

Our love and prayers go out to Richard, Ingrid, Jess and Isaac during a very difficult time for them all. We pray for successful treatment for Richard.

This week:

**Today @ 6.30p.m.** This evening's worship is at St. Peters

**Tuesday 18th** 9a.m. Philip taking Pye Bank School assembly  
10.30 Coffee and 11.30 chairbics at St. Peters.

**Wednesday 19th** 9.30-11.30 a.m. Toddler group 7.30 Prayer and Praise at the Vicarage

**Thursday 20th** 9.45am Holy Communion followed by Lunch Club

**Friday 21st** 11.30am Funeral Joyce Kadeja at Christ Church



Element enjoyed a great BBQ at Hannah's on Tuesday evening.

L-R Erna, Vicky, Anu, Hannah and Judith

**Hannah Jackson and Gary Dawson-Jones (Hackenthorpe),** will be ordained to the priesthood by Rt Rev'd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Sheffield, here **at Christ Church on Monday 1st July at 7.30pm.** This is a very special occasion for Hannah and we hope many of you will come to support her.

**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.

# Christ Church Pitsmoor

**Sunday  
16th June 2013**

Christian community for all nations

**Welcome to Christ Church**

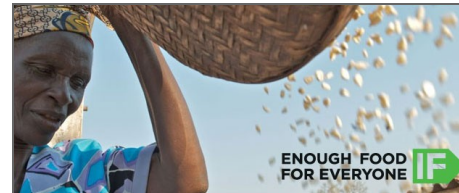
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Maureen is away for a fortnight, please contact the Vicarage



The time has come for leaders to act. David Cameron talked yesterday about tax loopholes and the **G8 conference is held on 18-19th June.** So keep praying!

Aid **Enough Food For Everyone IF** we give enough aid to stop children dying from hunger and help the poorest families feed themselves.

Tax **Enough Food For Everyone IF** governments stop big companies dodging tax in poor countries.

Land **Enough Food For Everyone IF** we stop poor farmers being forced off their land and grow crops to feed people, not fuel cars.

Transparency **Enough Food For Everyone IF** governments and big companies are honest and open about their actions that stop people getting enough food.

**Together, we can make IF happen.**

[Lots more information on enoughfoodif.org](http://lotsmoreinformationonenoughfoodif.org)

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



## Bishop Steven's letter for June

Every once in a while I come across a prayer which helps me pray. I normally stay with it for a while, trying to use it every day. Sometimes I paste it into the prayers I say each week.

A few months ago, I came across a prayer of St. Augustine in a copy of a sermon someone handed me to read. It spoke to me very powerfully. I don't remember seeing the prayer before. I think it deserves to be better known.

Augustine of Hippo (354-430) was a Bishop in North Africa. The prayer is a beautiful prayer of dedication to God. I think I would rank it alongside the Methodist Covenant Prayer for the power of the words and the honest dedication to God's cause. Perhaps Augustine's prayer influenced John Wesley.

The English translation I was given didn't really flow so this is my attempt at a revision:

*Jesus, Master,*

*May I know myself and know you. May I desire nothing if not you.*

*May I forget myself and love you. May I do everything because of you.*

*May I humble myself and exalt you. May I think of nothing if not you.*

*May I die to myself and live in you. Whatever happens may I accept from you.*

*May I renounce myself and follow you and always long to follow you.*

*May I flee myself and fly to you. May I be worthy to be defended by you.*

*May I fear myself and fear you, that I may be among those chosen by you.*

*May I mistrust myself and trust you. May I be willing to obey because of you.*

*May I cling to nothing if not to you And may I be poor because of you.*

*Look upon me that I may love you, Call me that I may see you*

*And in eternity may I delight in you. Amen.*

*The prayer is full of Christ: every line ends in "you". It is also very self aware. As you read it, think about which lines help and challenge you. Several of the lines have already challenged me deeply. Several have made me think. The final three lines are especially beautiful and worth learning as a short prayer in their own right.*

If you like the prayer, cut it out and keep it for the future. Like all good prayers, this one is a call to holiness. It's a prayer for quiet days and retreats, for moments of special dedication or seasons of pondering the way forward.

+Steven

Looking forward to the summer:

## CHRIST CHURCH DAY AT THE SEASIDE

July 20th will see us going by coach to Filey for a church day out. Tickets will be £10 for adults £7 for under 12s. Bookings can be made through the Vicarage. We will need to make a final decision on the bus by next Sunday 23rd, so please call 01142727756 to make your booking.

*The Bob Hartman event went really well last week at Christ Church, Jack wrote on Facebook, "It was fantastic!"*

## GENR8 Friday 21st June at 7.30pm

Sat 29 June 10-4pm Firth Park Festival - Lots & lots of attractions

Abbeyfield Festival is on Sunday 7th July



Thank you everyone for keeping the show on the road while we have been away in Scotland. We had a wonderful sunny time. In the photo Grandma helps grandsons make a sand boat on Loch Morlich beach.

Early warning!! Diocesan Development Day 2013

Together for Growth—Mission Partnerships

Sat 5 Oct, 9.30—3.30 at St Thomas, Philadelphia