

This week Monday 7.30 Children's church meeting at the Vicarage

Tuesday 7.30 Bishop Steven at Ecclesfeld School

Wednesday 9.30 Parent and Toddler Group Prayer and Praise @ the Vicarage 7.30p.m.

Thursday 9.45 Holy Communion followed by lunch club 7.30p.m. PCC — Anthony will be outlining his plans for working with young people at the church

Saturday Special Rainbow's End 3rd birthday celebration in church 3- 5p.m.

looking ahead.....

23rd September 9.30 Holy Communion , 11a.m. Christ Church Baptism and beginning of our Exploring God's mercy series. "Lost and found"

6.30 Christ church healing service

29th 3p.m. Wedding of Aaron Limb and Lucy Hobson



We have got our big banner up outside the Vicarage. Who are you going to invite to join the Alpha course which begins on October 3rd? Or maybe come yourself. The session on October 3rd is an introductory one and follows the usual format consisting of a simple meal, talk and discussion. Please commit yourself in prayer for this important outreach

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Christ Church Pitsmoor

Sunday
16th September

Christian community for all nations

Welcome to Christ Church

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L-R Precious, Joy, Ler Bwe, Clarete, Yateka, Francesca, Philip, Ali, Mercy

Future Light, our international group, met for the first time this term at the Vicarage yesterday. FL is for folk for whom English is a second language. The group is growing in confidence and will be heavily involved in the world Harvest service on 30th Sept. Two members of the group—Carol and Clarete have been exploring future directions in ministry with the Diocese. FL will be going to North Yorkshire on 6th October to spend a day with Bob and Ros Arnold, our former link missionaries with CMS

Please pass this newsletter on when you have read it

There are two important **Diocesan events** coming up, please consider coming on at least one of them. On Tuesday lifts are available to hear Bishop Steven at Ecclesfield School. Steven is doing a great job leading the Diocese and it will be good for as many of us possible to hear him speaking on "sustainable patterns of ministry and mission". Things are changing fast in the Diocese, so please come along and find about those changes. **See Huw re. lifts.**

The **Diocesan development day is** on October 6th at Philadelphia. The main speaker is Ann Morisy, author of Beyond the Good Samaritan. Her work has been very important in guiding the way we do things at Christ Church as we to care for the community. She is an inspiring speaker. Huw, Lyn and Jenny Lambourne are involved with workshops. Handouts at back of church. Any special needs please contact Maureen (she is back from holiday on Wed)

Sept 22nd 5-7pm at church

FUN, FASHION, FUNKY & FREE FOOD

Come & join us , spend some ££ to help RE.

More info from Yvonne 07954149297

Next Saturday, 22nd Sept at 11a.m. Julie and Roger Walters will receive their worship leaders licenses at a special celebration of Lay Ministry at the Cathedral. You are welcome to attend. Please pray for them and especially as they move house shortly.

Harvest 30th Sept —Donations of non-perishable food (tins with ring pulls—baked beans, spaghetti, Bolognese, ravioli, tuna), biscuits, much appreciated. Please give donations for flowers to June or Frances. We are coordinating flowers with Aaron and Lucy's wedding. Donations of greenery appreciated Wed/Thur before Harvest.

Back at the Vicarage: It has been a busy week. We started off on Monday morning with our weekly **Ministry team meeting** (Philip, Frances, Jill Hancock, Hannah and Anthony) to pray together for the work of the parish. We had several interruptions including the glazier come to repair the broken window in the kitchen, someone wanting a phone call, a lady come about a baptism certificate, and an electrician. In the evening we had a **baptism preparation session** with two families, it was great to share about baptism and God's love for them. Tuesday morning saw me up at Pye Bank school where our very own Huw Thomas in his capacity as Diocesan Director of Education took a **great assembly** on the meaning of worship—he had the children captivated with some forged one pound coins (not rescued from the collection, I hope). Lunchtime took Hannah and myself to our monthly **clergy chapter meetings**, this time at Chapeltown. In the evening I joined some governors from the school to go to a special meeting at St. Mary's about the move towards Academy status. Huw fielded the questions. On Wednesday Frances and her team were busy in the Welcome Centre with a lively group of **parents and toddlers**. Wednesday evening saw us back at the Vicarage with a very lively group of folk from CCP and St. Peter's who were in full flow for **prayer and praise** as we had a go at writing our own gospels. The general conclusion was that Mark was very clever to squeeze the whole Jesus story into his. Thursday saw one of the best ever attended **lunch clubs** with 37 dinners served and a great atmosphere. It is a highlight of the week. In the evening a dozen of us gathered for the **Worship Forum** as we looked back over the past months of memorable worship at CCP and looked to the future including the special occasions of Remembrance, Advent and Christmas. We were joined by Flo who gave a young person's perspective on what we adults get up to in church.

COURSES

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