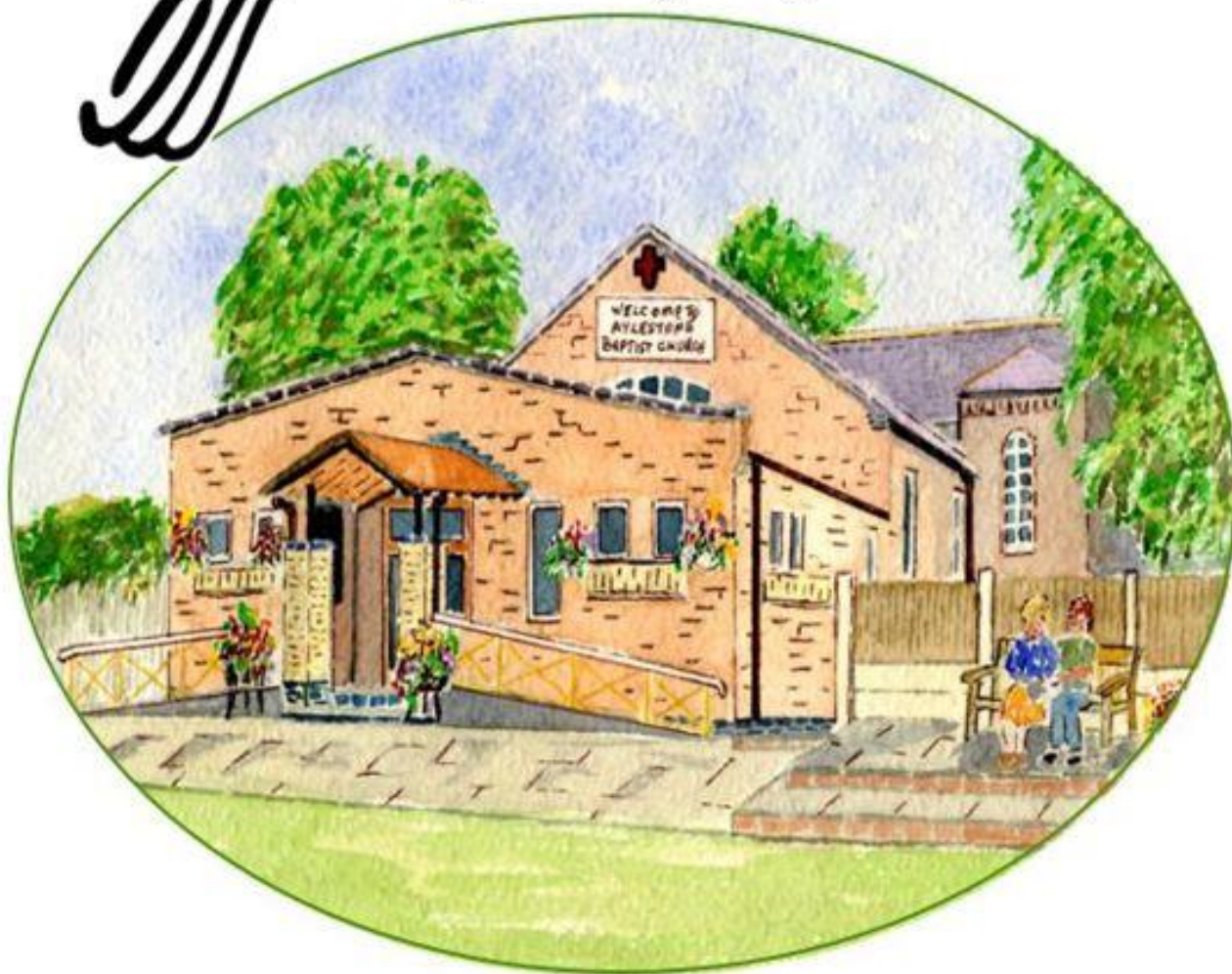




Aylestone Baptist Church
Learning God's Love, Sharing God's Love



**September & October
2018
Church Magazine**

Letter from the Editor.

Phew! What a scorching summer. And what a summer full of God's blessings.

Aylestone 2018 event at Aylestone Hall Gardens, two lovely young people Baptised, 130 children plus 50 helpers in the Holiday Club, and over 40 retired people each day at the 3rd age Holiday@Home. Many, many thanks on behalf of our fellowship to those who gave up their time to make these events such a success. We are very blessed with volunteers who give so willingly to the furtherance of God's Kingdom here in Aylestone. I am reminded of a comment by a previous minister, Tim Fergusson, that he was told whilst at college "the quiet summer months were a good time to sort out your computer." Clearly that tutor hadn't met ABC!

Many of us will have taken journeys this summer, for holidays or days out, and a theme of 'journeys' seemed to come together. For Victoria and Joseph, Baptism marked the start of their new life, their journey with Jesus. The theme for Holiday Club was "Incredible Journeys", looking into the journeys of Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Paul. Also we had a service featuring testimonies, from Jean, Julie, Ron and Denise – a snapshot into their journey with Jesus.

Personally we are all on that journey, from the day we were Born Again we, like Abraham, set out with no clear itinerary, but trusting in God that He will show the way. Sometimes it is a way we would rather avoid, those difficult times of illness etc., and often the way is a little humdrum, but then there are those wonderful times of great and special happiness. The life of our Church has also seen ups and downs, but as the Holiday Club song said "We might wobble but we won't fall... with Jesus at our side." So it is with confidence that God is leading the way, especially as we look towards finding a new minister, so let's get praying for the right person to see that their journey will be leading them to ABC.

As the weekly activities start up again, may God bless all the leaders with good health, energy, and enthusiasm, and we, as a congregation, continue to pray for God's Kingdom to come here in Aylestone.

Dorothy.

Sunday Services for September / October 2018

Service is usually at 10am and includes Sunday School for children from 4 years of age. Creche area is available.

September

- Sunday 2nd Service led by Jill Walton with Graham Hill preaching.
Reading: Daniel 1.
- Sunday 9th Service led by Lucy Satchell with Helen Culy preaching.
Reading: Daniel 2
- Sunday 16th Pam Bryan will be leading and preaching. Service includes
Communion. Reading : Daniel 3.
There will be a Church Meeting immediately after the Service.
- Sunday 23rd Service led by Maxine Elliott with Martin Pantling preaching.
Reading: Daniel 5.
- Sunday 30th Service led by Dorothy Mackley with John Hemes preaching.
Reading: Daniel 6.

October

- Sunday 7th HARVEST. Service led by Wendy Hall with David Statham
Preaching. Reading: Ephesians 1.
- Sunday 14th Service led by Elaine Robinson with Graham Hill preaching.
Reading: Ephesians 2: 1-14
- Sunday 21st Stan Mackley will be leading and preaching.
Reading: Ephesians 3: 1-13.
Service includes Communion.
- Sunday 28th Service led by Ben Kaba with Freddie Damalie preaching.
Reading: Ephesians 3: 14 – 20.

Other Dates in September/October 2018

September

Sat. 8 th	Induction at Stoneygate BC of their new minister, Revd. Leigh Greenwood, 3pm, all welcome.
Wed. 12 th	Gateway Club Service.
Thurs. 13 th	The Open House.
Sun. 16 th	Church Meeting. After morning Service.
Thurs. 20 th	Community Lunch Club.
Sat. 22 nd	Deacons' Away Day.
Mon. 24 th	Deacons' Meeting
Wed. 26 th	Aylestone Ward Community Meeting 7pm at St Edwards Hall
Thurs. 27 th	The Open House.
Saturday 29 th	PRAISE & WORSHIP EVENING
Sun. 30 th	Messy Church at Gilmorton Est. 4.30pm

October

Thurs. 4 ^h	Community Lunch Club.
Sat. 6 th	Wedding in our Church.
Sunday 7 th	HARVEST – If you wish to donate please bring tinned/dried Food, also toiletries, for the local food bank. Please ensure there is a long “best before” date on all items
Wed. 10 th	Gateway Club Service.
Thurs. 11 th	The Open House.
Saturday 13 th	PRESIDENT'S VISIT – BU President David Gregory will be at Blaby Baptist church, 1.30 – 4pm. If you missed him when he came to ABC recently, then be sure to catch him at Blaby – an excellent message.
Thurs. 18 th	Community Lunch Club.
Sat. 20 th	SIGMA - FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT. 6 – 7.30p. Evening starts with Hot dogs and cake !
Thurs. 25 th	The Open House.
Sun. 28 th	Messy Church at Gilmorton Est. 4.30pm Leicester Baptists in Mission CELEBRATION PRAISE, 6.30pm at Robert Hall Baptist Church, speaker Arthur Brown.
Mon. 29 th	Deacons' Meeting.
Thurs. 1 st . Nov.	Community Lunch Club.

Advance Notices:

Sat. 10 th Nov.	EMBA DAY at Mansfield Rd. Baptist Church.
Sat. 1 st . Dec.	Christmas Market

Church Family News

We send our love and support to those in residential care, Ruth Hopkins and Paul Onions. Both are comfortable and would love a visit any time.

Please remember Annette Johnson in your prayers, her friend Joyce died recently, and only months after another very dear friend passed away very suddenly. We pray God's comfort for Annette and all who mourn.

Congratulations to our young people on their GCSE results – Cameron, Benjamin, Nicholas, Daniel, Ben – all can now go on to their chosen higher education choices.

Emmanuel Pandala has gained excellent results in his A-levels and has gained a place at University in London to do Business Studies. May God bless him as he moves away from home.

It was lovely to see many of our University Students home at different times over the summer. God bless them as their new terms start.

Please also remember in your prayers the children in our fellowship who are starting school for the first time, and those moving to Senior schools – a nerve-wracking time for children (and mums!).

Congratulations to Stan Mackley who has been awarded an Honoured Citizen Award by the Lord Mayor.

The elderly woman sitting in the hospital ward where I work smiled graciously at all comers, and was very much a lady despite her wandering mind.

"Mary", I remarked one day as I tended her, "I hope I grow old as gracefully as you."

She looked directly at me through her gold-rimmed spectacles and advised, "Start now, dear".

Aylestone 2018

What a wonderful day! Fabulous weather, lots of happy people having a great time!

On Sunday 1st July members from Aylestone Baptist, St Andrew's and St Edward's Churches held a fourth family fun day 'Aylestone 2018' in Aylestone Hall Gardens

After an open- air morning service in the Park, the activities began.

Shortly after they started Emma from Radio Leicester arrived as part of their 'Clueless' event – looking for a clue! She found it on the Rodeo Bull and went off to Anstey for the next clue.



Attractions included Bouncy Castle, bouncy slide, football shoot-out, rodeo bull, face painting, and during the day various activities – football relay, Children's games, Have a go bowls, Petanque [Boules].





There was food [subsidised so all could afford!] and ice creams and many folk had brought a picnic to enjoy eating in the park, as the weather was so good.



At the 'stage' area a brass band played two sessions, there was a dance display and Zumba to join in.



The Churches had an information stall and two of our local youngsters who are going on overseas community projects next year had a stall to help raise funds for their trips.

We estimate that over 1000 people came through the park during the day. The day was free thanks to a very generous grant from the Leicester City Council Aylestone Ward Community Fund. People were invited to make a donation to charity, and we were able to give donations to Rainbows Children's Hospice, a South African football charity which works with very deprived youngsters, and small donations to the two youngsters towards their trips. We had very many expressions of gratitude from the local people who attended – and a request to repeat it again in 2020!.



BAPTISMS

It was a wonderfully joyful service on Sunday 29th July when Victoria Adu-Gyamfi and Joseph Elliott were Baptised, and also different in that Victoria is currently living and studying in Ghana, and Joseph in America.

Unbeknown to each other, both chose to come back to ABC to be baptised on the only Sunday that fitted in with study. May God continue to bless them. The Rev. Craig Sweeny-Essex preached and, together with our Youth Minister, Graham Hill, baptised the young people.

VICTORIA

Victoria said that she felt the past was the past, and for her testimony sang a beautiful song:

*If I was a rainbow, I'd show my colours for You,
And if I was a songbird, I'd sing my song for You.
And If You take the sun and the moon,
Take away the stars at night,
Your faithful Word will always be my light.*

*Beautiful, such a miracle,
That You should give up Heaven just for me.
All I wanna do, is fall more in love with You;
This world doesn't own me any more,
And one thing that I do know for sure
Your faithful Word will always be my light.*

(Lenny LeBlanc)



(Victoria thanks the fellowship for the continuing love and prayers, and assurance that she always has a home here in this fellowship)

JOSEPH



So how did I come to be here today? As you all know I've been brought up in the church from a very young age and sort of knew no different. Music has always been the way that God touched me and my first real experience that I can remember was at spring harvest when I was about 11. We were in the young people's seminar and all of a sudden whilst a song was being played by the band I felt very weak and broke down and started crying and I was immediately surrounded by group leaders who started to pray for me. Then through my teenage years to early adulthood I really lost touch with my faith and was never really that interested for a

few years. Certain things started to come into my life which really steered me away from my faith and I felt like I didn't know the way back. 12 months ago I left to start a life in America and experienced a new side to Christianity. Through an organisation put in place by the university directed at Christian student athletes and the influence of my girlfriend Rylee, I realised that God is there and that He is so much bigger than I am. I felt that God was calling me to go and restart my journey through Him. He started to redirect my life and I almost felt like wherever I went I had a presence by my side. Then one night alone in the dorm I felt a presence with me and like before I broke down into tears but as I lay on my back in bed I felt like someone was hugging me and it reassured me that all that's happened in my life is in the past and that all the pressure and weight I had on my shoulders would be lifted. Then I realised that by being baptised I had an opportunity to make things right with God and to start afresh with His guidance. I always knew that He was there to protect and guide me but I sort of ran away and pushed Him aside. Philippians 4:14 says "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me". So here I am today, ready for a new start.

(Joe would also like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and gifts. And for the love and support from ABC over the years.)

HOLIDAY CLUB 2018-Incredible Journeys



This year's holiday club theme was Incredible Journeys, so the church was all dressed up with a round the world theme, including some big scenes outside, thanks to Duncan. The church & dens were really inspiring & got everyone in the mood.



Each group was named after a country this year: Holland, South Africa, Egypt, Germany, Australia, St Kitts, Ghana, England, Norway & America. We are so fortunate to have so many helpers who have experience of other countries & could share their experiences & some language! It was wonderful to have Victoria & Lois Adu-Gyamfi visiting from Ghana & being involved.

We had over 130 children sign up. The children were so well behaved & just loved everything that they did. They were all kept so busy they didn't have time to think about getting up to mischief!

Each morning began with a short group time, followed by a time together in the church for singing & watching short films about Abraham, the Israelites in the wilderness, Jesus entering Jerusalem & Paul; all focussing on their Incredible Journeys. After that the morning flew by with two more group times, crafts &



outdoor activities. The bouncy slide continues to be the favourite, but the children also enjoyed the games sessions led by Cameron & Benjy, the sand & water, parachute games, sack races, basketball & giant Jenga. The morning finished off with more singing & the usual silly drama... the



kids loved it as usual & booed & cheered in all the right places! Thank you to Stan, Lucy, Sarah & Chloe for being such good sports.

Friday night was our final session, with the children parading on with their countries flag & a craft that they had made & singing songs for their parents. This was followed by a BBQ without an actual barbeque! Thanks to all those who helped this run more smoothly this year! The weather was fantastic for us again this year and the food

soon disappeared. This is always a great opportunity to meet parents in the community and there certainly were a lot of people there that have never attended a church event before.

I would like to thank all of those who put in so much work before & during the week, there were almost 50 volunteers this year! It was particularly great to see our teen helpers maturing & taking on more responsibilities under the guidance of the more mature & experienced leaders. I couldn't do it without such a dedicated team who work hard & support me as well as giving the kids the most fantastic week of fun. I would also like to thank Duncan, Ben, Cameron & Stan who helped with decorating the inside & outside of the church & putting gazebos up etc. Thanks also to Keith who did a fantastic job on the sound desk & to Lee who set the AV stuff up for us & Mike for the fabulous publicity & printing. This year it was a struggle coming up to the week with several hurdles to jump, with God's help & much prayerful support we got there in the end! In fact, I think it was one of the best ever. I enjoyed the week so much & I hope everyone else did too!

Beth Ellis ☺



FRIDAY NIGHT has a NEW LOOK !!

Following discussions with the deacons and church meeting, the Youth Club will no longer run on a Friday night – to be replaced by :

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT.

This evening is open to all ages, the format being:

Worship time,
Table tennis, snooker, air hockey etc.
Computer games, board games etc.
Chat and food.

This will be a time for the Church family of all ages to be together with time to get to know each other, for the children and young people to interact, and hopefully a place to bring new people as an introduction to the church fellowship.

Launching in early Autumn – keep an eye on the weekly news sheet! And please come along and support it

Graham Hill.

Ooops...

As church secretary, I soon learned to be very careful when typing the weekly bulletin.

One announcement was supposed to read: "This Thursday the Ladies Group begins looking at "Study of the Bible".

But what I had typed was. "This Thursday the Ladies Group begins looking at "Studs of the Bible."



Church Building Improvements

In July the new suspended ceiling in the Sanctuary was installed. It certainly gives a different look to the church, and will no doubt make it warmer when the inevitable cold winter hits. Thanks to Stan for overseeing the work that was done.



Refurbished Prayer Room.

Over the summer, thanks to Ben, Roxanne and Lee, the prayer room is being refurbished and will be a beautiful and tranquil space. In particular, when anyone requests prayer after Sunday Service, this will be a quiet room to talk and pray, but we hope anyone who wishes to get together with small prayer groups, will use this room.

About computers....

It isn't easy being the parent of a six-year-old today. However, it's a small price to pay to have someone round the home who understands computers!

On a business course I was teaching a girl became upset when she accidentally erased a whole day's work. "Computers are extremely efficient machines", consoled her classmate, "you can spend hours saving time with them."

HOLIDAY@HOME (for the 3rd Age) 2018

Three days in August saw the church buzzing with 3rd Age Fun!

Tuesday 14th and 40 folks arrived promptly for coffee and table quizzes. A little brain stimulation left everyone ready for a lunch of steak pie and veg. followed by chocolate and strawberry gateau.



The afternoon was spent with leisurely crafts and lots of chatting. Thanks to Shirley for directing the Flower arranging, and Julie for painting boxes and glass, to Wendy and Stan for pressed flower bookmarks and wooden memo boards. A very fruitful afternoon, which finished off with sandwiches and cakes.

Wednesday again saw the table quiz challenge, followed by lunch of chicken and veg, with apple and blackberry pie and custard for dessert.

The afternoon was spent watching Judy Dench as the queen in 'Victoria and Abdul', and a goody bag of sweets to munch through the film.

Tea of sandwiches and cakes was enjoyed before home time.



Thursday was a trip to Nottingham for a 3 hour lunchtime cruise on the Nottingham Prince boat. 53 folks enjoyed this trip. The new reception centre made a comfortable coffee stop before we boarded the boat. Lunch of roast beef (or vegetarian option) followed by apple pie and custard and a cup of tea, was efficiently served as we sailed down the River Trent, after which, as the sun came out, just to stand or sit on the outside area and enjoy the scenery. We are very grateful to Leicester City Council for funding this trip, it made a wonderful ending to the Holiday@Home.



Over the three days 65 “3rd Age” folks came along to enjoy one or more of the sessions. Recently a report on the TV stated that loneliness was a killer worse than smoking 20 a day. It was good to get people together, some of whom spend long days alone, and in being together new relationships are formed.

Once again many thanks to the volunteers who set up, prepared the meals etc. and without whom this would not be possible.

WHAT'S ON for 3rd AGE in Sept & Oct.

Lunch Club

Thurs. Sept. 20th

Thurs. Oct. 4th / 18th

Thurs. 1st November.

Church open from 11am, meal served at 12.45, all welcome to share in the meal and good fellowship and friendship.



The Open House



Thurs. Sept. 13th / 27th

Thurs. Oct. 11th / 25th.

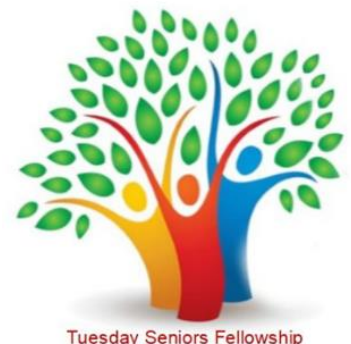
Church open from 11am – 2pm, for board games, knitting, chatting, and a light meal. Open to all.

Tuesday Group

Tuesday Sept. 11th / 25th

Tuesday Oct. 9th / 23rd.

From 11 – 2pm, meeting to look at the Bible, share together, and have a meal. You don't have to be a Bible scholar to come along, just be interested to know more. Be assured of a warm welcome.



How do we pray?

The last few months have seen many disasters around the world, collapse of a bridge, volcanos erupting, earthquakes, wildfires, continuing conflicts in Syria and Yemen, unrest in many countries, and sometimes we feel so overwhelmed we don't know where to start with our prayers. Here is some advice taken from the book "Dirty Glory" by Pete Grieg (a book well worth reading):

1. People Afflicted: We ask God to comfort those who suddenly find their lives torn apart by grief, loss, fear and trauma.
2. Pastors and Priests: We ask God to give courage to church leaders, seeking to bring Christ's presence and hope in the midst of trauma and profound questions of pain.
3. Peacemakers, politicians and police: We ask God to give clarity and wisdom to government agencies and NGOs, blessing and supporting their efforts to bring justice, reconciliation and aid.

Pray the 3 Ps in a disaster:

- 1) People afflicted: Comfort
 - 2) Pastors: Courage.
 - 3) Peacemakers: clarity.
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BMS BIRTHDAY SCHEME

In aid of Medical Missionary Work.

Happy Birthday and thank you to:

Sept. 9 th	Elaine Robinson
" 12 th	Dorothy Mackley
" 18 th	Mike Bland
" 24 th	Julie Lovatt
" 26 th	Ben Blackford
" 26 th	Daniel Blackford
Oct. 4 th	Beth Ellis
" 5 th	Shirley Gray
" 12 th	Rachel Draper
" 20 th	David German
" 24 th	Kirstie Sayer
" 25 th	Kate Chapman



Sigma Garden Party

It is nine years since Dorothy and Stanley set up the Sigma charity with Rev'ds Yesupadam and Sanjeeva from Calvary Baptist Church in Akividu, India. In that time over £60 000 has been raised for the amazing ministry in that town and its surrounding area. Dorothy and Stan have made two mission trips there, and a number of the family, all involved in the ministry have visited us here at Aylestone. The money we raise goes towards supporting the Christian ministry and outreach programmes, many Children's programmes, relief programmes particularly in the annual monsoon months when floods occur each year. This year's floods, as you may have seen, have been very bad in India.

Some of the money raised over the years has paid for the building of a shelter in a small settlement of 'untouchables' who are unbelievably poor – living in grass huts with no water, no electricity, no sanitation – nothing!

The Calvary Baptist Church meets in the upstairs 'prayer hall' of the building where some of the family live. The only two toilets are in the living quarters – so imagine what happens when, at major events – when often over 3000 people come to outdoor services in land next to the Church. So one of the aims for our fundraising is to build some toilets.

We raise funds in a number of ways – we have some regular givers, others give what and when they can. We sell cakes & jam at Open House, run Quiz nights, fun days and an annual Garden Party – which this year took place on Sat. 25th August. We raised about £600 on the day, including generous donations. We are registered with HMRC for the recovery of gift aid and this increases our income substantially.



We are so very grateful to all those who support in so many ways. If you would like any more information on how you can support – please see Dorothy or Stan – thanks. **Next event : FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT – Sat. October 20th 6pm.**



Harvest Fruits & Veggies Word Search

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 Broccoli
 Carrots
 Cherry
 Coconut
 Tomatoes
 Potato
 Squash
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 Corn
 Grapes
 Eggplant
 Beans
 Watermelon
 Mango



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Weekly & Fortnightly Activities

Sunday

10.00am Morning Service / Junior Church / Crèche Facilities
Communion: The third Sunday of each month

Monday

7.30pm Prayer Meeting

Tuesday

9.30am Babes & Toddlers Club
11.00am Seniors Bible Study (Fortnightly)
5.00pm Urban Saints (5pm, 6pm & 7.15pm / Boys & Girls Club from Ages 4 – 18)

Wednesday

7.30pm Gateway Club

Thursday

11.00am The Open House. 3rd Age. For the 50's and over age group. (Fortnightly)
11.00am Community Lunch Club (Fortnightly / Alternate week to Open House)
6.30pm Thursday Young People's Meeting
7.30pm House Groups

Friday

7.00pm Church Family Night



Loop System Installed



Wheel Chair Access



WC Facilities

Church Membership, Baptism, Infants Dedication, Weddings, Funerals, House Groups, Urban Saints, Community Lunch Club, Babes & Tots Club, Youth Club & The Open House.

To find out more about church membership, Baptism, etc. or any of the activities

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