

THE REALITY OF LIFE

Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. (Psalm 25:5)

I'm told that the average person tells 6 lies per day. But then again that might be a lie. Or the average person might actually tell a lot more lies, but won't tell the truth about it. What is true? I once heard someone say that we tell lies for four reasons that actually boil down to one. White lies, when we attempt not to offend someone but actually only serves to give them a wrong view of the world. Black lies are malicious in intent to hurt others or cause trouble for them. Yellow lies come out of cowardice. We would rather lie than admit we are wrong, or weak, because we don't like to blame ourselves. Purple lies are of exaggeration, because we want to increase our significance in our world. We lie, because we don't want to accept that the world we live in is the way it is, because we can't accept reality. The problem is, as we so often learn, that our lies sooner or later tend to find their way out, and that's because there is a truth, a standard, a reality. Webster defined truth as *conformity to reality*, and that is why the truth liberates; because we don't have to define our own reality, to which we will always fail because we are inconsistent beings. Truth sets us free.

At St Paul's we'd love you to find the Truth, the Reality of life, that is, the one who defines reality, upholds it and reveals it - God himself. So, we're inviting you to Come and See. See true (real) love, happiness, hope and life that comes from the true (real) God. Reality is what it is because God declared it so and made it so. Therefore God is the author, source, determiner, governor, arbiter, ultimate standard, and final judge of all truth. And he invites to us to see that for ourselves. So, please, come and see.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH
FROM DAVID BARNSLEY



Have you ever wondered about something... ...but not known how to find out about it?

Everyone, at some level, is searching for real love, real happiness, real hope and real life. We don't want to live life and miss what most matters.

As Christians we believe Jesus offers all those things in relationship with him. Real and lasting love, happiness, hope and life. So we're inviting you to **come** along and **see** for yourself. We're organising two meals with after dinner talks from the bible, and two special services for you to do just that.

We'd also love for you to hear from people in our churches who have found that Jesus is worth trusting because they've come to see that Jesus really does give us what we most long for. Please feel free to come along to any or all of our events and services - there's no charge. We'd love to see you.

Come and See real Love - Friday 20th Sept

A meal followed by a short talk from the bible. at 7.30pm at Little Eaton Church Hall

Come and See real Happiness - Saturday 21st Sept

A meal followed by a short talk from the bible at St Alkmund's, Duffield at 7.30pm

Come and See Real Hope - Sunday 22nd Sept

A special service at St Alkmund's to hear more about what difference hope makes to life at St Alkmund's Duffield at 10.00am

Come and see Real Life - Sunday 22nd Sept

A special service at St Paul's Little Eaton to come and see the life Jesus offers. St Paul's Little Eaton at 4.30pm

September - October

Sept

Mon 16	7.00pm	Impact
Tues 17	10.00am	Growth Group
	7.30pm	Ignition
Wed 18	7.30pm	Come and See Stories & Songs, St Alkmund's
Thur 19	2.00pm	Third Thursday
Fri 20	7.30pm	Come and See Meal Church Hall
Mon 23	7.00pm	Impact
Tue 24	7.30pm	Ignition
Mon 30	7.00pm	Impact

Oct

Tues 1	10.00am	Growth Group
	7.30pm	Ignition
Wed 2	7.30pm	Prayer meeting, St Alkmund's Church Hall
Thur 3	2.00pm	Songs of Praise
	7.30pm	Essentials Course
Sun 6	5.30pm	Salt Cafe
Mon 7	7.00pm	Impact
Tue 8	7.30pm	Ignition
Thur 10	7.30pm	Essentials Course
	7.30pm	Growth Groups
Mon 14	7.00pm	Impact
Tues 15	10.00am	Growth Group
	7.30pm	Ignition
Thur 17	2.00pm	Third Thursday
	7.30pm	Essentials Course
Fri 18	7.30pm	Men's Group Games Night
Mon 21	7.00pm	Impact
Tues 22	7.30pm	Ignition
Thur 24	7.30pm	Essentials Course
	7.30pm	Growth Groups

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAYS

4.30pm

with refreshments
from 4.00pm

New
service
time

From Sunday 15th September our 10.00am service is moving to a new afternoon time. There will be groups for children aged 0-11.



A short service of favourite hymns, chosen by you.

First Thursdays (5th Sept, 3rd Oct, 7th November)
2pm in the Church Hall, followed by tea and cakes.

Third Thursday

19th Sept, 17th Oct, 21st November
2pm in the Church Hall.
Tea, cake and company!



essentials

the heart of the Christian faith

Starting 3rd Oct, at 7.30pm, in the Church Hall. See our website for more details.

Essentials is a four week course looking at the essentials of the Christian faith.

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SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S

Sept 15th	4.30 pm	Afternoon Service
Sept 22nd	4.30pm	"Come and See" Service
Sept 29th	4.30pm	Harvest Service
Oct 6th	4.30pm	Holy Communion
Oct 13th	4.30pm	Afternoon Service
Oct 20th	4.30pm	Afternoon Service
Oct 27th	4.30pm	Afternoon Service
Nov 3rd	4.30pm	Holy Communion
Nov 10th	10.00am	Remembrance Sunday
	4.30pm	Afternoon Service
Nov 17th	4.30pm	Afternoon Service

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

0-2's	Creché	Sunday at 4.30pm
	Church Hall, Little Eaton	
3-11's	Explorers	Sunday at 4.30pm
	Church Hall, Little Eaton	
Y7-9	Impact	Mondays at 7.00pm
	St Alkmund's Parish Hall, Duffield	
Y10-13	Ignition	Tuesdays at 7.30pm
	St Alkmund's Parish Hall, Duffield	
Y7-13	Salt Café	1st Sunday at 5.30pm
	St Alkmund's Parish Hall, Duffield	

REGULAR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Growth Groups (meet fortnightly)	
Tuesday 10am	Thursday 7.45 pm
Church Prayer Meeting	1 st Wednesday
Duffield Church Hall/St Paul's	7.30 pm
Songs of Praise	1 st Thursday
Church Hall	2.00 pm
Third Thursdays	3 rd Thursday
Church Hall	2.00 pm

