



## All Saints Cossington

**Sharing God's love, grace and faithfulness with all people**

This lent do we desire more of Christ? Do we want to deepen our relationships with Him, to know the truths of who we are in Christ more deeply, to lay aside the things that hold us back, the untruths that still remain in our lives? Do we want to taste more of the freedom that Paul talks about?

This lent we have talked about taking up things as well as laying down.

May I encourage us to recommit our lives this Lent to deepening our relationship with Jesus, to committing to seeking more of that freedom that Christ talks about, not just individually but together as the body of Christ in this place.

So, as we look to move forward as a church into what God is calling us may I encourage us to

**Deepen our Commitment** to a daily pattern of prayer - but also seek out opportunities to pray with others.

**Deepen our Commitment** to getting to grips with scripture - there are many excellent personal study guides, that I have found extremely useful. But I would also strongly urge us to consider meeting with others –I have committed to meeting with others and they have been some of the most fruitful times that I have had, not just through meeting with another individual but by prioritising meeting with others as well, maybe through a home group/ bible study group etc. I wonder is there someone you might consider committing to sharing scripture together with on a regular basis?

**Deepen our Commitment** to getting to know each other – to grow as a body of Christ I strongly believe we need to seek time outside of Sunday to grow together. Praying together and looking at God’s word together time together as mentioned above are one aspect of this, but also, we need to look for ways to deepen our relationships with each other overall. Recently we have started a men’s group, based around the opportunity to meet socially and Sandra shared a similar initiative for women in our family at the end of the service on Sunday. Details of this are below.

But there are other ways – meeting up for a coffee, inviting people to share food, going for a walk, the options are numerous, but these don’t happen on their own, we need to commit to seeking opportunities to grow together.

To grow in our faith individually and together we can not be passive, we need to, as Paul encourages us to

**1 Corinthians 9 v 24 – 27**

<sup>24</sup> Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. <sup>25</sup> Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. <sup>26</sup> Therefore I do not run like someone running aimlessly; I do not fight like a boxer beating the air.

<sup>27</sup> No, I strike a blow to my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize.

**How might the Spirit today be encouraging us to move deeper into a relationship with Jesus both individually and together as the body of Christ going forward and what practical steps will help us to achieve this?**

*It's Ladies' night!*

**Wine and puds!**

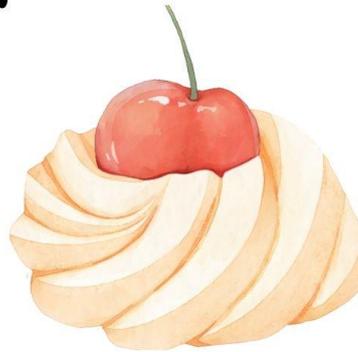
**FRIDAY 24TH APRIL**

**14 Main Street  
Cossington**



**7.30pm - 10pm**

**Free night out -  
just bring  
yourself and a  
friend if you  
wish!**



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also available**

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