

February 16th 2020

**Welcome to St. Peter's, we hope
you enjoy your time with us.
Please stay for some
refreshments afterwards!**

An Inspirational Story

Entitled *HULLELUJAH, Josh Magennis prays Tigers can topple Chelsea after man upstairs helps him get through injury*, this article in a recent edition of The Sun. It inspired me – I'm sure it will inspire you too!

“Josh Magennis cannot understate the importance of his Christian faith. So when he pulled his hamstring in November, it was his faith that kept him positive throughout seven weeks on the sidelines.

Josh Magennis wants to set up a prayer group with the Christians at Hull City Football Club. He is also hoping to talk to his team-mates about the impact Jesus has had on his life. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 is tattooed on his arm, great verses describing God's love, as a permanent reminder of his faith.



“I'm a massive believer in Jesus. I always pray, there will never be a day where I don't. My faith is a massive part of me, helping me get over these types of injuries. It definitely gets the beat going with 20-plus grown adults in a room. Some people don't believe, some people do, some are sceptical. At Charlton Athletic, we had a prayer group that met before every game with the chaplain. There is power in prayer, 100%. There are a couple of Christians in Hull so we'll get together and have a chat. It opens you up to conversations that can help break down so many barriers.”

With Chelsea playing at Hull in the FA Cup, Magennis will as usual spend time in prayer before kick-off, in what is the biggest match of his club career. (*Chelsea won!*)

After a stuttering start to his Hull career following his summer move from Bolton, Magennis is hoping to fire Northern Ireland to Euro 2020 in the second half of the season. He scored against the Dutch duo of Virgil van Dijk and Matthijs de Ligt during qualifying – one to tell the grandkids, he says – and knows the Green and White Army have a good chance of reaching another major tournament. They play Bosnia and then either Republic of Ireland or Slovakia in the play-offs.

Magennis represented his country at Euro 2016 at youth level as a goalkeeper before he reverted to scoring rather than saving. “I had to change position. I couldn't catch the ball, and that's a massive attribute a goalkeeper has to have! Getting to Euro 2020 would be euphoric, to play against the best players in Europe, to say you played at a major tournament, it would be indescribable.”

Paul

Coming soon

Wednesday, February 26th, Ash Wednesday Service of Holy Communion

All are welcome to join us for this brief service as we begin the Season of Lent.

Friday, March 6th, The City Centre World Day of Prayer Service 2020

Formerly Women's World Day of Prayer, this ecumenical service will take place at St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church on Burton Road at 11am (note the new time), followed by a light lunch. This year we are praying with Zimbabwe, and the service has been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. The theme is *Rise! Take up your mat and walk!* A warm invitation to everyone to join us and share the concerns that Delliia and many others have for this beautiful country with so much unrest and injustice. For more details contact Margaret Phypers on 01332-239134.

Sunday, March 8th, Lunch together after the service

You are invited to join us, and bring the family – all are welcome to come to lunch after the 10.45 service – and with fun dingbats quiz too!

Tuesday, March 10th, 2.30, Afternoon Tea

With a different theme each month, come and enjoy a tea that has been described as *'just like at The Savoy!'* This is followed by Service of Evening Prayer at 3.45-4.00. The next date is March 31st.

Saturday, March 28th from 8.00 – 10.00am, Prayer Breakfast

This is our monthly prayer breakfast, all welcome. Next date is April 25th.

Lent Programme

Lent Groups

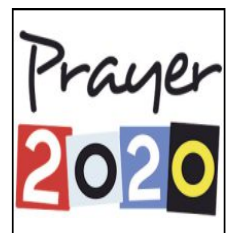
There will be two Lent Groups starting in the week commencing March 2nd. One will be jointly hosted by Tim and Lesley on a Wednesday evening in their homes in Littleover, and the other will be on a Thursday evening at the home of David and Margaret, in Chaddesden. Please talk to David, Margaret, Tim and Lesley if you would like to be involved, or to Paul or Anita.

Lent Resource

It has been a few years since we did Resource, which describes the occasion where we learn together about a particular subject for an hour or so, with food! At our last PCC meeting, it was suggested that we do this during Lent, to complement our learning in Lent Groups. This will take place after the 10.45 Service on two successive Sundays, March 29th and April 5th, over a bring and share lunch. More details will be available soon, but for now, please reserve the dates.

Praying together in 2020

HOPE Together are calling Christians of all denominations to pray on the 20th of each month at 20.20 for 20 minutes, so this Thursday! They say: "Through Prayer 2020 we are asking God to work through all that happens this year – personal witness; church outreach in villages, towns and cities; mission events and evangelism in all its many forms. Already this is catching the imagination of Christians around the world.



Gideons, by David Richardson

For seventy years Gideons in the British Isles have been placing Bibles in hotels and Testaments in hospital bedside lockers and giving Testaments to school pupils – because in Isaiah 55:11, God promised that His word "will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire." The Gideons are encouraged by letters from people who have picked up one of these 46 million Scriptures and report lives changed.

An eleven year old boy received a Testament at school and read it and over time. Christians around him broke cover and encouraged him to go to a local church, he became a Christian and today, 40 years later, is a church leader in Leicester.

Today many hotel managers and senior teachers don't see the importance of the Bible and so their doors are closed, so we have developed new ways of outreach.

Chaplains with Workplace Chaplaincy in Derbyshire and Derby City Centre Chaplaincy offer badged Testaments to people they meet in the workplace. We have even produced Polish language versions for Sports Direct staff in Shirebrook.

We give Testaments with Army and Air Force regimental crests to military personnel and their families. We have produced green-backed Testaments with a wheat head on them and the words "The seed of life" to give to farmers, often so isolated, at agricultural shows. We go to Freshers' Fairs at Derby University and offer Testaments to new students, many from countries where the Bible is not widely available. Men and women in prisons have time on their hands and our Testaments are being used to change prisoners' lives and help them when they are released.

A Gideon Bible App has been developed which has the whole Bible in 1200 different languages, plus the facility for people to hear the Bible being read in their own languages. You can freely download the app for either Apple or Android devices.

Please be encouraged that God is blessing this work. Please pray for God's guidance for Gideons to reach people who will turn to Him.

Gideons Friends keep up to date with an A4 magazine twice a year and newsletter every three months. If you would like to receive these then please contact me on 01332 363941 or david.hollylodge@ntlworld.com

Prayer ...

People wearing a 'Prayer Team' badge would be glad to pray for you. Do not hesitate to ask for prayer, this can be for any concern you have, it needn't be a crisis! We all face difficulties and challenges, and prayer works! Or maybe you would like to thank God for answered prayer. `Whatever your situation, we'd love to pray with you! In an emergency, call Bren (07967 183601), and those on the prayer chain will pray for you.

IN THE WEEK

Monday to Friday, 9.00-4.00: Church is open

Tuesday and Friday, 11.00-12.30: refreshments are served

Friday, 12.30: Lunchtime Service

Space to take notes from today's readings, prayers and sermon.

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