

Remember that our relationship with God doesn't stop when we say "amen." As believers, we know that Christ abides in us ([John 17:26](#)) and He is always with us ([Matt. 28:20](#)). But we often act as if the Lord is with us only in church or during times of prayer.

By choosing to remember that we are in His presence, we can learn to cultivate an attitude of prayer as we go about our daily activities. Knowledge of His constant presence transforms how we relate to Him.

Closing: Just as loneliness reminds us of our need for other people, emptiness indicates that we have neglected our relationship with God and His priorities for us. The solution is simple: We must return to loving and obeying the Lord. He will guide us to attitudes and activities that bring lasting fulfilment.

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Have a blessed week!

Did you know ...

...that to the Anglo-Saxons October was known as Winterfylleth, because at this full moon (fylleth) winter was supposed to begin.

Coming up in November

Monday 1st - Connecting People Meal
1pm, £3 per person - give your names to Mary

Friday 12th - Connecting Women
At Caddishead Community Church at 7.15pm

Sunday 21st - Pastor Dennis Ryan
Will be our guest speaker

Wednesday 24th - Breakthrough Service
7:30pm - our monthly day of prayer and fasting for all our needs

The Alpha Course is on every Monday
at 7pm See Angela if you would like to attend.

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Welcome to

Wythenshawe

Community

Church

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If this is your first time to our church we invite you to join in and make yourself at home.

As a first time visitor help us to know you better by filling in our Visitor's card and placing it in the offering basket during the offering. If you require any assistance, please speak to one of the ushers.



Wythenshawe Community Church

**"In the heart of Wythenshawe,
With a heart for Wythenshawe."**

What's happening in October

Sunday 3rd - Pastor Keith Tipple
AOG Minister will be speaking

Monday 4th - Connecting People Meal
1pm, £3 per person - give your names to Mary

Friday 8th - Singles Event
7.30 to 9.30pm with special guest speakers

Saturday 9th - Singles Event
10am to 4pm with special guest speakers.
Cost **£10** per person. Refreshments included.

Sunday 10th - Pastor Bill & Denise, Eccles
Will be speaking

Friday 15th - Connecting Women
At Caddishead Community Church at 7.15pm

Wednesday 27th - Breakthrough Service
7:30pm - our monthly day of prayer and fasting for all our needs

Friday 31st - Pastor Renni Allan from USA
Will be speaking

The Alpha Course is on each Monday at 7pm

God's answer to an empty life.

Do you ever feel empty? Do you sense that your life lacks meaning? Non-Christians and believers who have never developed an intimate relationship with Jesus can experience emptiness because they don't know Him. But for more mature believers, emptiness is a symptom of allowing worldly pressures and pleasures to get a foothold. When we fail to make time for intimate fellowship with Christ or compartmentalize our relationship with Him, life feels incomplete. Why? We were never meant to find fulfilment in earthly things. Let's look at some ways to overcome feelings of emptiness.

1. Draw near to God.

This is the most important thing you can do in any situation. We were designed to have a loving, submissive relationship with our Maker.

Weekly Church Events:

Tuesday

There are House Groups around the Wythenshawe area. Join one if you are not already attending a house group. See Mary for details.

Wednesday

Every Wednesday there is an Intercessor's Prayer meeting at 7.30pm. Put your prayer requests in the prayer request box. See Bola for details.

Thursday

On Thursday mornings our Coffee Lounge is open from 9:30 to 12:30 for anyone who would like to come along for a freshly brewed coffee. Children's play area is provided. Volunteers are needed to help out in the kitchen. Please see Helena or Becky for details.

There is a Bible study at church every Thursday with Pastor Mike and Terence at 7.30pm. Come and join him there if you do not attend a house group.

The Rock Youth group meets at 7:30pm. If you are in High School we would love for you to come. Please see Andy or Helena for details.

Friday

Church house group for study, prayer and fellowship at 11am. Please come along and support the church in prayer.

Monday and Friday

Church cleaning. Volunteers are welcome

Sunday:

9:30am to 10:15am

Prayer meeting

10:30am

Celebration Service

When pleasing Him is our primary concern, we experience unmatched contentment. A few ways we can draw near to God are Bible reading, prayer, singing or playing worshipful music, and attending a church service.

2. Repent of allowing other priorities to crowd out your relationship with God.

When believers feel empty, it's typically because they are no longer pursuing the Lord wholeheartedly. In the parable of the sower, Jesus talked about the hindrances to a fruitful Christian life ([Matt. 13:3-9, 18-23](#)).

The seed represents the gospel message. Other seed falls on thorny ground.

For believers, prosperity and blessing are actually two of the most difficult challenges. The reason is that we can begin to focus on the gifts God provides instead of God Himself. As you enjoy the good things He has supplied, ask the Father to help you trust completely in Him.

3. Within reason, clear your life of activities and goals that distract you from pursuing a deepening relationship with God.

Jesus told His disciples to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth ([Matt. 6:19-21](#)). He meant that we shouldn't allow temporal possessions or pursuits to capture our hearts.

The apostle Paul set his mind to do all things for the sake of the gospel.

Read [2 Corinthians 5:10](#). Ask the Lord to reveal anything you should add to or remove from your life in preparation for judgment day.

4. Meet regularly with the Lord.

Ideally, we would each fellowship daily with God for an extended period—honestly sharing feelings and thoughts, reading His Word, and listening to His voice. But even five to ten minutes a day can be a good start. You could plan for longer sessions a few times a week or on weekends.