

## This week at Christ Church

### Sunday 13th

9.30am Holy Communion

11am All Age Service

6.30pm Evening Service at St Peter's

### Monday

7.30p.m. Training evening for baptism families

### 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

7.30p.m. PCC at the Vicarage

### Sunday 20th

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Service at St Peter's

### **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 will shortly be booking tickets for the New wine week at the end of July. We will be able to subsidize the cost if finances are tight for you. It is a really brilliant week and a chance to spend time together as a church and meet with God**

**INSPIRE MAGAZINES FOR MAY AT THE BACK OF CHURCH, READ AND PASS ON!**

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# Christ Church Pitsmoor

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Christian community for all nations

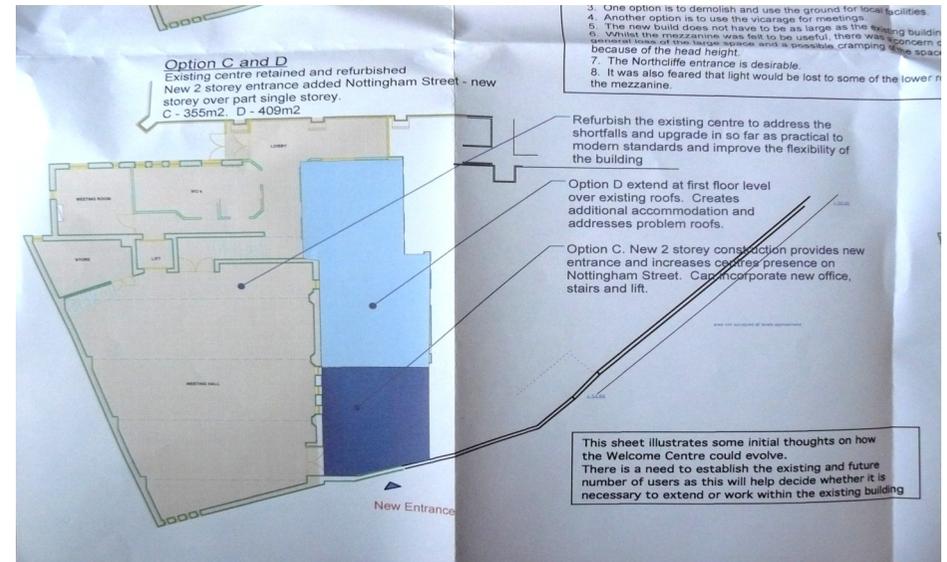
### Welcome to Christ Church

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This is to keep you up to date with Welcome Centre developments. Above is part of an initial set of proposals from our architect. These are available for your inspection. With the help of South Yorkshire Funding Bureau I am making an initial application to the Lottery. This is Stage 1. If that is successful then we begin a detailed process of consultation within the church and outside in the community in preparation for a Stage 2 application which is very detailed. The cost of the project may be as high as £1/2 million. Please pray for wisdom and discernment.

**Please pass this newsletter on when you have read it**

The Diocese is beginning to run preparation courses for those who are thinking about some kind of ordained ministry. The Diocese is looking to have half its clergy self-supporting by the end of the decade. Chris Limb, Clarete Zvoushe and Carol Chan Tha are attending an 8 session group based in Rotherham. The group is designed to help members discern God's way forward together. Please pray for them as they start the course on May 21st.

Please continue to pray for **Hannah Jackson** as she finishes her pre-ordination course at St. Mellitus college in London and then prepares for ordination at Sheffield Cathedral on July 1st. Hannah would also appreciate prayer as she searches for a suitable house to live in the parish.

Four families seeking to have their children baptised will be attending a training evening on Monday evening at the Vicarage.

The new constituted PCC meets at the Vicarage on Thursday evening.

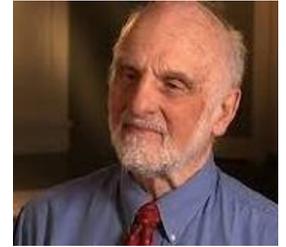
**We have run out of emergency food donated at harvest as people in need have come to the vicarage over the winter. Further donations of tins (with ring pulls if possible) or tuna or other fish, baked beans, spaghetti or ravioli, thick soups or stew meals and rice pudding would be greatly appreciated.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

### **Diamond Jubilee Garden Party**

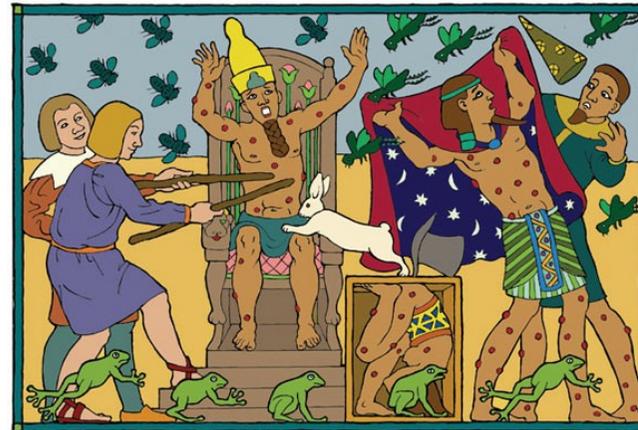
To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, we will be holding a garden party on Bank Holiday Monday (4th June). 2p.m., Onwards. We need volunteers to help with this - serving teas, running a cake stall, games etc. Also offers of gazebos or picnic tables would be helpful for teas. Proceeds from the event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

We're continuing with our Old Testament journey today with Chris and Huw looking at Moses in his battle with Pharaoh and the plagues. Behind our bible study we are using the work of American Theologian and teacher Walter Brueggeman. His life-long work has been to take the bible and help the church to understand how its message written down long ago can help us today. As we read our Bibles and see stories such as the plagues, Pass-over and the crossing of the Red Sea, these remind us that God works powerfully. ***Can you think of a powerful bible study which is part of your imagination and which gives you strength to live as a Christian?***



Walter Brueggeman calls this "an offer of reality" from God. It is



tough living as a Christian in a world which has different 'offers of reality'. We are told that money, pleasure, fashion are the true reality. Walter B. tells us that 'that there is a long and available memory that sinks

the present generation deep into God's past'. Every time we read the Bible in church and listen to a sermon we are hearing about God's reality and this speaks against modern culture which dominates us and wants to squeeze faith and God out of us. Moses battled with Pharaoh, "Let my people go". Each time Pharaoh refused. We live in a world of many Pharaohs. The banks, the big multi-national companies, dictators, TV and newspapers. God calls us to 'let my people go'. As you listen to these great stories, be inspired, imagine great things, but know that God can do far more than we can ever ask or imagine.