

**The wave**—for 10-16 year olds on Sunday morning held in the tower for Bible study and life application

**Children's Church**—for 4-10 year olds on Sunday morning held in the welcome centre for adventure and exploring the Bible

**Crèche** - for 0-4 year olds on Sunday morning in the lounge for play. Parents are welcome to use this space and the space at the back of church for their children if needed.



**At the back of church is a collection of crafts and CDS from Burma. You will remember that wonderful Palm Sunday service when we welcomed David and Mary Bolster. Mary is supporting some very poor Christians in Burma and she would be most grateful if you could consider purchasing some of the items.**

**This week This evening 6.30 at St. Peters**

**Tuesday 7.30p.m.** The standing committee meets at the Vicarage to consider our relationship with St. Peter's

**Wednesday 9.30** Parent and Toddler Group 7p.m. Alpha in church Prayer and Praise @ the Vicarage 7.30p.m.

**Thursday 9.45** Holy Communion followed by lunch club

**looking ahead.....**

Next church walk is on Saturday. Future Light at the Vicarage at 9.30, meet for walk at 11a.m.

Next visit to Rosebank and Jasmin Court nursing homes on afternoon of Monday 29th

Alpha continues on Wednesday evening at 7pm in church, starting with a meal followed by talk and discussion.



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# Christ Church Pitsmoor

Sunday  
14th October

Christian community for all nations

Welcome to Christ Church

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Many Happy Returns of the Day to Phillip.  
Congratulations on your 60th Birthday!



Future Light group outside St. Mary's Masham on their visit to North Yorkshire last Saturday. The visit was hosted by Bob and Ros Arnold and members of the church in Masham

Please pass this newsletter on when you have read it



## Diocesan Development Day

The Diocesan Development Day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> October brought together churches from across the Diocese to think, reflect and worship.

The day was opened with an inspiring time of worship led by Helen Bent and her band, in an uplifting time of singing. I was outside on door duty and it was fascinating to watch folks singing as they entered, caught up in the sound.

The keynote speaker was Ann Morrisy, who worked us hard with a jaunt through the notion of social capital and the essential nature of trust in community. Her message was part "We're doing OK", but without complacency she called on the social network the church already forms to become more imaginative and challenging. This excellent input was followed by her workshop which further explored the outward looking nature of churches.

She presented two points of real note. One was that research showed outward looking churches grew in their work, if they made good links beyond their own work to that of others.

She also challenged us all to look on others with the right sort of eyes – to embrace those in need with our eyes.

Various seminars explored a range of matters including world poverty and mental health. Lynn and I were on a panel about children and justice.

The closing address from Bishop Steven gathered the thinking of the day into a reflection on salt and light, in Matthew chapter 5 verses 13 and 14, calling us not to become these but to recognise that in these verses Jesus teaches the church we already are.

A great day, with big thanks to all who organised it.

*Mick Dennett is jumping out of an aeroplane to raise money for Bluebell Wood Hospice, please support him. Sign up at back of church*

*List at the back of church to sign.*



You might also like to sponsor Brian and Margaret Vivian who did a walk for Galeed House. Margaret works tirelessly as a volunteer at Galled house in Darnall which seeks to be a Christian presence in a Muslim majority area. List also at the back of church.

## **Invitation: Open house at Hannah's ;**

*46 Shirecliffe Lane, Sunday 21st October 4 - 6.30pm. Drop in for half an hour or the whole time for birthday tea and cakes. All welcome.*



### **A week in the life of the pioneer curate**

*Alpha* started brilliantly; around 30 are gathering to deepen their faith or explore faith for the first time. A great opportunity to bring someone who has no church background to something to do with faith...maybe for next time be thinking who you could invite if you didn't this course. We will have the alpha away day on Saturday November 3rd....hopefully in the countryside somewhere.

Email [hannah@christchurchpitsmoor.com](mailto:hannah@christchurchpitsmoor.com) for more info about alpha.

*Element*: element is a group of young ish adults who are hoping to develop into a missional community at some point...watch this space for more details. We meet fortnightly on a Tuesday night and for Sunday lunch once a month. The group is open and still developing in identity so if you are up for friendship, deepening your faith and exploring mission together have a chat with Hannah or Morgan.

*Interns having lunch with the bishop*: Hannah, Vicky Balshaw and Edith had lunch with Bishop Steven at the community mission house in Parson Cross on October 3rd...it was a gathering of people involved in doing or exploring pioneering in the north of Sheffield. Edith and Vicky are working as interns with Hannah on Wednesday afternoons for lunch, Bible study, developing personal and practical skills and helping her out with some admin, as well as using the time to think of things the young adults at CCP could develop in mission and ministry in church and outside of it.

And this is just some of it.....chat to our pioneer curate if you want to hear some stories about meeting people in the community...coffee at rainbows end...Ann Morisy at the Church Army Breakout conference...preaching at Hallam university CU (the first woman ever to!)

**Please pray for a number of folk who are undergoing chemo or radio-therapy at present**