



All Saints' Church

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Sunday 19th July

9.45am Morning Worship led by David White

Readings

Romans 8 vv 12-25
Matthew 13 vv 24-30, 36-43

Hymns

328 Jesus shall reign, where'er the sun
439 Abba, Father let me be
504 May the mind of Christ my Saviour
568 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Thought for the week: Rural Mission Sunday

At the heart of the Christian story is a God who notices the overlooked. Jesus consistently drew the margins into the centre, celebrating the faithfulness of the widow's offering and the everyday service of the worker in the field. When we pause to acknowledge and thank the people who offer care in our rural communities, we are participating in this divine ministry of recognition, which honours the image of God in our neighbours and reveals the Spirit of God whispering in the fabric of village and community life to bring about the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

For more information, please visit arthurrankcentre.org.uk

Blessings, Caroline

Eucharist at 9.30am continues on Tuesday mornings. All welcome. There will be no Morning Prayer on Tuesday 21st July and no Evening Prayer on Friday 24th July.

“Coffee, Chat and Play”: everyone is welcome to enjoy some fellowship and time together from 10 - 11.30am on Tuesday mornings in the Lower Hall. This will be our last meeting before the summer break.

Garden news: we are very grateful to those who keep the church gardens looking so lovely (and productive) throughout the year. There are always jobs to be done and different ways to get involved in caring for our plot. Some of the tasks are now listed on a sheet available on the table at the front of church so please take a look and add your name if you can help in any way, or would simply like to find out more.

John Malcolm’s funeral will be on **Tuesday 28th July** at 11.30am at St Lawrence in Nettleden. Please see the link for more details: <https://www.dignityfunerals.co.uk/funeral-notice/20-06-2026-john-graham-malcolm/>

Stewardship Sunday: please see the letter from Revd Caroline on the next page.

Service streaming: the link to watch the service on Sundays is:
<https://www.youtube.com/@Allsaintshp4/live>

Dear friends at All Saints',

Stewardship Sunday 2026

The leadership team agreed that it would be helpful to spend a Sunday morning focusing on God's call to be good stewards of all we have received. Jesus tells us that we must love God and love our neighbours as we love ourselves. This is the heart of Christian discipleship and it leads to careful reflection on how we use God's gifts.

Stewardship is often thought of in three ways:

- Time: what time can we give to helping others, through the church or other organisations, or amongst our own families and friends?
- Talents: what gifts do we recognise within ourselves that could be used to share God's goodness and to make Christ known?
- Treasure: what material resources are we able to share, remembering Christ's teaching 'freely you have received, freely give'?

For each of us, the answers will be different, because God has blessed us in different ways. Churches serve God best when people bring a whole mix of resources – time to pray or do the garden, talents to preach or paint, treasure to give generously from the bank or from the cake cupboard. No-one can do everything, but everyone can do something, and the Lord loves a cheerful giver!

We shall explore some of this gently at our service on **26th July**, when we shall also share the Holy Communion together, celebrating Jesus' gift of himself in the bread and wine. I look forward to being with you,

Every blessing,

Caroline

Prayer Requests

For: Jonathan and Ann Hayes; Helen and Sarah; Marion and Julian; Audrey and Paul Cox; Mark, Nicola and family; Terry; Heather Gifford; Ida; Penny; James; Doug Billington; for John Malcolm who has died, and for all his family and friends;

We pray for the people of Venezuela following two large earthquakes that they may receive the support they need very quickly;

We pray for all those affected by the Ebola outbreak and those working on a vaccine;

We pray for the people of Iran and for the hearts and minds of those who are causing so many deaths to be changed in accordance with your command 'Love one another';

We pray that the ceasefire in Gaza will lead to a lasting peace;

We pray for our neighbours throughout the world whose lives have been changed by the events in Israel, Palestine and Lebanon, and pray especially for all those who have lost loved ones and homes due to the conflict. We pray too for all aid workers who have died or been injured while trying to bring supplies to those in need and for their families.

We pray too for those who are caught up in war in other parts of the world, including Sudan and Ukraine and for those facing the threat of starvation in the ongoing hostilities;

We also pray for:

All who are refugees, especially those who are not receiving help to rebuild their lives in safety;

We pray that the issue of climate change may not be forgotten and all the nations may act to secure the safety of our world. We pray too for all whose lives have been badly affected by climate changes in the areas where they live.

We pray that all MPs may serve their constituents and country with integrity and care for all they represent.

We continue to pray for the children and their families of our church and town and all who work in the NHS; Social Services and the charities who are supporting the sick or frail;

We pray for those who are helped by Embrace the Middle East, Karibuni Children; the Leprosy Mission; Phakamisa, DENS; the Way Inn; the Swan Youth Project and for all those who work in these organisations.

We continue to pray for those whose need is ongoing:

Julia Wright; Corinne & William; Gary Andersen; Charlie; Graham Rule; Clare Hancock; Valerie Ruddock; Jenny Wells; Marnie Taylor; Lesley Whittaker; Chris Billington; Jean Emsall



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