

REGULAR ACTIVITIES at ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

SERVICES

SUNDAY 10am Morning Service
with groups for children (Church)
SUNDAY 6.30pm Evening Service (less formal service in the Hall)
CAFÉ CHURCH 6.30pm on 2nd Sunday each month
THURSDAY 11am Holy Communion (side chapel)
7.30pm Ascent Prayer 4th Thursday each month (Lounge)

CHILDREN & YOUTH

PANDA for parents, carers & toddlers: **Mon & Tues 10am to 11.30am**
EXPLORERS for Reception to Year 3 **Tuesdays 3.45pm to 5pm**
IGNITE for Years 4 to 6 **Tuesdays 6.30pm to 8pm**
TUESDAY TEENS **Tuesdays 7.30pm to 9pm**

WOMEN

CHRISTIAN LIFE GROUP Bible study for women of all ages:
Tuesdays 1.20pm to 2.30pm
WOMEN'S BREAKFAST, AROMA for women of all ages:
2nd Saturday in month 8.45am to 10.30am

MEN

MEN'S BREAKFAST, J21:12, for men of all ages
1st Saturday in the month at 8am

RETIRED

TABLE TALK for all, includes lunch at **12.30pm** (if ordered) on **2nd & 4th Wednesday** each month and includes tea at **2pm** on **1st & 3rd Wednesday** each month

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WELCOME to ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, EASTBOURNE GRAPEVINE EXTRA

August 2018—September 2018
giving you all the up-to-date news of what is happening
in All Saints' Church

Welcome to the All Saints' Church family. If you are new please do not hesitate to make yourself known to me or one of the staff team. If you have any questions the welcome team will be happy to help. Please help yourself to one of the welcome leaflets at the entrance to the Church and Centre. *Yours in Christ, Robert*

HOPE EXPLORED - Robert Lovatt

When I became a Christian a vital element in my own story was hearing two lads the same age as me, at an outreach event at Christchurch Cockfosters in North London, speak of having a personal relationship with Jesus. I never knew such a thing was possible and those few words cemented a line of thought that led me to come to Christ. I came to faith aged 17 and have never regretted that decision.



To witness we don't need to say a lot. We don't need to preach sermons or come up with polished words. Simply speaking of the reality of what it means to follow Christ is all that may be needed to sow something vital in a person's heart. A tiny mustard seed can bring forth a large plant.

The word of God has astonishing power to change a person's heart. When the word of God is sown the parable of the sower would suggest there is always good soil. There will always be some who hear about Jesus and grow 30-fold, 60-fold and a hundred fold. There will of course be disappointments.

With our month of outreach in September we have a wonderful opportunity to introduce people to Jesus. I very much hope we can all contribute to help this month be a success. We will be speaking of the hope we have in Christ to a world that is spiritually in need.

It would be good if each of us could be praying about who we could bring. Seek God for the opportunities to invite people and support the events that are planned.

It is said that one factor that helped bring Billy Graham to a mission event was being asked to drive the bus. He was pleased to be asked

to do that and as a consequence was to hear something that changed him, and through him, millions of others. May something similar happen in our own time.

WELCOME TO JON & GABBY HAINES

picture by *Kathryn Anderson*

About 25 of us from All Saints' travelled on a very hot Saturday in June to Chichester Cathedral to experience a well-organised and very moving Ordination Service where eleven young men and women were ordained by the Bishop and were charged to 'speak God's word to the people, build them up in the truth and serve them in His name'. May you, Jon, and your family have some very happy and valuable years with us here at All Saints'.



TEACHING IN CHILE - Michael Saxby

In a recent edition of '*Speak Life Daily*', Ian Milmine wrote about his life in Chile, in particular, the capital Santiago. He mentioned the hill known as San Cristobal, which I knew well, but he graciously did not say it is also the haunt of certain other groups of people. So, how come that I know it well? Well, I should do as I did a lot of teaching at several universities in Chile.

I had worked for several years as the manager of a food laboratory in Surrey, undertaking analyses for food firms throughout the world, when I had to take early retirement. Subsequently I was invited by an Argentinean professor at Surrey University to give a lecture at the opening of a new chemistry department at a university on Santiago. That led to invitations for some seven consecutive years to teach at several universities for periods of 4 to 6 weeks. In two occasions Shirley was also able to

DO PICTURES SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS? - Andy Anderson

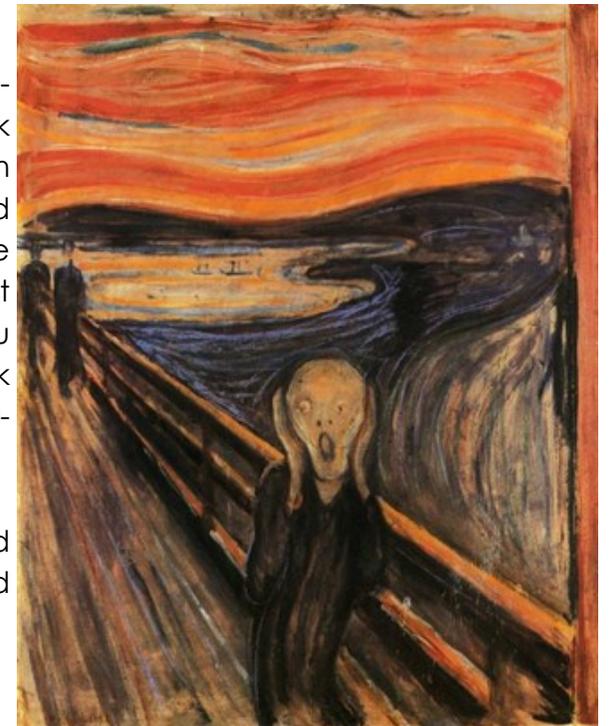
Well that's what this year's Lent Course appeared to be saying. The stand out picture for me was *The Scream* by Edvard Munch, at first sight a portrait of utter despair, of hopelessness and let's be honest, we could all put ourselves in place of the poor soul lost in the darkness of the painting.

But look deeper, there is hope in this picture, yes the foreground looks bleak, but look into the background.

Don't those masts look like crosses, to remind us that Jesus died for us? Are the two figures depicting the Father and the Holy Spirit to assure us that no matter where we are, the Trinity is right there with us? And the sky, not a sunset but a sunrise, the light of the world.

Where are you today? Are you in a dark place with head in hands? Have you turned your back on God? Be assured that He is right behind you, He loves you and He wants to walk with you through your trials and tribulations.

I am encouraged by this picture, you should be too.



contact with others from Church. If that's it then who can you ask to pray for you when you face difficulties? Who's going to give you a call when you've missed Church a few times in a row? It's easy to see how people drift away or spontaneously announce they're getting divorced when nobody knew of any problems.

I've made it my mission to get to know the All Saints' men in their 20s 30s and 40s. What is interesting is that everyone has thought the idea of meeting up with other men is a good one. This gave birth to 'ASBO', a 'WhatsApp' group where we can plan get-togethers, share prayer requests and mock one another (as is the traditional method for British men to show affection to one another). We've met up twice now, each time enjoying good food and having opportunities to share and pray about the things on our minds. It is amazing how one person's experience is usually similar to that of others and talking through things helps. I've come away feeling encouraged and supported as a Christian and I think this can only be good for our wellbeing, our marriage, our family and in building our Church.



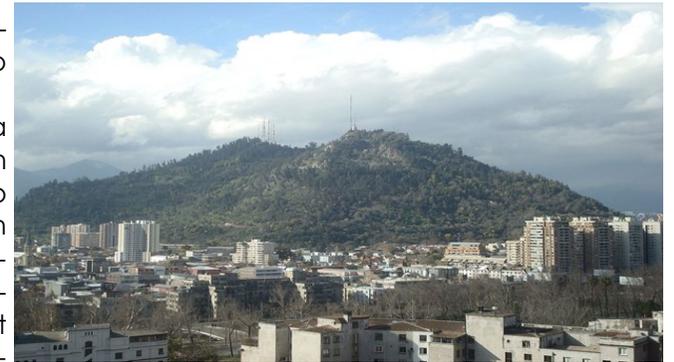
A few weeks ago we had a 'dads and kids' breakfast where six men from outside the Church joined us and wanted more opportunities to meet. My feeling is that ASBO is a good starting point to help youngish All Saints' men feel part of

our community and to get more involved. My hope is that this will help us reach out to others and welcome more men into All Saints.

Not exactly 'rocket science' and far from the only opportunity for fellowship our Church offers but I think men, in particular, need a helping hand (shove) in the right direction sometimes.

come and that allowed us to get to know Chile quite well.

Santiago is a Western-style city, with an extensive Metro and bus system, which gave me the opportunity to travel to places of interest and visit museums. I even borrowed a bicycle and cycled around the city. I lived in a self-contained flat and had access to a kitchen which meant I could cook my own meals. It was really delightful to buy fresh fruit, vegetables and fish from an extensive market next to the river. Fortunately, the water from a mains tap is quite safe to drink, unlike many other South American countries.



Within a 20 minute walk I could reach an English speaking church, mostly made up of a congregation of 'ex-pats' and British people who had been born in Chile. Chile is normally a Roman Catholic country, but there are many opportunities to tell people about Jesus. All Saints' Day is a public holiday, when families visit the graves of ancestors. On one such occasion, the members of the English church went off into the country in cars to a restaurant and I went with them. At one stop I talked to a member of the church, but as we discussed various matters, I began to doubt her understanding of the Bible. I asked her if she knew Jesus as her Saviour, to which she replied, 'No'. This gave me the opportunity to lead her to know Jesus as Saviour. Elsewhere I had been introduced to a Peruvian girl who was studying at the Catholic University and spoke very good English. She had an English surname because her grandfather was British and taught her the language. I asked about her Roman Catholicism and whether it taught Jesus as the Saviour of the world. Once again she was eager to receive Jesus into her heart. I wish it were that easy to bring people to faith in England!

FESTIVAL OF HOPE - JUNE 2018 - Sue Walker

The days were HOT. Perhaps a little too hot. The helpers were hot, the flowers were hot and, even, the butter was feeling a little squidgy. But despite the heat everything was as perfect as possible.



The art and craft exhibits were stunning. Painting, crochet, knitting, embroidery, weaving, sculpture, lace, photography, **even a breath taking, decorated cake**; the hours of skilled and patient work on display was quite humbling. Who knew that person could paint such a picture, or this person could do such embroidery? God has blessed All Saints' with wonderfully gifted people.



Added to the exhibits were flowers arranged to enhance the colours and shapes on display. Here was the blue and white of Eastbourne pier and there a colourful jacket wearing an Ascot hat. Some arrangements stood alone allowing the beauty of the flowers to speak for itself. The church looked joyful and welcoming.

Nestled among the arrangements were bible verses to reflect the theme of 'Hope'. These wonderful and uplifting truths were there for all to read and ponder.

Everyone who came enjoyed the displays, the company, the cakes and scones and the ploughman's lunches and the atmosphere of calm and quiet enjoyment. All Saints' is very accomplished at delivering excellent refreshments.

The attendance was down a little on similar previous events; the hot weather, the sporting calendar, coinciding fetes and open days, who knows? But costs were covered and a small profit made enabling a donation to the bell fund, a reimbursement to the catering budget and an enhancement of the flower fund.

Thank you, one and all, who contributed, worked so hard and supported the Festival of Hope.



ASBO? - Peter Cooper

The "All Saints' Bunch of Outcasts" (sounds anarchic), The "All Saints Brotherhood Order" (sounds dangerous). I have desperately tried to crowbar in 'ASBO' as an acronym for a men's groups at All Saints'. Eventually the best but admittedly still feeble effort is 'All Saints Blokes Original'. Anyway the reason for wanting a name for a men's group at All Saints is that one has started. The reason it's called ASBO - purely mischievous.

A google search confirms my suspicion that men of my kind of age can be a lonely bunch, except they don't tend to be a bunch, which is why they can often be lonely. It's often a busy period of life with long working hours and young families. It's easy to lose touch with friends in these circumstances. Another google search, and a look around Church on Sundays, shows there are more women than men at British Churches and at All Saints' there are relatively few men in their 20s, 30s and 40s - but there are some!

It occurred to me that of this demographic, most at All Saints' don't know each other particularly well. I guess for most of us, we chat briefly to a few people at coffee after Church, but it's not the easiest time to talk about the things that really matter, certainly not if you have children to keep an eye on or if you've never previously spoken to your coffee buddy about anything deeper than what you're watching on Netflix. So it's a shame that with busy lives, this can be the only weekly