good, and just what we needed after a difficult few years. We also really appreciated being able to walk to and be involved with a local village church.

After Alan was made redundant in 2003 I starting working

full time for Elsevier, as a technical editor, while Alan set up his publishing business. Elsevier decided to move operations to the Netherlands in 2014 and I was made redundant, which coincided with my retirement, supposedly! However, after 3 months retirement began to pall and when Helen went on maternity leave I took on the role of church administrator at All Saints, which was such a privilege, and retired again (!) around 5 years later, when our youngest grandchild was born.

Over the past few years we have had family weddings, funerals and wonderful grandchildren but also illness. When Alan was diagnosed with multiple myeloma in 2020, I really appreciated the prayer and support given by everyone at All Saints, despite the pressure we were all experiencing from Covid. I found God gave me immense peace and strength during that time. After chemotherapy, a stem cell transplant and ongoing medication, Alan is now well and we thank God for his continuing health.

I really enjoy being part of the church family at All Saints, being involved in the Toddler groups, prayer ministry, hosting Open House on Thursday mornings, and being PCC Secretary. It is a joy to see God working in all our lives as we seek to live out our faith in Jesus together.

Alan and I have been at All Saints now for more than 20 years. I wonder and look forward to what our faithful God has in store for us over the next few years!

Pearl Skull

News from the Ecochurch Team: Harvest



At the beginning of October we thank God for the harvest in special services. The tradition was to take produce from farms and gardens to present to God for distribution to the needy. These days the gifts are food in tins and packets for distribution via the local foodbank.

Harvest is a good time to think about our food; decisions we make can have far reaching effects influencing the way food is produced and how and where it is grown and those who grow, harvest, transport and sell it.

A starting point is the LOAF principle:

- Locally produced
- Organically grown
- Animal friendly
- Fairly traded.

Living in the Fens at this time of year it is obvious that we are living in a major food producing area as we follow tractor and trailer loaded with carrots, potatoes, onions, leeks and wheat. The same is true in the spring when we drive past fields which are bright green with lettuces. However there are many foods including tea, coffee,

bananas and citrus fruits which will not grow in Britain at all or fruits like strawberries which aren't available all the year round. Locally grown fruit and vegetables in season, especially if organically grown, have a lower carbon footprint than those imported. However out of season British tomatoes, although local, may have a higher carbon footprint than some grown overseas depending on how the greenhouses are lit and heated.

Growing fruit and vegetables organically avoids the use of herbicides and pesticides and it leads to healthier soils and allows a variety of insects, including pollinators, and other wildlife to thrive.

Consumption of meat, dairy or eggs is complex as livestock can be important in maintaining biodiversity if free range, grass fed and at relatively low stocking levels especially in areas unsuitable for arable. Intensively reared cattle are a major problem as the land to produce their feed is often prime arable land in UK or overseas and they produce methane as well as carbon dioxide. If we choose to eat meat, dairy and eggs, we should minimise consumption and choose better meat including free range / higher welfare / outdoor reared/bred / organically reared.

We are called to act justly and not exploit the poor. Buying fair trade foods means that farmers are being paid enough to cover production costs and earn a living wage.

These are just a few of the things to think about when deciding what to eat.

Further reading:

Green Christian has a range of resources giving a Christian perspective on food and much more which make interesting reading. These include a leaflet "Use your LOAF":

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/use-your-loaf-dl-leaflet/>

and an article in the Green Christian magazine "We need to talk about Food":

<https://greenchristian.org.uk/gc96-we-need-to-talk-about-food/>

Want to help prevent rough sleeping in Cambridge?

Volunteer this winter at Crossways

Crossways is this winter's 24/7 accommodation to help prevent rough sleeping in Cambridge. It is run by the local charity It Takes a City (ITAC), in partnership with the Cambridge Churches Homeless Project (CCHP), Cambridge City Council and supported by other organisations in the city.

We are looking for compassionate and committed volunteers to join us this November to March to provide meals and support at Crossways in a variety of roles. All that's required is a friendly enthusiasm, a few hours to spare, and a willingness to help!

You are warmly invited to come, meet us and volunteer to help this winter. We ask all volunteers to attend a one-hour training evening on either:

- * Thurs 12th Oct 19:30 @ Beth Shalom Synagogue CB5 8DW
- * Weds 18th Oct 19:30 @ St Barnabas' Church CB1 2BD
- * Tues 24th Oct 18:30 @ C3 Church CB1 3HR
- * Weds 8th Nov 19:00 @ St Andrews Street Baptist's CB2 3AR

To register to volunteer, scan the QR code or head to cchp.org.uk/register



A huge thank you for your support!



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 at the Open Doors website and use the daily Prayer Diary for Sept/October <https://media.opendoorsuk.org/document/pdf/Prayer%20Diary.pdf>

The notes for October highlight areas of conflict and natural disaster; to suggest targeted prayer for the church in such places does not mean for a moment I do not pray for restoration for the broken, humanitarian care, and financial help for all people of all races, only that as Christians we can love sisters and brothers particularly and hold the church especially.

NAGORNO-KARABAKH

I do not have figures for church numbers here; only that all 120,000 Armenians would be considered Christian. The government of Azerbaijan does not heavily persecute the church there but its agents do infiltrate religious organisations and the police regularly visit pastors and let them know they are watched. Pray for those worried about their future and for those who desire to continue a Christian witness in their homeland.

LIBYA

The recent disaster in Derna highlights the need for a functioning government; local warlords greatly hinder joined-up aid programmes and relief. The general rule in Libya is that whoever has the most guns and money should be obeyed and those people are also the ones driving people trafficking. The risks of being openly Christian are so high as to make church gatherings impossible but all those who name Jesus as their Lord may find now a time when they can show love even to those who despise them.

CHINA

A week rarely goes by without reports somewhere in the world that agents of the Chinese government lean on, oppose or just let dissidents know that they are watched; you can be sure this is applied to Christians also. The 15-years or so of religious freedom in China led to a growth of the church there to around 97m people, a huge growth in a previously tiny indigenous church. The window is well and truly closing, state supervision, restrictive laws and permitting churches is now common and not just at home.

Wars continue little-reported in so many nations that have slipped from the news here. Yemen, DR Congo, South Sudan, Sudan, Somalia. Governments of some of the most well-known 'Christians' nations on earth like Colombia, Mexico, Romania, and Russia imprison people for what we would call evangelical beliefs and they call opposition. "Our prayers can go where we cannot." Brother Andrew, founder of Open Doors.



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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