

## This week at Christ Church

### Sunday 11th

9.30am Holy Communion  
11am Morning worship  
6.30pm Evening Service at St Peter's

### Tuesday

7pm Student Alpha in Church

### Wednesday

9.30am Toddler Group @ The Welcome Centre  
7.30pm Prayer and Praise at the Vicarage  
7.30pm Lent Course at Sheffield Cathedral

### Thursday

9.45am Holy Communion followed by Lunch Club

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**Looking ahead:** The next Future Light meeting will be on March 31st., 9.30a.m. followed by the church walk at 11a.m. We will be heading off into Spring in the Peak District.

At the back of church are leaflets about the New Wine Conference at Newark Show-ground at the end of July. We are planning to go with a church group. Pick up a brochure.

**Electoral Roll** Are you on the church electoral roll (list of church members)? If you are not on the roll and would like to be on it please fill in a form at the back of church. This is in readiness for the Church Annual Parochial meeting on 22nd April. Members are entitled to vote on issues affecting the church. If you have any questions please see Clarete who is the electoral roll officer. The Roll will be totally revised in 2013.

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# Christ Church Pitsmoor

# Newsletter March 11th

## News from this week

**Web-site:** [www.Christchurchpitsmoor.com](http://www.Christchurchpitsmoor.com)

At the PCC on Thursday we said a formal 'goodbye' to Vanessa Kirby. As you have probably heard Vanessa is taking on a senior post at Church Army and is leaving Chocolate Box after five years. We are all very grateful to her for her pioneering work and we wish her well in her new calling.



PCC was mostly keeping up to date with developments with safe-guarding and finances, and recruitment . We also looked forward to Easter and the Diamond Jubilee. Lionel presented a fabric report and we made preparations for the annual meeting, 20th April at 6.30p.m. We also prayed for some local needs.

Please pass this newsletter on when you have read it

Its always nice to get a letter from a Bishop. Bishop Steven wrote recently to thank Christ Church for its extra parish share payment! Each parish in the Diocese is asked to pay its share towards the total cost of keeping the Diocese afloat. A reduction of £3000 to £33,000 was agreed for 2011. However we were in the good position to be able to pay the extra £3000. To 'break even' each parish needs to contribute £44,000, so we are still some way off that but it would be a good point to aim at.

Bishop Peter is visiting the Parish this afternoon. He will be visiting Robert Newman. Robert hoped to be confirmed last month but due to ill health was unable to come to the service. Bishop Peter will be confirming Robert in his own home and then celebrating Holy Communion. We continue to pray for Michael's recovery, he is desperate to be well enough to begin gardening again!

#### Children's Craft Activity Day

There will be a children's craft and activity day on Easter Saturday (7th April). The theme is 'hope' and all craft activities will involve part of the Easter story. The day will start at 10am at St Peter's and is aimed at primary school pupils. More information to follow.

**Please see Jane Skinner for more information.**

**Rainbows End** There will be Lent and prayers this Friday (16th March) at Rainbows End, starting at 8.30.

**Please see Yvonne for more details**

**Let it rain!** Recently I heard from my friends in Malawi that a drought was imminent. The best rains fall Nov—Feb and there hasn't been enough. The prison is suffering from water shortages. So, we prayed. (including Thursday Communion) and, it has rained, unusually heavily for March. Even as I was speaking on the phone, Yohanne said, its raining, he was overjoyed, as the maize was beginning to wilt but now it is reviving.

Also at the back are copies of the monthly prayer diary of the Restoring Broken Walls Trust, the prison charity which supports work in HMP Doncaster. I am a founding trustee. Philip

**Hendrik has been in touch.**

Sorry for not contacting you earlier. We're a bit cut off from the world as our landline and broadband is only expected to go live on the 26th of March! The house and the area are fantastic. The people are friendly and helpful. One of our neighbours told us our arrival is a prayer answered as they prayed for good neighbours! It feels really peaceful yet all the time people walk past and there are people of all ages out in the park in front of our house. The shops are just around the corner. Moving back hasn't been easy and we're still in the process of sorting all sorts of stuff the bureaucracy here requires.

We've unpacked about 75% of our boxes now and it is now time to get some extra furniture. Hein is spending a few days at his grandparents so we can make some progress.

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Can you let people know we are well and safe here? And can you please express our gratitude for the gift(s) we received from the Church community?

**Pye Bank School Governors meet on Wednesday evening** at school for the termly governors' meeting. Pye Bank is a Church Aided School which means that the church has a major say in school running and policy. 90% of the pupils at the school are Muslim. At the moment, Natalie, Ruth and Philip are Governors. Natalie and Ruth have special areas of responsibilities on the governing body. Church members take a weekly assembly and the school kitchens provide the weekly lunches for lunch club. David Smith is also very involved and is regularly in school to play the piano. Philip is currently working on some anti-bullying drama with the Y3s.