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The Parish News Sheet of All Hallows Church

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Sunday Services

10:00 Morning Worship
6:30 Evening Worship

For Years 1-6
Mondays
3:30ish-5:00pm
(16th, 23rd & 30th April)



Breakfast
at the
Church

Tuesdays 8:00-
10:00am
(17th & 24th
April)

Parent And Toddler Church

Wednesdays 10:00-11:30am
(18th & 25th April)

For Years 7+
Thursdays
7:30-9:00pm
(19th, 26th April)

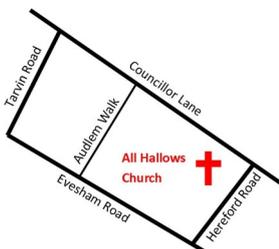


The last Thursday
of the month
12:30-2:00pm
(26th April)

Fridays 10:00am-Midday
In the church foyer
(6th, 13th, 20th & 27th
April)



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Hope is Alive

You might sometimes hear people say lines such as 'Well, I know lots of really nasty Christians.'

When I hear that I want to ask the person how many actual followers of Jesus they really know and what percentage of them are really 'nasty'. But, anyway, I think it is just a line some people like to use.

I also see a clear misunderstanding which this line comes from - that Christians view themselves as being good people, compared to everybody else.

Actually, a Christian is somebody who follows Jesus and seeks to become more like him. In church we admit to God that we still keep messing it up. We don't want to, we want to live better, but we are not perfect. And so, we ask God to forgive us and help us to be better.

A Christian is on a life journey, seeking to become more like Jesus. But, we will each get it wrong some of the time.

So, why do I say this? Because actually I think that there are lots and lots of people across our society like that. There are lots of people who have a deep down dissatisfaction with themselves. (On the other hand, those who think they are absolutely fine need a better sense of self-awareness.)

We are all broken people in some way. We all get it wrong. We all hurt and upset other people, including those in the world who we love the most.

And the Christian faith and our gatherings at church are not for good and perfect people. If that was the case then our services would be empty every week.

Church is for people who keep messing it up, for people who are sorry and for people who feel unworthy. Church is also for the arrogant and for those who are too self-assured. Church is for those struggling with addictions, or not. Church is for people of any gender, race, age, sexuality, ethnicity,



political opinion etc. Church is for single parents, married parents, or non-parents. Church is for the popular people and the outcasts. Church is for imperfect people like me and you - as we try to work out how to be more like Jesus in our day and age.

But, there is good news in this. We do not need to wallow in our sense of sin and shame. Jesus died so that we can be forgiven - if we turn to him for that forgiveness.

Then Jesus rose again and because Jesus is alive pain, suffering and sin do not need to be the way it all ends. Jesus can help us to become better people; more like him.

If you don't feel worthy of coming to church, then why not come and join all of the other people there who are equally unworthy? You are always welcome!

Rev Paul Cumming