

# All Saints Messenger

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## Freedom for the prisoners...



We want our sailors back! That's the message that Britain is sending to Iran. They are being held unjustly. They weren't in your territorial waters. They were just doing their job keeping international peace.

It has been sad to watch the way that the Iranian government is using the situation for propaganda. We pray that it won't be long until they are free and back with their families.

Our freedom is very precious to us. We hate being held against our will. Trapped unable to do what we want. That is why kidnapping is such a serious crime. Imprisoning people in some ways stops them being truly human.

I wonder if you realised that you're a prisoner too? Because as hard as we try we are unable to live the lives we want to. We find that daily we do things that we regret. We make a mess of our lives.

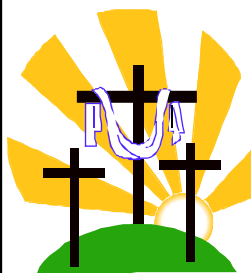
We are trapped by the constant desire for our lives to be truly satisfying. Trapped by the desire to get enough money to have all we want. Trapped by the need to be loved by others. Trapped by our inability to be the people we want to be.

And in the end we are trapped by our the certainty of our own death. That despite our best efforts we are heading for an inevitable end to our lives and then what?

Jesus says that God "...has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners..." (Luke 4:18). That He has come to free us to be the people that God made us to be. Free to know the God's forgiveness for the mess we've made of our lives. Free to know the true satisfaction of living for him. Free to know the certainty of His unconditional love. Free to confidence in the face of death.



Easter in the time of year when Christians remember the events that secured our Freedom. Jesus gives us this true freedom through his death and resurrection. His death that takes the punishment we deserve for our rejection of God. His resurrection that wins for us the certainty of life after death forever with Him.



If you would like to investigate the freedom Jesus offers why not come and join us for one of our services over the Easter period or come to our next Christianity Explored dinner. It's a great opportunity to find out more about what Jesus has done. And it all free!

**All Saints** is your local Parish Church Family. We welcome **all people** whatever there background or faith to come and join us as we look at who Jesus is , why He came and what it means to follow Him.

You are warmly invited to a

## Christianity Explored

**Tuesday 15th May 2007**  
@ All Saints Church, 7.30pm  
**'Christianity: boring,  
irrelevant, untrue?'**

## Services over Easter

April 6th <b>Good Friday</b>	10.30am	All age service.
April 8th <b>Easter Sunday</b>	10.30am	All age service.
	5.00	Traditional service: Lord's Supper
	7.00	Informal Service in Church Hall

# CHILL OUT

Tuesday 7-9pm @ All Saints

**Pool  
Table  
Tennis  
Food  
Games  
or..  
Sitting  
round  
doing  
nothing!  
Friends  
God slot**

**Years 7-12  
FREE**



### Youth Club for School Years 3-7

Mondays 6:30- 7:30pm @ the church

**Runs every Monday night during term time!**

Cost - only 30p!

**A great time for playing games, competitions, eating tuck, meeting others and a short interactive talk about the Christian faith.**

**All Welcome!**

Come  
And  
Meet  
Each  
Other

### A Lunch Club for everyone!

2nd Wednesday in the month @ the church hall

Wednesday 11th April

Cost - £1.50 for a cooked lunch!

A great time for meeting new people,  
with a talk or presentation on a variety of subjects .



*All Welcome!*



**For more information about other Church activities  
see [www.allsaintspreston.org.uk](http://www.allsaintspreston.org.uk) or call 01772 885687**