

Dear all

Discover All Saints: A Free Afternoon of Community, History, and Music

On 19th September, from 2pm to 4pm, All Saints is throwing its doors open for a special Open Afternoon. Completely free of charge, this event is a fantastic opportunity to explore everything our vibrant parish has to offer, with activities evenly split between the bustling community hub of our church hall and the rich heritage of the church itself.

A major highlight of the afternoon will be discovering what happens here week in and week out. Come to the hall to find out about our local groups and activities. The space will be filled with representatives from our many regular weekday clubs, who will be setting up displays and advertising their schedules. Whether you are looking to learn a new skill, meet neighbours, or find a fresh hobby, the hall is the perfect place to experience the thriving community spirit that keeps our parish busy throughout the entire year.

Meanwhile, over in the historic main building, there is just as much to experience. We invite you to step inside and explore the vibrant musical life of the congregation. Come to the church to have a go at bellringing and find out about our church choir. If you have ever been curious about the mechanics of the bells or want to hear more about joining our musical traditions, our friendly members will be ready to give you a hands-on introduction.

The church is also a treasure trove of local Whitstable history, holding deep connections to the acclaimed author W. Somerset Maugham and Wynn Ellis, the famous Member of Parliament who lived at Whitstable Castle. To bring this fascinating past to life, I will be hosting a special history talk and a short, guided walk around our beautiful churchyard from 2.30pm to 3pm. Please meet inside the church if you would like to join this session. While the talk and the entire afternoon are free, any voluntary donations to support All Saints are always warmly welcome.

Mark your calendars for 19th September. Whether you spend your time browsing the group stalls in the hall or exploring the historic church, we look forward to welcoming you!

Simon

PRAYER POINTERS FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday 14th September Continue to pray for the situation in the Middle East, praying for an end to conflict.

Tuesday 15th September Pray for our Open Afternoon happening on Saturday and for the success of our outreach into our community.

Wednesday 16th September Pray for all those in our community who face financial and emotional challenges, that God will uphold them.

Thursday 17th September Pray for our church as we prepare for Simon and Cathy to move to Lenham. Pray for the vacancy that lies ahead.

Friday 18th September Let us continue to bring the people of Ukraine before the Lord, praying for endurance and a just end to this fifth year of conflict.

Saturday 19th September Pray for our Harvest Outreach weekend taking place next weekend

Sunday 26th September Pray for our services today, that we would encounter the Lord and be transformed by His call on our lives.