

## This week at Christ Church

### Sunday 6th

9.30am Holy Communion

11am All Age Service

6.30pm Evening Service at St Peter's

### Wednesday

9.30am Toddler Group @ The Welcome Centre

7.30pm Prayer and Praise at the Vicarage

### Thursday

9.45am Holy Communion followed by Lunch Club

### Sunday 13th

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship (followed by Rogation Sunday walk)

6.30pm Evening Service at St Peter's

Next Sunday is **Rogation Sunday** when we will walk the parish boundary after Church. Please bring a packed lunch and sensible footwear as the path is rough in places.

### **One Sheffield, Many Cultures**

Join the celebration of Sheffield's unity with live performances from multicultural acts and dance groups from local schools. **Saturday 19th May - Midday to 4pm. Barkers Pool (outside the City Hall).**

We have run out of emergency food donated at harvest as people in need have come to the vicarage over the winter. Further donations of tins (with ring pulls if possible) or tuna or other fish, baked beans, spaghetti or ravioli, thick soups or stew meals and rice pudding would be greatly appreciated. Packets of pasta and pasta sauce or packets of rice and rice meals are also useful.

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# Christ Church Pitsmoor

Sunday 6th  
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Christian community for all nations

### Welcome to Christ Church

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I don't normally put my picture on the front page but I thought that you might like to know a bit about what I have been up to over the past ten days or so. In 2006 I set myself the task of walking around the 630 miles of the South West coast path. (The longest national trail in the UK) Year by year I have gradually walked along this amazing and tough coastal route with my rucksack and tent. It has been a time to reflect and recharge spiritual batteries. This year I started off at Torquay at the 500 mile mark with the aim of walking along the Devon and Dorset

Coast to Weymouth. The weather was quite wet but I managed to walk 90 miles in between the wet days and floods. I'm standing on the top of Golden Cap above Charmouth in the picture. I passed through some beautiful places including, Exmouth, Sidmouth and Abbotsbury and finished the walk with a 13 mile circuit of the Isle of Portland and managed to get a look at the new Olympic sailing centre which will be the focus of world attention at the end of July. So, I only have another 40 miles to do before the walk ends at Bournemouth. The plan is to make this a family 'do' for my 60th in October. A big 'thank you' to Frances for holding the fort while I was away and for putting up with her husband's ramblings!

Please pass this newsletter on when you have read it

### May prayer diaries are now at the back of church

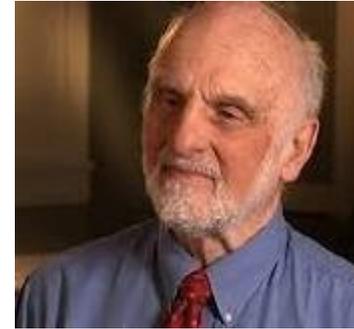


I've just returned from a week in Niger with Tearfund. Niger is one of the West African countries affected by last year's terrible harvests (around 20% of normal), and a lot of people (around a million in Niger) are at risk of serious hunger this year. We saw some excellent work by Tearfund's partners that is helping some of the most affected villages, but there's still a lot to do to make sure the most vulnerable people are able to make it through to this year's harvest (expected in September). Thank you for praying - the trip was safe, and productive. Please keep praying for good rains at the right time, a good harvest this year, and for aid agencies and government to get food to the people who need it most over the next few months. If you want more information, see me after the service. Richard

We have had an excellent response to our advertisement for a youth worker at Christ Church and we will be shortly organising a group to sort out a short-list for interviews. Some of the candidates are local to Sheffield but several come from further afield. Please be praying that the Lord will lead us to the person of his choice.

### Post- Alpha group meets in church on Tuesday at 7p.m.

Our new administrative assistant, Maureen Fischer, will be starting on Thursday and there will be a picture and profile in the next news sheet. Danny Atrobus from South Yorkshire Funding Bureau is visiting this week as we begin to look at funding possibilities for the re-ordering of the Welcome Centre.



American Priest, teacher and activist, Walter Brueggeman is nearing 80. For decades he has been one of the leading theologians and religious thinkers with a worldwide reputation. His book, "Prophetic Imagination" is guiding Christ Church preachers over the next three months as we take a major look at the Old Testament. For the next three Sundays we will be looking at Moses and how God used him to rescue God's people from slavery in Egypt.

### E Petition - VAT on Church Repairs

The Chancellor is about to levy VAT on building work performed on church buildings. Up till now these have been exempt from VAT. If you feel you would like to sign the petition it can be found at:

<http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/32229>

**Please see Huw Thomas, our treasurer, if you want to know more**

### Diamond Jubilee Garden Party

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, we will be holding a garden party on Bank Holiday Monday (4th June). 2p.m. Onwards. We need volunteers to help with this - serving teas, running a cake stall, games etc. Also offers of gazebos or picnic tables would be helpful for teas. Proceeds from the event will go towards Angela's trip and to start a fund for The Welcome Centre development.

**Please speak to Frances if you can help or for more information**