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This year's Glow Party went down a treat for all who attended - both kids and adults. Read all about it inside.

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## LIFE GROUP

Tim explains the plans for boys' ministry among the youth at All Saints', including a new life group and Monday-night football team.

### P7 - The Club Event



The Club event held over October half term attracted a capacity crowd of young and old alike!



## Community rewards 30 years of service

**If you have lived in the streets around All Saints' during the past 30 years, you may well know the familiar face of your local post woman.**

Jackie Lefevre has been serving a round of 562 houses in Preston-on-Tees since the early 1980s and on 22 October decided to hang up her post bag to begin a well earned retirement.



Members of the community she served were invited to take part in a surprise celebration for Jackie in All Saints' Centre on her last day at work. In all over 50 people from her round joined in an emotional presentation for her in which flowers, gifts and a cheque for £1,000 from collections were presented.

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The surprise celebration and presentation came about after Pemma Littlehales (pictured with Jackie, above) co-ordinated with John Lambert in writing a letter to each of the houses on Jackie's round. The response was fantastic, with many donations being received via Sandra Griffiths and collated by John Belmont.

In her years of service Jackie has performed many acts of kindness for the people on her round. She not only to ensured that they got their post, but also welcomed new babies, rejoiced with newly engaged and married couples, comforted the terminally ill and the bereaved, and waited with someone on her round who had been taken seriously ill until the paramedics arrived. She was sometimes on the receiving end of complaints about the deterioration in the postal service, but was never anything other than smiling and cheerful.

As well as being a great send off, All Saints' was able to offer hospitality to many people both on the day and when they called in to donate. Some of these people had never been to the Centre and didn't know coffee was available every week day.

## IN BRIEF

**Alan Farish** was licensed as a Canon in a special service at Durham Cathedral on Sunday 10 October.

**We need someone** to deliver In Touch to ten houses on Orchard Estate once a month. If you can help, please let us know!

**Half-term triggered** its usual transformation of All Saints' into a colourful hub of frenzied kids activities, with scores of mums, dads, and even grandparents as contented observers. Capacity crowds thronged the church and church centre for the highly popular holiday Club event on 27-28 October. Carefully structured for children up to about 11 years, the event was in full swing for two and a half hours each day and was again judged to have been hugely successful.

**All Saints' Young Adults** group have filled 12 shoeboxes for this year's Link Romania appeal. The group collected toys, toiletries, stationary and sweets to be delivered to families who will have very little this Christmas.

# 'Every Home' Vision – the next 12 months

**The Alpha invitations went out to every home in the parish in September. The course is underway and we pray for a fruitful outcome.**

So what's next? The Ministry Development Team met last month to plot out the programme for the next 12 months and this is what we will be up to between now and this time next year.

### Teaching and Training

- A preaching series on answering the five biggest objections to the Christian faith called "I Have a Friend Who..." (Evening services 14 November – 12 December 2010)

- A teaching series on sharing faith with friends called "Just Walk Across the Room" (Morning and Evening services 23 January – 13 February 2011). Ideally, Home Groups will coordinate their programme with this.

### Communication

- The Christmas Card to be delivered in December 2010 as usual.

- Three full colour leaflets with news of upcoming events at All Saints', testimonies etc to be delivered to every home in the parish in December 2010, March 2011 and June 2011

- Next Alpha invitation (September 2011).

- Leaflets with service times to be placed in local hotels etc.

### Events and Courses

- Evening with a high profile evangelist (Easter week 2011 – to be confirmed)

- Journeys Course to be run in a home

or homes (May 2011)

- Marriage Course to be run in the Centre (June-July 2011)

### Going Out and About

- American team to help with practical mission around the parish (May 2011)

- Parish questionnaire (October 2011)

You will be hearing a lot more about all this in due course.

Someone might ask "Aren't some of these events in-house? Isn't the vision about going out to the parish?" The answer is that it is both. But through increased contact with people in the parish (e.g. Big Ted is seeking permission to go out to local nurseries, the Children's ministry is starting home visits and I am aiming to visit every home in the parish within the 4 year time frame), we hope to personally invite people to come and see what God is doing amongst us.

Can I encourage you to pray faithfully and fervently for the year ahead that each and every one of the 1700 homes in our parish will know that All Saints' is a vibrant Christian community ready to:

- pray for them
- care for them practically and
- lead them to Jesus

**John Lambert.**




## Overwhelming Gift Day response

**We have had an incredible response to this year's Gift Day, which was held in October.**

In total, just over £7,000 was given (after Gift Aid was taken into account). From this, the decision has been made to place £2,000 into the planned Hardship Fund, and £5,000 towards kick-starting the four-year vision. This split will be confirmed in November's PCC meeting, whilst the Ministry Development Team meeting in November will look at prioritising the expenditure on the vision.

The PCC and staff team are naturally very grateful for all that has been given.

 Facebook Group  
All Saints' Preston on Tees

Why not join our Facebook group? Simply search for **All Saints' Preston-on-Tees** and you will find us.

# Glow Party 2010!



**Following hot on the heels of The Club event was the Glow Party, held on Sunday 31 October. Approximately 200 tickets were sold (apologies to those who didn't manage to get tickets - we needed to restrict numbers).**

The party got off to a lively start at 4.30pm with fun activities for all the family available throughout the church and Centre. Children (and some parents) loved the various craft activities, face painting, table tennis, snooker, PlayStations, toddler zone, and more!

Grownups enjoyed relaxing in the café area, knowing their children were safe and happy.

Popular as ever were the hot dogs, bacon buns, and the great selection of puddings and choc ices that kept everyone well fed.



Meanwhile, as I walked around I was delighted to meet many wonderful characters that you don't usually see in church. There was Snow White, Robin Hood, knights, and princesses galore, to name but a few! The difficult job of judging the fancy dress competition this year was bravely taken on by Carol Bridge.

At 5.45pm it was the turn of our puppet friends to entertain us. They performed four songs, all with a Gospel

message, including two songs using Blacklight

special effects. We also had surprise appearances from Snuffle Monster and Mr. Bible.

Nearly four hours, and lots of fun. Later, peace was once again restored, as all the guests left for home, having enjoyed and appreciated the Party.



I feel that such events are important opportunities for us to serve the families in our community, encourage 'family time', show the love of God in action, and help to build relationships which we pray will lead to adults and children wanting to know more about our Faith and our Church.

Neither of these events could have taken place without the wonderful team of hardworking, enthusiastic volunteers who helped out.

A HUGE Thank You to everyone who contributed in any way. You were an amazing team and a great support.  
God Bless,

**Jan Peters.**

## Cranmer students join us

**You may have noticed two new faces at services over the past couple of weeks. These are our new students have joined us from Cranmer Hall - Aian MacPherson and James Green.**

The pair are both studying as part of their ordination training and will be with us on placement until Easter. They are both living in Durham.

Aian, 26, is from Hull and is married to Kia. They

recently added a new member to their family when baby Nathanael was born in September.

James is 18. He is from the Lake District and, as the 6.30 congregation has already experienced, has a passion for leading worship.

During their time with us, Aian and James will be taking part in leading services, preaching, childrens and youth work, pastoral care, and the Alpha course. Please make them feel welcome.



# LIFE GROUP

## Boys get their own life group

It has been an incredible year in the

life of the youth work at All Saints' Church, and a big part of our work has been developing the individual boys' and girls' ministries. I'm hoping you will have read Kathryn's article in the October issue of In Touch about what is happening with both the girls who attend All Saints' Church and those who live in the local community.

It is my role to develop activities and opportunities for the boys to meet with Jesus, again both for those within our congregation and others with whom we have contact in Eaglescliffe.

We currently run a weekly youth club on Friday nights, a weekly drop-in and faith based club on Wednesday nights, and a weekly youth church which meets every Sunday. All of these events are of mixed gender.

To complement the two girls' life groups which began at the start of September, we are now launching a

boy-specific life group which will run every Monday. It will have the aim of bringing a smaller

group of boys together to learn about God and how to experience life to the full with God at the centre. I also want to give opportunity for these boys to learn and experience what it is to be a man of God and to help them understand what it means to be a son of God. We are going to eat together, play games, pray together, read the Word together, learn about respecting members of the opposite sex from friendships, relationships and even their own family members. We are going to go on trips together and spend time doing 'blokey stuff' – something that I will learn from too!

There is a small group of boys with whom we have had regular contact over this last year in particular, and have got to know them really well. We hope that we will see them either come into a relationship with Jesus or further develop their existing relationship over the coming months.

Life group is for boys in school years 7-9 and held every Monday (term time only) between 4-5:30pm.

**Tim Wye-Williams.**



All Saints Kings Academy

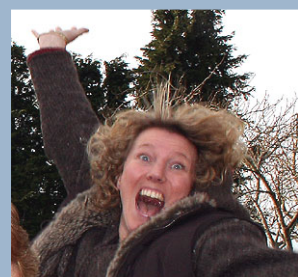
## Monday night football

Tim is also running a weekly football session at Teesside High School on Mondays.

He tells In Touch "I have been coaching football now for 13 years and am a qualified FA coach. Part of my long term dream is to run a football club that has kids teams complimenting adult teams with a club ethos based on Biblical principles."

Every week they will be playing in the school indoor sports hall during term time which will hopefully one day develop into a youth football team. If you would like to join in, the team is for boys in years 7-9 every Monday (term time only) 5:45-7pm. Meet at Teesside High School.

Tim adds "We appreciate your continued prayers for the youth work at All Saints' Church. Thank you".



## Hope bags for Halloween revellers

On the night of 31 October, after the Glow Party, Julia Taylor-Powell handed out "hope bags" to crowds in Preston Park who had gathered for Halloween.

The bags contained booklets provided by United Christian Broadcasters (UCB) for both children and adults, plus some sweets to enjoy. Julia told In Touch: "We were dressed all in white. It was like Jesus going into a dark place."

All of the bags went very quickly, with some people even coming up to ask for them.. Julia is planning to repeat this next year.

## Birthdays

9 November	Benjamin Lambert	Age: 13
17 November	Richard Brooks	Age: 13
21 November	Grace Cockburn	Age: 9

## Deanery newcomers on General Synod



(l-r) Rev. David Brooke, Anne Williams, and Canon Fran Wood

### Stockton Deanery achieved a double first in the 2010 elections for General Synod – the Church of England’s “Parliament.”

Elected from Durham Diocese for the first time are David Brooke, Area Dean who has oversight of the Stockton county parishes, and Canon Fran Wood, from St. John’s, Egglescliffe, former lay chair of Diocesan Synod for six years.

Re-elected from Durham Diocese is All Saints’ newest mission partner, Sister Anne Williams, based in Sunderland, who is Church Army training

development officer for the North-East. The other five elected from Durham Diocese are: Rev. Graeme Buttery, Rev. Dr. Meg Gilley, Ven. Ian Jagger, Dr. Angus Goudie and Dr. Jamie Harrison.

- As part of the process of electing a new Bishop of Durham there will be a public meeting for general discussion on Tuesday, 9 November, in Durham Johnson School, Crossgate Moor, at 7pm. The meeting will be chaired by the Dean of Durham and also present will be the Archbishops’ and Prime Minister’s appointments’ secretary. **Bill Cockcroft.**

## Littlehailes celebrate Golden Wedding

Many friends gathered at All Saints’ on the evening of October 29 to share in the Golden Wedding celebrations of John and Pemma Littlehailes.

The couple were married on October 29, 1960, at the Parish Church in Chalfont St. Peter, Buckinghamshire, where Pemma and her father were baptised. John’s work brought them to Teesside in 1972 and their Eaglescliffe home for 19 years was in The Avenue. They moved to their present home, Quarry Farm, 20 years ago.

Their family - four daughters and 13 grandchildren - met up at Quarry Farm on the weekend of 23-24 October to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary.

**Bill Cockcroft.**



## One World Week

**“Peacing together One World” – not a typo, a rather weak pun, but a great ambition: as great as creating the Kingdom of God on earth.**

Picture the scene: a pool of light in the North Transept of Durham Cathedral; candles in clusters round the base of the walls; shadows of the mighty pillars disappearing into the dark vault of the Nave; the voices of a group of worshippers singing the simple harmonies of Taizé chants, lightly accompanied by keyboard and a single recorder:

“ The Kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come Lord and open in us the gates of your Kingdom.”

The occasion was a service of prayer to mark One World Week 2010, when we prayed to ‘peace’ together one world. The date was 21 October when we remember the bloody battle of Trafalgar that supposedly heralded a very different sort of peace; the Pax Britannica, maintained for more than a century by force of arms. We are still struggling to maintain that form of ‘peace’ in all its escalating darkness and confusion. The service in Durham was a blessed pool of light in which those present could reconnect through music and silence and prayer with the mysteries and certainties of God’s universal and timeless Love: in the still small voice of calm, the Peace of God which passes all understanding.

**Jeremy Atkinson.**

## STOP PRESS!

The December/January issue of In Touch will be available on 12 December. Please send us your articles, stories and news by Sunday 5 December.

# African Pastors' Fellowship - North East Day Conference Report

**This year the Conference was held at St Nicholas Church in the Marketplace at Durham on 4 October. Ian Enticott, the new Director introduced himself and opened by giving us a potted history of APF so far.**

In 1972 Derek Blundell, a vicar from the Midlands, went on a sabbatical in the West Nile area. He realised the needs in that area and African Pastors Fund was born.

In those early days, Derek continued working in his parish but he and his wife, Jill, gave all their available free time to working for the fund. Containers with all sorts of goods, books, knitted blankets, sewing machines and items to relieve lack of material possessions, plus bicycles for the pastors, used to be sent by ship from the UK. Training was organised for key Ugandan priests in the UK.

In 1981 APF became a charity and Derek became full time Director. He was then asked to look ecumenically at all of East Africa. "What can we give you?" changed to "How can we help you?". There was very little training for pastors, many of whom had no secondary education, let alone a degree. Training was started in the West Nile area and gradually spread. Derek and Jill who were based at Karibu House (the word means welcome in Swahili) in Coventry continued in office until 1998 when Derek retired.

Ralph Hangar and his wife Jane then took over and started in 1998 by going to the Lambeth Conference and welcoming all the Bishops who came from East Africa.

At this point they pondered how they could work together to solve the problems the pastors had. The focus changed to local sourcing. Bicycles were now sourced locally, and training continued with courses being arranged for areas throughout East Africa.

Ralph and Jane developed Swahili commentaries on the New Testament which are now available in Tanzania for the price of a bottle of Coke. This was felt to be a level at which it was possible to buy with a bit of effort, but not too easy. APF is still involved with bikes for pastors but now asks them

for 10% of the cost which makes for a sense of partnership and ownership.

Jane also started a variety of micro – finance schemes for pastors' wives so that they can support families, releasing their husbands for ministry. Recently, commentaries on the minor prophets have been produced in-house by Tanzanian pastors and Christian workers, all of whom have degrees, including retired Bishop Francis Ntruka. These are in Swahili. Ralph has been looking at ways of moving on from dependency to self support with assistance.

APF are now trying to work by the following code of practice: -

- Respond to local felt needs.
- Do not pay for something that could be bought closer to where it is required.
- Don't do something alone that could be done with or by local people.
- Don't give dispassionately – get involved.
- Giving shouldn't stifle local giving
- Without the Gospel all giving is of limited value.

Ian's goals are as follows:-

- Strengthen the support base in the UK.
- Sustain and develop what APF is already doing.
- Ensure appropriate education, vital in the Church in Africa.
- Continue to listen to the needs of the local churches in East Africa.

Ian is passionate about having training materials in local languages, written from an African perspective.

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- The distribution of Zacchaeus books.
- The remaining scripts for books which are to be completed.
- Acceptability of the books to ministry officials
- Finance for printing books

**Bruce Merrick.**



## Chance to bridge relations



**An exciting opportunity to build bridges and increase networking between our police and our faith communities is to be held on Saturday 13 November at the Oakwood Centre between 10am-4.30pm.**

The Christian Police Association (CPA) has identified seven areas of good practice that have consistently proved successful in improving community relationships around the U.K. The collective initiatives are known as CoAct. The Home Office have endorsed CoAct as good practice.

In order to openly share ideas and provide a valuable networking opportunity, representatives from every faith in the Cleveland Force Area have been invited. Various guest speakers will present examples of CoAct in action.

A range of display stands will be present outlining opportunities to link in with your police service, learn more about crime prevention initiatives, faith watch and neighbourhood watch, plus details of social outreach activities such as Town Pastors. Neighbourhood Policing Team officers from all four districts will also be present.

A light finger buffet and refreshments will be provided. CoAct are hopeful that one or two delegates from each meeting place (church or equivalent) will attend.

# The Club event



**Our October Family Club event - held on 27-28 October - got off to a very encouraging start, with approx 200 people coming along on the first day and just over 250 people (the maximum limit) joining us on the second.**

It was a wonderful sight to see so many people of all ages, mainly from the community, coming into our church and feeling so much at home. There was a real buzz and great atmosphere as children and grown-ups alike enjoyed all the activities provided.

The whole of All Saints' and the Centre were set up and used for fun

activities for children from toddler age up to about 11 years old. As always the bouncy castle was a winner, and amongst other things the crafts, face painting, PlayStations and tuck shop were very popular.

We put on a 'chill out' café area for the grownups to enjoy a filter coffee, homemade goodies, and read the daily newspaper. We also had invitations to various church activities to give to them.

We had a lot of positive feedback and appreciation to the church for providing such an event.

**Jan Peters.**

## English Family Robinson

**David and Mary Robinson live in Sale, near Manchester, and though officially retired still work tirelessly to spread the Gospel to the Thai people in the UK. The couple work under the auspices of OMF which is one of our mission partners here at All Saints'.**

When we think of the Thai people in the UK we tend to think of those who are involved in the restaurant trade, but this is but a small proportion of the total. Many are students, others have come back here to work and improve their lives or have married British nationals and there are those who have come because they have relatives here. Some follow the Buddhist way of life while others seem to have little or no faith. It is against this background that David and Mary work.

There are Thai groups in Chesham, Manchester, South Shields, Harrogate, Barrow-in-Furness and Blackpool as well as lone believers countrywide, some attending Christian churches in Scotland and Wales. In July, the Thai community held their second National Believers Camp (actually a conference) in Blaithwaite Christian Centre, Cumbria. Eighty

attended, including English husbands, children and Western helpers from Scotland and Wales, with one from Cumbria. Rev. Joel Masyawong, currently pastoring a church in Canada, was the main speaker.

It is clear that David and Mary spend many hours travelling around the country, and their tremendous spirit is a joy to behold. We pray that their work will continue for many years to come. This month they ask you to include in your prayers:

- Encouragement for Mrs W in the South Shields Group who the Robinsons visited in early October.
- A Thai cook in Carlisle who has expressed interest in the Gospel.
- Thai believers Fellowship Weekend being held at David and Mary's home.
- Worthing Thai group which is recommencing.
- English Class each Wednesday afternoon at Stockton Heath (please pray for spiritual hunger).
- Ministry visits to seven groups, plus lone believers.
- That the Website will be up and running soon after several setbacks.

**Bruce Merrick.**

## Having faith in the Big Society - a conversation for our time

**An event is being held at Durham County Cricket Club, Chester-le-Street, on Thursday 25 November organised by the North East Regional Faiths Network.**

The event will run from 10am-3pm and attempt to address the following issues:

- If the Big Society is the answer – what is the question?
- Does economic austerity present the opportunity for social growth?
- What is the role for North East faith communities in creating and nurturing social wealth, social growth and fairness?
- What is the role for faith in the public realm?

The event includes a free buffet lunch.

Jeremy Atkinson is planning to attend the event and would like to hear from anyone else who would like to go.

## All Saints' Services

### Sunday 7 November

9am - Holy Communion  
10.30am - Worship, Word & Ministry  
6.30pm - Worship, Word & Ministry

### Sunday 14 November

9.45am - Remembrance Service  
6.30pm - Holy Communion

### Sunday 21 November

9am - Holy Communion  
10.30am - Engage  
6.30pm - Worship, Word & Ministry

### Sunday 28 November

9am - Holy Communion  
10.30am - Holy Communion  
6.30pm - Worship, Word & Ministry

### Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

9am - Morning Prayer

### Wednesday:

9.30am - Holy Communion

## St. Mary's Services

### Sunday 7 November

10.30am - Holy Communion

### Sunday 14 November

10.30am - Remembrance Service (Choral)

### Sunday 21 November

10.30pm - Holy Communion

### Sunday 27 November

10.30am - Service of the Word

### Tuesdays

10am - Tuesday at Ten

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### Did you know?

All of our rotas and service information are available on our websites:

[www.allsaints-church.net](http://www.allsaints-church.net)

[www.stmaryslongnewton.co.uk](http://www.stmaryslongnewton.co.uk)

## Dates for your diary - October

Thursday 4 November	7.30pm	St. Mary's MDT
Monday 8 November	7.30pm	All Saints' MDT, Vicarage
Tuesday 9 November	11.30am	Tuesday Lunch Club, All Saints'
Monday 15 November	7.30pm	All Saints' PCC, Library
Wednesday 17 November	11.45am	Big Ted, All Saints'
Wednesday 17 November	7.30pm	Growing Leaders Course
Thursday 18 November	11.45am	Big Ted, All Saints'
Thursday 18 November	7.30pm	St. Mary's PCC
Monday 22 November	7.30pm	Deanery Synod
Monday 29 November	7.30pm	Prayer Ministry Training

## All Saints' Preston-on-Tees & St. Mary's Long Newton

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