

The Messenger

Parish Magazine of



**St George
and**



**All Saints'
Chorley**

September 2025

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Regular Services

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| <p>The Parish Church of St George</p> <p>Sunday 9:30am Family Eucharist Wednesday 10:00am Eucharist</p> <p>www.stgeorgechorley.co.uk</p> | <p>The Parish Church of All Saints'</p> <p>Sunday 11:00am Family Eucharist Sunday 4:00pm Closer Service Thursday 10:30am Eucharist</p> <p>www.allsaintschorley.com</p> |
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| Flower Guild Secretary | Mrs Freda Armstrong | 01257 262918 |
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| St George's Primary School | Mr Andy Purcell Head Teacher | 01257 2623230 |
| Sunday Club | We meet in the Church Hall 9:25am on a normal Sunday | |
| Men's Fellowship | 2nd Wednesday 7:30pm Church Hall | 01257 263245 |
| Mothers' Union | 2nd & last Thursday 7:30pm Church Hall | |
| Thursday Ladies Circle | 1st & 3rd Thursday 7:30pm Church Hall | |
| Dramatic & Musical Society | Friday 7:00pm Church Hall | |
| Badminton Club | Monday 8:00pm Church Hall | |
| Church Institute | Monday - Thursday 2:00pm - 11:00pm Friday & Saturday 2:00pm - 12:00 midnight Sunday 12:00 noon - 11:00pm | 01257 413107 |
| Toddler & Baby Group | Little Steps meet Wednesday (term time) 10:30am-11:30am Church Hall | |

St George's Uniformed Organisations Meet at Church Hall (Term time)

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| Rainbows | Kathryn Winters Tuesday 8:00pm | 07701 353429 |
| Brownies | Kathryn Winters Tuesday 6:15pm | 07701 353429 |
| Guides | Sarah Glover Tuesday 7:15pm | 07974 687541 |

Red Bank Uniformed Organisations Meet at Red Bank Mission Hall (Term Time)

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| Beaver Scouts Scouts Cub Scouts | Monday 6:15pm Monday 7:30pm Jackie Beesley (GSL) Tuesday 6:50pm | 01257 270770 |
| Rainbows | Wednesday 5:30pm Kaitlinn Hunter | |
| Brownies | Wednesday 6:45pm Lynsey Torrens | |
| Guides | Thursday 6:45pm Jackie Beesley | 01257 270770 |

All Saints' Contacts

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**I now cast this little Publication into your hands earnestly
hoping that it may meet with your approbation, and enable
you to spend a happy and profitable hour whilst reading
over its pages".**

Rev. John Stock 1863, The Messenger first issue

Dear Friends,

One of the most precious gifts God gives His people is the gift of rest. From the very beginning, in the story of creation, we see that rest is woven into the rhythm of life – a time to pause, to take a breath, and to delight in what God has made. In our busy world, it can be easy to think that rest is a luxury or even a waste of time, but Scripture shows us it is neither. Rest is not about doing nothing; it is about making space to be renewed, to listen, and to allow God to restore our hearts. Jesus Himself often withdrew from the crowds to spend time in prayer with His Father. If He, in the midst of a ministry full of urgency, made time for rest, how much more do we need it?

In recent weeks, we have been blessed with moments of joy and fellowship in our parish. Our Starship Adventure holiday club brought together children, churches, families, and volunteers for a few days of creativity, laughter, and meaningful exploration of their faith. Nearly 80 children and young people took part in this holiday club and had the opportunity to go deeper in their faith and grow their relationships with our parish. I am so grateful to everyone who gave their time and talents to make it happen, and to those who prayed for the children who came along.

A little earlier in the month, the Mothers' Union gathered from around Blackburn archdeaconry at St George's Church for the Mary Sumner Day service – a beautiful occasion of worship, thanksgiving, and encouragement, reminding us of the lasting impact that one person's faithful obedience can have on generations to come.

These events, though very different in character, share something important: they each flow out of hearts renewed in God's presence. When we are rested in Him – when we take the time to step back, breathe, and be with Him – we are better able to serve others with joy. Without this rhythm of rest and work, we risk running dry and losing the sense of purpose and delight in what we do.

I write this letter in the middle of August but you won't receive it until September, but as we work in the midst of an interregnum, it is important we remember that all our parish does is God's work. The work is not dependant on how much effort we put in, but on him. As such I pray that you have had a summer in which you have made time to pause and reflect and been able to spend time with God. I pray too that, as we approach the busy season ahead, you continue make time and space to rest in God's presence.

Blessings, Jordan



Our Vision - Closer to Christ; further out for Christ.

St George's Church Congregation Numbers

| Week Beginning | Children Attending | Adults Attending | Communicant |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 8 th June | 42 | 134 | 114 |
| 15 th June | 60 | 156 | 146 |
| 22 nd June | 20 | 107 | 95 |
| 29 th June | 23 | 184 | 157 |
| 6 th July | 21 | 108 | 108 |
| 13 th July | 27 | 128 | 106 |
| 20 th July | 36 | 121 | 108 |
| 27 th July | 34 | 104 | 98 |
| 3 rd Aug | 20 | 109 | 97 |
| 10 th Aug | 13 | 85 | 82 |
| 17 th Aug | 35 | 126 | 102 |

**Note - The attendance numbers include all the services
within the week**

| Holy Baptism | Holy Matrimony |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Eleanor Grace Quinn | None |
| Lucy Fay Quinn | |
| Amelia Stringfellow | |
| Oliver Stringfellow | |

**Please pray for those struggling with illnesses of any sort, and
especially for:**

***Alan Fairclough, Marian Crossthwaite, Harold Dunseath, Linda
Eubank, Richard Wilk, Simon Newell, Margaret Salisbury,
Hilary Lowe, John Hobbiss, Norman Whittaker, Mary Edwards
and Dorothy Treadwell.***

And for the families of those who have died recently

Brian Mason, Bill Baxendale, Jane Dootson.

**We remember all those who are currently housebound and unable
to be with us in Church.**



Spotlight on Safeguarding

This month I would like to focus on an important issue of suicide.

In times of crisis, help is available.

If you need urgent help as you are in mental health distress, then there is always someone you can call.

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis or something that makes you feel severely unsafe, distressed, or worried about your mental health, you can now contact your local crisis service by calling NHS 111 and selecting the mental health option.

Our Mental Health Crisis Line is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling 0800 953 0110. It is staffed by trained mental health professionals who are able to provide assessment and referrals to appropriate services. Ring it if you need to access services or for advice about someone who needs treatment or support.

You may have experienced a life changing event or you might not know why you feel this way.

Sometimes people feel so low that life seems unbearable. Others feel they can't cope with what they are going through and just want the pain to end.

If you feel like this, help is available and you can get through this. You deserve help and with time you'll find that life is worth living. Telling someone how you're feeling is the first step to getting help, staying safe and getting through this.

Talking about your feelings may feel scary or embarrassing but please don't suffer in silence. You do not have to struggle with difficult feelings alone. Tell a friend, family member, work colleague, GP or anyone else you can trust.

Some people find speaking to a stranger easier. Whatever you're going through, a Samaritan will face it with you 24/7, just call 116 123.

In an Emergency

:If you or someone else is in danger, call 999 or go to the nearest A&E department.

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis but are not in immediate danger, call NHS 111.

Victoria

Dr Victoria Gibson, Parish Safeguarding Officer, 0792 1010 900
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St. George's: Chorley's "Waterloo" Church. 1825-2025

Open for National Heritage Open Days
Friday 12th to Sunday 14th September
10am – 4pm(Fri, Sat), 11.30am – 3.30pm (Sun)

Key Events: Friday- 11am Bill Walker "Thomas Rickman"
Saturday- 11am David Horsfield "The Angel Font"
12 noon The Bicentenary Continuous Peal
12.30 Gordon Blackledge and Friends' Musical Extravaganza

Plus- Tours and Bellringing Experience. Free light refreshments

For other events local and nationwide, see www.heritageopendays.org and Church noticeboard

International Aid Shoebox Appeal 2025

I would like to start by thanking ,once again, everyone who took part in last year's shoebox appeal. 100 boxes was quite something!

This year we are running the Appeal from 28th September to 2nd November.

The shoebox appeal brings joy and hope each year to many thousands of people of all ages. These gifts have brought smiles to children and adults living in poverty in Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia, Latin America and even the UK.

When you send a shoebox you are sending more than just a box filled with useful and fun items; it's a personal gift just for the person receiving it, a message of hope and love, reflecting the love of Jesus.

It's also personal for those of us filling a shoebox; choosing who the box is for, selecting appropriate items to send, wrapping the box, maybe writing a greetings card, all help us to care about the person who will receive the gift.

Letting people in desperate circumstances know that someone cares and they are not forgotten is so important. That's why shoeboxes are sent to people of all ages from babies to elderly people, and why they are delivered throughout the year, not just at Christmas. These gifts are distributed by International Aid's own teams and local churches who know their communities well and reach out with Christ's love to those in need.

Last Christmas, the church at Motovylyivka, in Ukraine, shared the good news of Jesus' birth through drama, songs and fun. These services were attended by hundreds of children and young people who all received a shoebox. I include a message from Pastor Andrei, "We are very grateful for you sending these wonderful gifts. We give the shoeboxes to children who might not have anything else, kids whose parents are in the military, kids whose parents might have died. May

Join in the fun >>

FILL A BOX OR TWO

- 1) Gift wrap the box and lid separately
 - Use an elastic band to keep the box together.
- 2) Fill out the label (overleaf)
 - Choose the age and gender of the person you want to receive your shoebox.
 - Fill out the label overleaf and stick it onto the top of your shoebox.
- 3) Fill your shoebox with appropriate gifts
 - Don't wrap individual items.
 - See below for a list of suitable/unsuitable gift ideas.



IDEAS FOR WHAT TO INCLUDE

TOILETRIES ✓ Toothbrush ✓ Toothpaste ✓ Soap ✓ Flannel or sponge
✓ Comb ✓ Hair bobbles ✓ Roll on deodorant ☒ No sprays
☒ No medicines, vitamins or tablets

TOYS ✓ Small toys ✓ Cuddly toys ✓ Balls ✓ Skipping rope ✓ Games
✓ Small jigsaws etc ☒ No guns or war toys

CLOTHES ✓ Socks ✓ T-shirts ✓ Hats ✓ Scarves ✓ Gloves ✓ Underwear
✓ Babygro (for little ones)

STATIONERY ✓ Pens ✓ Pencils ✓ Crayons ✓ Eraser ✓ Sharpener ✓ Notebooks
✓ Colouring books ✓ Scissors (*round-ended safety type for children*)

PRACTICAL ✓ Plastic bowl & cup ✓ Cutlery ✓ Safety Pins* ✓ Mini sewing kit*
✓ String* ✓ Wind-up torch* ✓ Plasters* ☒ No matches *For teens & adults

Did you know... It costs us £2 to collect, store, transport and distribute each shoebox? In a time of increasing costs, your contributions are very welcome. Please do not put money inside or attached to boxes. Donations can be made through our website or by cheque.

the Lord bless you and return it to you one hundred fold”

At the beginning of this year a team from IAT went out to Sierra Leone, to coincide with the arrival of a container from the Lancashire warehouse, loaded with aid and shoeboxes. One of the sites they were distributed at was the New Hope Church where they held a special Shoebox Sunday. Over 200 boxes were given out at this one church and they were received with much joy and amazement, many of the children playing with the toys straight away. One little girl, Haja, was keen to share her enjoyment of everything in her shoebox and to say “thank you very much”.

There are two ways you can send a shoebox, the traditional way of filling a box, wrapping and labelling it and bringing it to church or send a virtual shoebox. The virtual shoebox scheme enables you to make a donation for a box to be filled full of useful and fun items. You can choose the area of the world and age and gender of the person you would like the gift to go to. Gifts are packed and distributed by local teams, which, in turn, helps to support local economies. Should you wish to donate by this method visit www.internationalaidtrust.org.uk/shoeboxes/virtual

Details of what to put in the shoeboxes and how to wrap them are on the photo below. Leaflets are also available in church. Please donate what you are able, maybe join forces with other family members to fill a box and return to church by Sunday 2nd November.

If you would like to contribute to the cost of transporting the boxes there will be a donation box by the Shoebox display at the back of church where you will also find some specially printed shoeboxes for International Aid if you haven't got one.

More information on these projects can be found on www.internationalaidtrust.org.uk and videos of their exploits on @internationalAidOrg International Aid Trust – You Tube

Elizabeth Wilding on behalf of the Mission and Discipleship Team.

St. George's Church - Bicentenary Celebration Year

This year, 2025, is the bicentenary of St. George's Church. One special activity, among various other events and activities to celebrate the bicentenary, is to create a time capsule.

The primary purpose of a time capsule is to preserve objects and information from a specific point in time for future discovery and reflection. It serves as a snapshot of the present, intended to be opened and examined by people in the future, often with the aim of providing insights into our life experiences from the past.

It is intended that the time capsule will be completed in time for our Celebration Service in October.

One consideration has been regarding how long a time span before the capsule should be opened. The longer it is sealed, the more difficult it can be to choose items to be included. A span of 100 years is often a popular choice, however, previous experience has proved choosing a shorter time such as 50 years allows some of the original participants to experience the opening, and for the items included to bring back memories. As such, it is planned for the capsule to be opened in the year 2075.

It is planned to collect a number of appropriate items to include within the time capsule that will provide a view of what life was like in 2025, with an emphasis on our local community, parish life and St George's Church.

If you wish to include any items, please discuss with me. It is hoped as many appropriate items offered will be included, but space will be limited, and items will need to be suitable to avoid deterioration or damage over the next 50 years.

Stephen Pollard

Why didn't I get to heaven?

I said I was a Christian to anyone who asked.
I went to church on Sundays, to hear the vicar's blast.
I sang the hymns
I gave my money
I sometimes read the lesson -
But now I'm dead, St Peter said, "You didn't get to heaven."

I thought I was a Christian in everything I did,
I went to church on Sundays, and prayed my sins be rid.
My thoughts divine
as bread and wine
passed through my open lips -
But now I'm dead, St Peter said, "You didn't get to heaven."

I'm sure I was a Christian when I became confirmed,
I went to church on Sundays, my pious vows affirmed.
I felt so proud
to be allowed
to play an active part -
But now I'm dead, St Peter said, "You didn't get to heaven."

I must have been a Christian, I never got it wrong,
I went to church on Sundays, with duty strolled along.
Made PCC
and Sidesman too,
what more can mortals do!?
But now I'm dead, St Peter said, "You didn't get to heaven."

"You said you were a Christian!?" St Peter answered loud,
"But where you there when hunger struck the poor neglected crowd?
Did you reach out
and give your all
to help one suffering child?
Too late...! You're dead!" St Peter said, "You didn't get to heaven."

“To think you are a Christian is not enough my son,
The Book of Life reveals the things you’ve said and done.
And you weren’t there
to love and care
there’s just one thing you did...
You went to church on Sundays - that's not enough for heaven

Revd. Peter.

Mothers' Union

On Saturday 9th August, St. George's hosted the Blackburn Archdeaconry Mary Sumner Day Service. It was well attended and the weather was very kind. When asked (at the 13th hour) if she would provide a peel of bells, our own Victoria gladly stepped up, ably



assisted by Paul. Also Alan did the honours with the photography as the pictures below will show.

It truly was an amazing service, one with a difference, during which a member from each branch placed the number of pebbles in a bowl to indicate the number of acts of kindness their particular branch had managed to complete during the year, before a candle in the middle was lit.



Fr Jordan and Margaret Sims (our Diocesan Secretary) enacted one of the readings, which was very moving and they were both very good.

To end the day we had a pre-booked lunch in the hall provided by Bees Country Kitchen which everyone thoroughly enjoyed, and the number of people who commented to me about how lucky we were to have all these facilities at our fingertips, does indeed make you stop and think. We do indeed have everything we need to be a thriving organisation within our church community if we help one another, so thank you to all members of the congregation who helped with the setting up of the hall, you all know who you are and we appreciated it very much.

Literature

Please spare a moment to have a look at our new pop-up banner in the middle section at the back of church. It gives you a small glimpse of

what the MU does around the country/world. Also we have a table alongside on which we have literature and various items/cards for sale, which are priced individually and if you wish to purchase anything just pop the money in the basket.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 11th Sept - Pam Daunton - 'The Dove Stone' - Please feel free Author To come along and hear this author talk About her work. She doesn't charge a Fee but we have to buy a couple of Books to give to the junior school.
- 25th Sept - Chris Walsh - How He Took Up Playing The Organ

ADVANCE NOTICE -

Our meeting on 30th Oct has been moved to WEDNESDAY 29th Oct (a joint meeting with the Men's Fellowship)

Gloria Dunseath

Branch Leader



Parish Share

Parish Share in the Church of England is a financial contribution that each parish makes to its diocese to fund local ministry and mission. It may seem a large sum, but it is important to remember that most of the money we contribute comes back to us in one form or another: as ministry, services and support. Every parish gives, and every parish receives. The largest portion of Parish Share, around 70%, is allocated to parish ministry. This includes placing priests in every benefice. It also covers stipends, pensions, clergy housing and training for current and future clergy.

In our Parish we have always considered full payment of our Parish Share as essential and a key financial priority. We have always been fortunate to be able to fund this through giving, fundraising and various legacies we have received over the years, underpinned by strong financial planning and management. However, this has become much more challenging in recent years.

In order to better explain how Parish Share works, a new animated video has been produced by the diocese, the video transcript is also included.

[Parish Share Video](#)

[Parish Share Transcript](#)

For those reading a hard copy version of The Messenger, this QR code will take you to the relevant diocesan web page if you have a smart phone or tablet. A copy of the transcript can also be found on the internal notice board at the back of church. Stephen Pollard



Web Page including video link



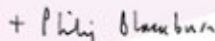
Video Transcript

Thank you

Chorley: St George and All Saints

for the full contribution of your 2024 Parish Share request of **£56,478**

enabling a healthy church and transformed community to occur in your parish
and across our Diocese as Vision 2026 is brought into being



The Right Reverend Philip North
The Bishop of Blackburn



Mr David Barlow
Chair of the Board of Finance

POEM FOR LIFE

Money will buy
A bed, but not sleep
Books, but not brains
Food, but not appetite
Finery, but not beauty
A house, but not a home
Medicine, but not health
Luxuries, but not culture
Amusement, but not happiness
A Church, but not heaven

Christine Ireland

The History Page September 1825 Two Hundred Years Ago

The consecration of St George's chapel of ease having taken place on 11th August, one might expect services to continue almost immediately. This was not so.

The August date had been picked by Bishop Blomfield of Chester to suit his planned itinerary around Lancashire and was only notified to the mother church in the month prior. There was still much to be done, not least the letting of a quarter of the pews in order to raise a stipend for the curate doing duty. On paper the amount committed was very handsome for a Commissioners' church, although reality never quite matched this. As for architect Thomas Rickman, he still needed to make a final inspection which he duly did on 7th September. His favourable report was sent to the Church Building Commission on 10th September.

Thereafter it was simply a matter of equipping the chapel with a service book and any furnishings deemed essential. Having paid for the chapel's construction in its entirety, the Commissioners were adamant in providing no further aid to the new place of worship.

The churchwardens of St Laurence's did remarkably well, in the circumstances, to have the chapel ready for the first public service on 9TH October. Next month's issue will describe that day's events.

Bill Walker

TWO HUNDRED NOT OUT!!

Songs, scenes, sketches and dance,
a special show for the Bicentenary
by St. George's D.A.M.S.

in the Church Hall, Halliwell St.

7pm Friday 17th October, and

7pm Saturday 18th October

Please order tickets on 01257 276540

£7

(£6 for concessions)

TWO HUNDRED NOT OUT!!

The DAMS' October Show will be at 7pm, Friday 17th and 18th October. This year sees an original revue- "Two Hundred Not Out"- with dance, songs, scenes and sketches, selected or written for this very special year.

It will be a remarkable event. This may be the largest company to have performed for DAMS since its origins in 1913, for the cast is happily swelled by our All Saints Members. Rehearsals have been in hand, without a break, since June, and everyone has worked tremendously hard at the varied and exciting show. The Society is fortunate in its battle hardened musical directors and also with the emergence of younger creative choreographers, actors and songsters. The programme is being ably and industriously shaped by Sian Phillipson.

So, if you have a family member in the cast, are interested in St George's or simply enjoy a right gradely show for all ages with all ages, ensure you can attend on the Friday or Saturday by ordering your tickets on 01257 276540. Hurry- for you may not see the like of this for another two centuries!





*From 10.30am - 11.30am
on Wednesdays (term time)*



Toddler & Baby Group at St George's Church Hall

Are you a parent, carer, childminder of a preschool child? We'd love you to come and join us at our friendly group on a Wednesday morning. We restart after the summer break on 3rd September@ 10:30am. Hope to see you there! Elizabeth Wilding

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Friday & Saturday 2pm - 12 midnight
Sunday 12 noon - 11pm

Parish Magazine 2025 Dates

| Issue | Deadline (Sunday) | Available (Sunday) |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|
| October | 21st September | 5th October |
| November | 19th October | 2nd November |
| December/January | 23rd November | 7th December |
| Contributions for inclusion in the Messenger can be given to Chris Gibson or be emailed to acvgibson@outlook.com | | |

Prayer Tree

During September we will be celebrating Harvest at both churches, 14th at St George's and 28th at All Saints, with our Harvest tea being held on Saturday 27th. So along with offering up prayers for the vacancy, please feel free to use the prayer tree to thank God for all that He provides for us and to pray for those in the world who live in poverty and hunger.

Elizabeth Wilding

Message from Alan Gibson

My Sky e-mail account has been hacked. Please note my new account acvgibson@outlook.com and delete my old account at acvgibson@sky.com. If you have sent me anything in August to my old machine, kindly re-send. Thank you.

Alan

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| 17 th Aug | 17 | 54 | 28 |

All Saints' Church

Holy Baptism None
Holy Matrimony None

Please pray for those struggling with illnesses of any sort, and especially for:

**Paul Catterall, Linda Eubank, Ken Starkey, Christine Gothard,
Michael Baxendale, Pam McLachlan, Linda Carrara,
and all the residents of Gillibrand Hall and Coniston House**

**And for the families of those who have died recently
Brian Mason, Bill Baxendale, Jane Dootson**

**We remember all those who are currently housebound and unable to
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2025 Flower Rota St George's

| <i>Date</i> | <i>One Pedestal</i> | <i>Lady Chapel</i> |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| 7th Sep | Mrs Mason | |
| 14th Sep | Harvest | |
| 28th Sep | | |
| 5th Oct | Mr Fairclough | |
| 12th Oct | | |
| 19th Oct | Mrs Baxendale | |
| 26th Oct | Miss B Smith | |
| 2nd Nov | Mrs Hobbiss | Miss B Smith |
| 9th Nov | Mrs Mason | Mrs Ellison |
| 16th Nov | Mrs Heartfield | |
| 23rd Nov | | |
| 30 th Nov | Advent | |
| 7 th Dec | Advent | |
| 14 th Jan | Advent | |
| 21 st Dec | Advent | |
| 25 th Dec | Christamas | |
| 28 th Dec | Christmas 1 | |
| 4th Jan 2026 | | |
| 11 th Jan | Mrs Wilding | |
| 18 th Jan | | |
| 25 th Jan | Mrs Lorraine Smith | |



ALL SAINTS CHURCH
CLOSER

TO GOD | TO OUR COMMUNITY | TO ONE ANOTHER

EVERY SUNDAY @ 4PM

JOIN US FOR CRAFTS, FUN, MUSIC, PRAYER AND
PRAISE AS WE WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER IN OUR
NEW GATHERING FOR FAMILIES AND YOUNG
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