

# THE LIGHTHOUSE

ST ALBANS ELDERS QUORUM

SUMMER 2022

## Sharing the Gospel

This season we would like to extend an invitation to all brethren to take part in the great work of sharing the gospel. For some this may be a daunting task and put us in positions that make us feel uncomfortable, but I know that as we let go of fear and trust in the Lord, then he will make us great instruments in his hands. The ward plan for 2022 shares suggestions on things you can implement on a personal level, with your families, and with your friends to help you in your efforts to share the gospel. Recently, the church has presented us with three principles achieve this in a more natural manner; these are *Love*, *Share*, and *Invite*.

*Love* is an important aspect of sharing the gospel. We need to see others as the Lord sees them. As we learn to love others we will naturally want to share the gospel with them. This may start off with small acts, such as a friendly greeting or asking them how their day is going, and then progress into friendship and acts of service.

*Sharing* is something that we do quite naturally with certain aspects of our lives, but when it comes to the gospel this can be more challenging. For instance, if I see a movie that I like I am more than happy to share that with others, but what about spiritual moments? Elder Michael T. Ringwood stated that sharing does not need to be verbal, but more importantly our time, friendships, and being present.

*Inviting* people to come unto Christ is possibly the most challenging of the three principles. To allow for more natural ways of inviting people to hear the gospel in the ward plan we provided suggestions such as inviting people into your home, inviting people to ward activities, or to attend church on weeks that you are speaking. Doing so provides opportunities for our friends to ask questions rather than for us to try and think of ways to incorporate gospel topics into daily conversations. Elder Marcus B. Nash encouraged us that when the gospel is part of our lives, then when we invite people into our lives, we are inviting them to see the gospel in action.

We pray that over the coming weeks you will find opportunities in your lives to love, share, and invite not only friends outside of the church, but to make new friends within the ward.

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*"There are  
lives to  
brighten.*

*There are  
hearts to  
touch.*

*There are  
souls to save."*

President Thomas  
S. Monson

## EQ ACTIVITY



featuring

**Alistair Cox**

and

**Sam Spoors**

(these will be held over  
zoom with details for the  
event to be provided  
closer to the date)

# LESSON SCHEDULE

JUNE	5th	For God so love us - Michael T. Ringwood	Study at home
	12th	Lift up your heart and rejoice - Marcos A. Aidukaitis	Jeremy Opie
	19th	In awe of Christ and his Gosepl - Ulisses Soares	Study at home
	26th	Divine love is the Father's plan - Dallin H. Oaks	Kehinde Ogunjobi

JULY	3rd	Steady in the Storms - Henry B. Eyring	Study at home
	10th	A mighty change of heart - Eduardo Gavarret	Harrison Levens
	17th	We each have a story - Gerrit W. Gong	Study at home
	24th	Love, Share, Invite - Gary E. Stevenson	Peter Thomas
	31st	Combined RS/EQ for fifth Sunday	Bishopric Led

AUGUST	7th	Our heartfelt all - Dieter F. Uchtdorf	Study at home
	14th	Missionary service blessed my life forever - M. Russell Ballard	TBD
	21st	Following Jesus: Being a peacemaker - Neil L. Andersen	Study at home
	28th	Coveration to the will of God - Quentin L. Cook	Jeremy Opie



## LOOKING AHEAD

DATE	EVENT
19/06	Father's Day
24/06	Alistair Cox - AMA (8:30pm via zoom)
09/07	Stake Primary Picnic
15/07	Board Games Night (7:30pm @ chapel)
26/07	Sam Spoons - AMA (8:30pm via zoom)
08-13/08	For Strength of Youth convention
10-12/08	Deacon and Beehive Camp
13/08	Activity - Evening Walk (7:30 pm)

NOTE: Some of these dates and times may change. Prior to each event an e-mail and a whatsapp message will be sent out to the quorum with current information.





# Alistair Cox



I grew up in Romford, Essex. Moved to St Albans 1983 so have only ever lived in two houses. The only experience in the trauma of moving has been when helping to move other people.

Family- mother Norah, father Cyril (who sadly died when I was four and my brother Ian two). Mum struggled to bring us up but fortunately we had a strong family, friends and good neighbours.) Children Alex and Libby

Joined the church 1983 moving from the Church of England in answer to a prayer by Janet (long story best told by Janet if you ever have the time).

Retired. Served a five-year apprenticeship at The Marconi Wireless Company at Chelmsford as a design draughtsman. Joined Advance Electronics as an electromechanical designer. Headhunted to join Marconi Instruments at St Albans as Chief Mechanical Designer. Made redundant when Marconi downsized and joined the MOD at RAF Henlow designing and installing radio and radar installations. Total change of direction on reaching sixty as Mod did not employ engineers past sixty. Joined Hertfordshire County Council researching old maps and documents to determine the extent of highway that the HCC is responsible for maintaining. Thoroughly enjoyed my career even with a short period of redundancy. Many good people helped me along the way.

My present callings are Building Rep, Stake Pageant Support, Sunday School President, Young Adult Advisor.

My talents are varied. I will try to repair most things and hate throwing good items away. I am generally successful in repairs so most of my equipment is fairly old. I love old things!

I have been traveling around 30 or so Primary Schools in Hertfordshire and the Luton area for the past twenty years as an Ambassador with Setpoint Hertfordshire presenting the K'Nex Challenge and encouraging the children to study the STEM subject with a view to taking engineering as a career.

My favourite holidays were on the canals and have travelled on most in the country. We invested in a 'floating' time share which allowed us to choose any time and any marine to cruise from. I enjoy gardening, building, making, and repairing equipment. My favourite food is fish & chips.

I do not have any interest in sport such as cricket, football or tennis but spent many weeks and weekends in my younger years building and rallying cars such as the Ford Cortina GT and the Escort Twin Cam.

I like open spaces the woods, canals, rivers, and lakes. St Albans and the countryside around.

Dislikes - waste and vandalism, both individual and corporate.



# SAM SPOORS

**Where did you grow up?**

Chelmsford, Essex

**Who is in your family? parents/siblings/children - what are their names?**

Jade, Ella (1)

Four brothers

**Membership i.e. are you a convert? were you born into the church?**

Born into the church. I decided to read the Book of Mormon sincerely for the first time around 16-yrs old and a few months in, had an experience that for me told me the Book of Mormon was the word of God and therefore Joseph Smith restored Christ's church.

**Have you served a mission? if so, where?**

France, Lyon

**What do you do for a living?**

Finance. I'm an investment analyst and just accepted a new job. I analyse investments in commercial real estate (hotels, shopping centres, offices, etc.)

Aspects I enjoy: Analyzing business plans; Finding creative solutions; Networking/ Travel

**Favourite scripture/story?**

Alma and Amulek. I love Amulek's call to discipleship and example of worldly influence and prioritizing the gospel.

**Do you have a church calling?**

High councilor – currently assigned to Sharing the Gospel efforts across the Stake.

**What talents do you have?**

Jade says talking.

**Hobbies?**

Following Arsenal and Formula One / Travel

**Favourite food?**

Japanese (but the western kind: Sushi; Chicken Katsu Curry; etc.)

**Favourite sport to play or watch/ or favourite holiday?**

Football & Skiing / Mediterranean

**Likes -** Apple

**Dislikes -** Android

**Any interesting facts about yourself?** I hate tee shirts.