

All Saints MILTON

Church at the heart of the community

October 2024 News



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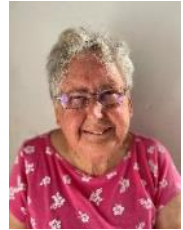
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Regular Prayer Meetings and Events

Toddler Group

10.00-11.30am Mondays and Fridays (during term time)

Stitchers Club

2.00-4.00pm Second Monday of the month (not on in August)

Tuesdays Together

3.30-4.45pm Second Tuesday of the month (during term time)

Praise and Play

9.30-10.30am Wednesdays (during term time)

Baby Group

2.00-4.00pm Wednesdays (all year)

Morning Prayer

9.00-9.30am Monday—Thursday

Prayer Meeting

7.00am Fridays

October 2024 Sunday Services

6th October

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Café Church—Celebrating Harvest

13th October

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church and Youth

20th October

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Morning Worship with Junior Church and Youth

27th October

8am Holy Communion

10.30am Holy Communion with Junior Church and Youth

Dates for your Diary

October

Thurs 3rd Oct.

4:00pm— Flower Team Decorating (church).

9:00pm—Ekisa UK Quiz (The White Horse Pub, Milton).

Sun 6th Oct.

10:30am-12:00pm—Café Church Harvest Celebration (church).

Tue 8th Oct.

3:30-4:45pm— Tuesday Together (hall).

Sat 12th Oct.

9.30am- 12.30pm, 1.30- 4.30pm—Churchyard Tidy Up Day (churchyard).

10am-12pm—MacMillan Coffee Morning (hall).

Sun 20th Oct.

6pm— 8:30pm - Praise Party (hall).

Thursday 31st Oct.

5.30pm—7pm—Light and Bright Party (hall)

November

Sun 3rd Nov.

3:00pm—Service of Remembering (church).

Sat 9th Nov.

10.30am—4pm—Ekisa Gift and Craft Fair (church & hall)

Sun 10th Nov.

10:30am— Remembrance Service (church).

Celebrating Harvest

We will be collecting donations during our Harvest service.

Café church won't be live streamed, but you can join the Church of England weekly live stream service from 9am by clicking the link:

[Church online | The Church of England](#)

Moreover, if you would like to come to church but need a lift please contact the office and we will try and arrange a lift for you.

Tinned and packet donations will be given to Cambridge City Foodbank, they accept all in date, sealed items of food and drink (apart from bottled water, alcohol and baby formula). Their current list of most needed items are:

- Pasta sauce
- Jam
- Biscuits, snacks and confectionary
- Tinned custard and rice pudding
- Cooking oil
- UHT milk
- Long life fruit juice
- Tinned meals eg. Chicken in sauce or chilli con carne
- Noodles and rice
- Tinned vegetables and pulses
- Long life puddings
- Teabags (packs of 40, 80, or 120)
- Small Jars of instant coffee
- Tinned beans, tomatoes, soup
- Toilet roll

Any donated fresh fruit and veg will be donated to local people in need of support.



All Saints Church, Church Lane, Milton

CAFE CHURCH CELEBRATING HARVEST

SUNDAY 6TH
OCTOBER
10.30 - 11.30AM

CELEBRATE AND GIVE THANKS
FOR GOD'S PROVISION

FREE REFRESHMENTS

Donations of food items will
be collected for the
Cambridge Foodbank



Cafe 'Refill'
COFFEE
&
CHURCH



All Saints
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An evening of praise and worship

Everyone is invited

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PRAISE *Party*

20th October
6.00pm - Refreshments
6.30pm - Praise and Worship

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You are invited to our

Light and Bright Party

Thursday 31st October

5.30pm - 7pm

All Saints Church Hall, Milton, CB24 6AB

Suggested donation
£2 per family
All ages of children
welcome - please
bring an adult with
you!

Wear
something
colourful or
bright

Hotdog tea
Crafts
Games
Tech Zone

**A party to celebrate the
Light of the World**



All Saints Youth Sunday Evenings

Autumn Term 2024

15/9 Social – Games

22/9 Going Deeper: Ephesians 1

29/9 Going Deeper: Ephesians 2

6/10 Social - Film

13/10 Going Deeper: Ephesians 3

20/10 Praise Party

10/11 Social- Murder Mystery (tbc)

17/11 Going Deeper: Ephesians 4

24/11 Going Deeper: Ephesians 5

1/12 Going Deeper: Ephesians 6

8/12 Christmas Social

All welcome years 7-13

Going Deeper sessions aimed at older year groups but anyone who wants to spend time reading the bible and praying is welcome.

Sunday evenings; 6:30-8pm

Contact Sarah Bates: Youth@allsaintsmilton.org.uk

Dates for your diary

You are warmly invited to a

Service of Remembering

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



Sunday 3rd November 2024

3.00pm

All Saints Church Milton

Refreshments served after the service.

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REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

10th Nov. 10.30am
with an Act of Remembrance
at the War Memorial at Ilam

All Saints, Church Lane,
CB24 6AB

- lest we forget -

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Prayer Diary October 2024

The 1st	Pray for the children of Milton Primary School who have attended their Harvest Service at ASM today.
Wed 2nd	Give thanks for a new month filled with new chances everyday.
Thur 3rd	Pray that Ekisa UK raise lots of money at their charity quiz night tonight and the work of the charity is blessed.
Fri 4th	Lets give thanks for the Milton Surgery Team and all they do to serve our community
Sat 5th	Pray for Chris Tanton, the new part-time Minister, at Landbeach and Milton Baptist Church.
Sun 6th	Give thanks for Harvest, for all we have & can share with others through the foodbank.
Mon 7th	We pray for all those who work with people suffering from food poverty.
Tue 8th	We pray for those attending Tuesdays Together, and for the team who run it.
Wed 9th	Let's pray for all those who meet together at Praise and Play.
Thur 10th	We pray for healing for those who are unwell
Fri 11th	Let's pray for the Macmillan coffee morning tomorrow— that it's a time of friendship whilst raising money for this worthwhile charity.
Sat 12th	We pray all who help with the Churchyard Tidy up day are blessed.
Sun 13th	We thank you for all those who care for others, whether in paid employment or as unpaid carers for loved ones.
Mon 14th	Let's pray for the groups who meet in our church hall and the volunteers who run these
Tue 15th	Lets give thanks for all those who do the hidden jobs in the church.
Wed 16th	We pray for all the babies, their carers and those who run Baby Group who meet in church each Wednesday

Thur 17th	We pray for our Leadership and staff team
Fri 18th	We give thanks for the beauty of Milton Country Park.
Sat 19th	We pray for everyone who serves our community— refuse teams, police, fire service, paramedics, etc
Sun 20th	Give thanks that we get to worship The Lord tonight at our Praise Party.
Mon 21st	We lift up all those who work at the Hospice, the children and young people who are cared for there and for their families.
Tue 22nd	Give thanks for the beauty of autumn
Wed 23rd	We pray for all those who come into our village to work.
Thur 24th	We pray for those who have lost loved ones in their time of grief.
Fri 25th	Lets give thanks for all those who do the hidden jobs in the church.
Sat 26th	We pray for all families to have an enjoyable half term holiday from school and college
Sun 27th	We lift up those who struggle to juggle work,school holidays and child care.
Mon 28th	We pray teachers and school staff can have a refreshing half term break
Tue 29th	Lets give thanks, and pray for patience, strength and stamina for the extended family members who help care for children while their parents work
Wed 30th	Give thanks for the team who are hosting the Light and Bright Party tomorrow
Thur 31st	Pray for those in darkness during Light Night, may their eyes be opened to the goodness of Jesus.

Letter from the Priest

Dear friends,

In Luke 17: 20-21, some Pharisees ask Jesus when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, “The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed, nor will they say, ‘Look, here it is!’ or ‘There!’ for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.”

Have you ever wondered what the kingdom of heaven here on earth looks like?

I like to think it is place where all things are made new and that we have a chance to reach our full potential and be what God created us to be. I also think that if it can't come in ways that can be observed then it must surely be felt by us all. We will know it, when it comes.

I don't know about you, but I have often felt the kingdom of God coming closer, even if it's not quite here yet. I have seen it in my brothers and sisters in Christ, I have seen it in the faces of my children, and I see it in the beauty of the world around us. But I see it the most clearly through God's redemption of humanity through what Jesus did for us on the cross.

In many ways the kingdom of God is definitely drawing near but also in many ways it feels like it is further away than ever. This is where we, as Christians, must be people of hope to witness that it is possible for the kingdom of God to come. We are people of hope.

Recently my family and I have been watching a series called 'Ted Lasso' on television. It's about an American football coach leading a British soccer team. What he lacks in knowledge, he makes up for with optimism and an open heart, which appears to never hold a grudge against anyone. The series dwells on the relationships within the staff and the football team. Often the characters let one another down and must learn to forgive one another in order to work well as a team. There is an arc of redemption throughout the whole of the three series and everybody is growing together. It is a great image for us as the body of Christ here in Milton, as we grow together into the likeness of Jesus.

I wish the world was like that of Ted Lasso...everybody fails, everybody says sorry, and everybody forgives so everything ends up fine. Unfortunately, at the moment life isn't like that, but it doesn't stop me believing that one day it will be. That is my hope, my belief and my prayer.

Ted Lasso says this, "So I've been hearing this phrase y'all got over here that I ain't too crazy about. 'It's the hope that kills you.' Y'all know that? I disagree, you know? I think it's the lack of hope that comes and gets you. See, I believe in hope. I believe in belief."

Let us be people of hope and belief usher in the kingdom of God together.

With love,

Alex

Joyous Occasions

Here at All Saints we want to share the happy celebrations that take place in our church. From weddings, to baptisms, to confirmations we are delighted to be your place of choice for such joyous occasions.

Congratulations to
Samuel Hogg
who was Baptised at All Saints Church
on Sunday July 7th 2024.





If you are interested in celebrating your own joyous occasion at All Saints Church, please contact us at office@allsaintsmilton.org.uk

Church BBQ

Please enjoy some pictures taken at the BBQ held on Rectory Lawn on Sunday 8th September.

We have received great feedback and hope that we can continue to host events like this in the future. A big thank you to our kind anonymous donor who paid for all of the food, and to everyone who volunteered to help on the day.





Missions Update: The Sahara Project



We, and a small team of like minded people are involved in a house of prayer, kingdom business, tourism, training, job creation, discovery bible studies and discipleship.

We are aiming to share Jesus, and pray and work to see the kingdom of God grow among tribes who have had little or no contact with the gospel.

Right now we are in the UK for a few weeks taking a break. These last few weeks we've been enjoying visiting different house groups, and getting to know people. It's been great to be a part of church life at All Saints, as well as catching up with family and friends while we continue necessary work from a far. We've also been enjoying food and experiences that are rare in the Sahara (like rain!)

Thank you for welcoming us back, we've really enjoyed spending time with you all. Thank you also for your prayers and support this year, it's been very encouraging. After slow progress over many years, we are experiencing more

opportunity to pray, study the Word and share Jesus with the people around us.

If any one is interested in finding out more about what's happening, receiving our news for prayer, or finding out other ways of supporting, please do contact Peter or Jackie Cottingham at: peter@cottinghams.com or jackie@cottinghams.com .

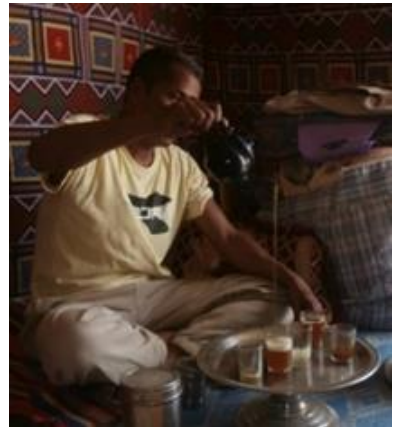
Thank you so much!

J&N



Camels and Tent.

Mint tea!



Local men in traditional clothing.

The Story of John Todd

By Helen Kiddle

Today I heard a beautiful story, told by an American pastor which touched my heart and I'd love to share it with you too.

This story is about little John Todd, born in 1800 in the autumn of that year in Rutland, Vermont. Shortly after his birth, the family moved to a little village in the countryside and it was there when John was only 6, that both of his parents died.

All the children in the family had to be sent out to various relatives, and a kind-hearted, aging aunt, who lived 10 miles away, (which seemed forever to little John) agreed to take him in. She said " I'll love him and care for him and I'll give him a home". The boy lived there for some 15 years and finally left to go to study for the ministry, and time passed gently as he began to succeed. He excelled in his work as a pastor, or vicar as we say here, and as he got to middle age, his now very aged aunt fell desperately ill. So, she wrote him a letter, a sad letter, full of fear and uncertainty asking, "what will death be like John? Will it mean the end of everything? I am so afraid." Moved with compassion and swamped with memories of years gone by, he sat down and wrote her this letter:

My dear aunt, it is now 35 years since I, a little boy of 6 was left quite alone in the world. You sent me word that you would give me a home and be a kind mother to me. I've never forgotten the day when I made that long journey of 10 miles to your house. I can still recall my disappointment when instead

of coming for me yourself, you sent your helper, Caesar, to fetch me. I well remember my tears and my anxiety as, perched high on your horse, and clinging tightly to Caesar, I rode off to my new home. Night fell and as it grew dark, I became lonely and afraid.

“Do you think she’ll go to bed before I get there?” I asked Caesar anxiously. “Oh no”, he replied reassuringly, “she’ll certainly stay up for you. When we get out of these woods, you’ll see her candle shining in the window.” Presently, we came out into a clearing, and sure enough, there was your candle. I remember you were waiting at the door and I remember you putting your arms up and around me, as you lifted me, a tired and bewildered little boy, down from the horse. You had a big fire burning in the fireplace. A hot supper waiting for me on the table. After supper, you took me to my little room and you heard me say my prayers. Then, you sat with me until I fell asleep.

You probably realise dear auntie, why I’m recalling all of this to your memory. Someday soon, God will send for you, to take you to a new home far away. Don’t be afraid of the strange journey, God can be trusted to do as much for you, as you were kind enough to do for me so many years ago. At the end of the road, you’ll find love and a welcome waiting for you and you’ll be safe in God’s arms. I shall watch you and I shall pray for you until you are out of sight, and then I’ll wait for the day when I will make that journey myself and find you waiting at the end of the road to greet me.

With every blessing in our Lord Jesus who is with us every step of our journey now and into our next home where we will see Him face to face and feel so welcomed and loved.

Open Doors— October 2024

Prayer for the Persecuted Church.

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

<https://media.opendoorsuk.org/document/pdf/2024-Sep-Month-of-Prayer.pdf>

September was a month of particular prayer for Africa; I am sure the prayer need is still high in October.

NEPAL

A Hindu nationalist party exerts strong pressure against religious minorities. The constitution prohibited proselytisation in 2015 and conversion from Hinduism in 2017. I remember praying for the non-implementation of the latter law and didn't realise that my particular prayer hadn't been answered in the way I expected! Perhaps God's 'yes' didn't look like the one I expected or maybe it was a 'not yet'. The law has not slowed the growth of the church in Nepal; it is stronger than ever. Converts and also foreigners whose freedom of religion is supposed to be protected are targeted, but Open Doors persecution survival training courses among pastors in Nepal report that they find the witness of standing strong under oppression to be more effective than the prohibited act of 'evangelism.'

WEST AFRICA

The Open Doors prayers for September estimated 16.2 m people in Africa are displaced from their homes; many are in Nigeria, Burkina Faso, Mali, Chad, and Niger where Islamist insurgents continue to attack indiscriminately.

Mali and Niger are further complicated by recent military coups, whose leaders have distanced themselves from 'western' and looked to Russian money. The reasons for these tragedies are far too many to summarise here but include poverty meaning people take money from terror groups, hatred of Christians, face water shortages, Russian meddling, funding from Muslim fundamentalists far away, poor government, western Indifference, and money from trafficking, drugs and financial fraud. These are global problems and Open Doors pressures people with power to not dismiss them as local wars (see below)

Pray for its workers and those in need..

- ◇ Since the end of last year, 320 displaced Christian families have been living in Bankass town, putting an immense strain on the local church. Open Doors local partners have been able to step in, providing the families with rice, oil and financial support for other needs like clothes, school fees and medicine.
- ◇ After three attacks on his community, Pastor Soré fled with his family, joining two million people in Burkina Faso who have been displaced by extremist violence. Resilience training keeps his faith alive and he is able to lead others in the refugee camp.
- ◇ Malloum lives in Chad, his decision to give his life to Jesus resulted in a physical attack from his uncle. Support from Open Doors combatted the trauma and he can join his growing church in prayer for his uncle, hoping his ability to show his Saviour will be crucial.

News from the Eco Church Team



Increasingly it is being recognised that biodiversity and nature must be considered together with climate.

This was the main emphasis of the recent Ely Cathedral Memorial lecture “*Climate change and nature loss: twin crises shared solutions*” by Canon Dr Peter Brotherton, Director of Science, Natural England.

If you missed the lecture it can be accessed here together with other resources from Renew, Ely Cathedral’s environment group. <https://www.elycathedral.org/community/environment-action/resources>

This Autumn representatives of most members of the United Nations with the exception of USA, together with scientists, business leaders and charities will meet at two COPs (Convention of the Parties) addressing the twin crises. The first is COP16: ‘The Convention on Biological Diversity’ taking place from the 21st October-1st November in Cali, Columbia, one of the most biodiverse regions in the world. In 2022 at COP 15, the Biodiversity Plan was agreed which included a number of targets including each country publishing an updated “National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan” (NBSAD) including protecting 30% of land and ocean by 2030, the so called ‘30 by30 target’. 21 countries have so far submitted these, but at the time of writing, the United Kingdom have not.

Please pray:

- ◇ For everyone attending COP 16 and that it will be a fruitful meeting focusing on the need for protecting and restoring biodiversity.
- ◇ That the four countries of the UK will between them produce a sound NBSAD with challenging targets which if implemented will result in increased biodiversity
- ◇ That finance will be available from governments, businesses and others to support work towards the targets being achieved

Thank you,

The Eco Church Team



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Bible verse for 2024

“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”

Galatians 6:10