



Community
Church

Nov - Dec 2023

FAMILY

News

Following Jesus Together

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We are halfway through **Digging Into The Truth of The Lord's Prayer**.

As we read and study this teaching of Jesus together it is striking how many contrasts there are within this short text.

We have already looked at "Our Father in Heaven", an invitation of intimacy and relationship, contrasted with "Hallowed be your name", a response of awe and wonder at the holiness of God. "Your kingdom come....on earth as it is in Heaven", a call into the eternal plans of God, alongside "Give us today our daily bread", the knowledge we can trust the Father to provide for us each day.

This is the beauty of the Gospel and the wonder that we find when we give time to **Digging into Truth**. God calls us to fix our eyes on an eternal kingdom, to partake in the restoration of all things whilst simultaneously knowing that that he is concerned with the smallest details of each of our lives.

Here's the thing though, each of us will have different lines that we find it easier to lean into. Over the next two months as we press into this prayer more, there will be some lines that excite us, some that challenge us and potentially some that make us feel uncomfortable. It is important that no matter what our immediate reaction we must not be put off but continue to dig. There is treasure to find when we do. Those places of discomfort are often the places where God works most, where his transformative power changes us, which then overflows and produces transformation in the world around us.

In a season of change it is the truth that we find in these places, in him that moves us forward. It is this truth that enables us to echo Jesus' prayer "Not my will but yours be done" (Luke 22:42). So let's keep digging church, press into the truth, and let it shape us.

Dan Lush



WHAT'S ON

Wed 1 Nov Learning Together

2 Sun 5 Nov ALL IN: Baptism Sunday

W/C Mon 6 Nov Family Hubs

3 Sun 12 Nov CAP Sunday

Wed 15 Nov Praying Together

4 Sun 19 Nov Sunday Gathering

W/C Mon 20 Nov Family Hubs

1 Sun 26 Nov Sunday Gathering

Sun 26 Nov Hope Huddersfield Prayer & Praise

Wed 29 Nov Learning Together

2 Sun 3 Dec ALL IN: Hope

Sun 3 Dec Panto – Robinson Crusoe

W/C Mon 4 Dec Family Hubs

3 Sun 10 Dec Sunday Gathering

Wed 13 Dec Praying Together

4 Sun 17 Dec Christmas Celebration

W/C Mon 18 Dec Family Hubs

Tue 19 Dec Melody Makers Christmas Party

Thu 21 Dec Melody Makers Christmas Party

Thu 21 Dec Snacks and Singing With Santa

1 Sun 24 Dec Sunday Gathering

2 Sun 31 Dec Sunday Gathering

Jubilee Centre Closure

25 December – 1 January (inclusive)

The Jubilee Centre and Church Office will be closed from 25th December to 1st January.

It will re-open on Tuesday 2nd January.

The only exceptions to this will be the Christmas Day meal and Sunday morning gathering.

Sunday Gathering

Join us for our Sunday Gatherings
10:30am at Jubilee Centre

Children's work on weeks 1, 3 & 4.

ALL IN gathering on week 2

5 November – ALL IN: Baptism Sunday

On Sunday 5th November we will be having baptisms as part of our morning gathering. We believe baptism is an essential part of our discipleship journey as followers of Jesus. If you would like to be baptised or find out more please speak to a member of the leadership team.

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CAP

12 November – CAP Sunday

During our Sunday gathering we'll celebrate the work of Christians Against Poverty. We'll hear stories of lives transformed and learn what we can do to support the work in Huddersfield.

3 December – ALL IN: Hope

On the first Sunday of Advent we'll come together, all ages, all in, to worship God. The morning will be full of life and colour, joy, and fun.



17 December – Community Church Christmas Celebration: Let There Be Joy!

All ages are invited as we celebrate the birth of Jesus together, with carols, readings, video, spoken word and more. Fancy dress is welcome.

The 24th and 31st December will be shorter gatherings. There will be no children's work.

PRAYING TOGETHER



Praying Together is simply that. We will take one evening a month to gather in prayer, both worshipping God and thanking him for what he has done, and bringing our needs, hopes, dreams and longings before him.

WEDNESDAYS: 15 NOV | 13 DEC
7:30PM – 8:30PM | JUBILEE CENTRE

SUNDAY PRAYER

10:00am Sunday mornings, in the prayer space of the main hall. All are welcome to join.

PRAYER WHATSAPP GROUP

If you have an urgent prayer request, you can phone or Whatsapp the church office on 01484 551551 or you can e-mail prayer@cchud.co.uk. It's not too late if you want to join the group. Use the same contact details to do so.



LEARNING TOGETHER

Over the coming months we are giving space to learning together. Spending time opening the scriptures and studying God's word together.

WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

PRAYER – FROM SILENCE TO THE SHOUT

There are so many ways to pray. We'll spend time studying the scriptures, learning together about how being able to pray in silence and with the shout are both essential to our walk with God.

WEDNESDAY 29 NOVEMBER, 7:30PM

MOVING IN GRACE AND HOLDING TO TRUTH

We are a people who are called to show love and grace to all, but we also hold to the truth found in Jesus. How do we do both? We'll look at this together and consider some practical implications. **This meeting will be for Church Members ONLY.**

There is no Learning Together in December due to the Christmas holidays.

Open Bibles Everyday



“
Your word
is a lamp to
guide my feet
and a light
for my path.
”

Psalm 119 v 105

As a community of disciples we know the importance of reading and hearing God's word regularly. Knowledge and understanding of the bible are essential for every one of us as we seek to walk in closer obedience and relationship with God. In 2024 we want to encourage you to make a commitment to open and read your bible every day. Some might like to adventure through the whole bible in 365 days, while others may want to set themselves the goal of reading 1 verse every day.

There's more info to come, but for now, why not begin the daily habit of opening up your bible every day, and let's see what God has in store for us!

Ways of Giving

We are on a journey of generosity.

If you would like to give to the work of Community Church you can do that by going to cchud.co.uk/giving



Leadership Transition Weekend



This will be a significant weekend for us as a church as Trevor and Alison Lloyd hand over the leadership of the church to Dan Lush. We encourage everyone who is a part of our church family to be there.

3 February, 7pm

An evening to celebrate Trevor and Alison and all God has done as they have led us over the last 25 years.

We'll eat together, share stories and party like it's 1998!

Open to church family and invited guests.



4 February, 10:30am

As part of our Sunday morning gathering we'll pray and commission Dan into his new role.

Richard Anniss will bring the word of God to us and there will then be a chance to eat together with a "Bring and Share" lunch.

Open to all.



Join us at the beautiful Cloverley Hall in Shropshire on **28-30 JUNE 2024** for a weekend of worship, teaching and lots of fun.



We'll be joined by Ness Wilson, leader of Pioneer UK and Open Heaven Church Loughborough, as we look at what it means to be a people who are **SENT**.

For more details go to cchud.co.uk/churchweekend

Family Hubs are our small group gatherings where we work out our faith in community. They take place mid-week in people's homes or online via Zoom.



For more information contact familyhubs@cchud.co.uk

Week commencing Monday:

• 6 Nov • 20 Nov • 4 Dec • 18 Dec



Community Church



The Branch

Christmas Events

Robinson Crusoe Family Panto

Sun 3 Dec

2:30pm

Doors open / meet & greet

3:00pm

Performance starts

Buy tickets in advance to avoid disappointment.

Refreshments available to buy.

Community Church
Christmas Celebration:

Let There Be Joy

Sun 17 Dec

10:30am

All ages are invited as we celebrate the birth of Jesus together, with carols, readings, video, spoken word and more. Fancy dress is welcome.



Melody Makers Christmas Parties

Tue 19 & Thu 21 Dec

10am-12noon

Refreshments, brass band and carols. Toys, crafts and games. Santa's grotto and present.

£5 per child | £2 per adult

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

Snacks and Singing With Santa

Thu 21 Dec

5pm-6:30pm Join Santa for Christmassy snacks, singing & games. Includes a present.

£5 per person (adults and children). Limited places, advance booking essential.



Christmas Day Meal

Mon 25 Dec

A Christmas day meal and celebration at the Jubilee Centre, for all those who would either be on their own, or for other reasons wouldn't have a merry Christmas at home. Free transport may be available.

To book a place or to volunteer call 01484 551551.



PRAYER & PRAISE

Sunday 26 November
7:00pm, The Ark Church

Join with Christians from across Huddersfield to worship and pray together.

WEDNESDAYS | 2.15PM-4.15PM



JUBILEE CENTRE

Vision Sunday

Sunday 7 January | 10:30am

During our Sunday gathering the leadership will be sharing God's vision for us in 2024



WEEK OF

PRAYER

2024 is a significant year for us as a church. Let's take time at the start of the year to pray together. Full details to follow soon.

8-14 JANUARY



The Branch

STORIES

Here are some stories of how our fantastic community team are transforming lives.

The organisation Auntie Pam's contacted us to ask for help with clothes and toys for a family who had been made homeless due to a house fire. The family are split up in different homes now and are finding life hard. We collected clothes from the community, and we were also supported by the uniform exchange charity shop to provide clothes.

We were contacted by Pennine Domestic Violence who had referred a lady with 9-month-old twins. They had left everything behind. Social services were unhappy. The family were sleeping on the floor on one mattress. We sourced and delivered: 2 cots; changing mats; highchairs; clothes; nappies and toiletries to help the family.

An elderly person came to the Jubilee Centre asking for help topping up their electricity meter. The meter wouldn't accept the key and the shop wouldn't top up the key. A member of staff called the energy company and asked for a new key and code to top up with. They now have working electricity and are very grateful for the help.

DASH (Destitute Asylum Seekers Huddersfield) referred a single parent to us who was unable to afford anything for their child's birthday. We bought them: a present; wrapping paper; a birthday card; a cake and candles. We then delivered this to their house so the family can enjoy the special day together.

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