

This week This evening 6.30 St. Peters— Adrian Bateman is leading the service and speaking on Psalm 103. (This is the last day with us of Adrian's pre-ordination training)

Tuesday 7p.m. Alpha 2

Element (young adults meet) 7p.m. at Hannahs

Wednesday 9.30 Last Toddler Group of term 7.30 Prayer and Praise at the Vicarage

Thursday 9.45 Communion followed by last lunch club of term

Our Holy Week and Easter schedule:

Palm Sunday 24th 9.30a.m. Holy Communion

11.00a.m. Morning worship (Followed by lunch gathering at the Sportsman)

We'll be giving out palm crosses at both services

6.30 p.m. **Evening worship at St. Peters** — Philip is leading the service and speaking on Psalm 84. Lifts available.

Holy Week (25th –30th)

7p.m. Mon, Tues ,Wed short services of evening prayer at Christ Church

Maundy Thursday 7p.m. Foot-washing and Seder meal. (The seder meal is a symbolic re-enactment of the Passover events)

Good Friday Walk behind the cross from St. Peters at 1.45 via Abbeyfield Park. Meditation around the cross 3p.m. at Christ Church

6.30p.m. Evening meditation at St. Peters

Easter Saturday 10a.m. outside church for a "We love Pitsmoor" Easter litter-pick

Easter Sunday 8a.m. Meet outside Furnival, Verden Street for short sun-rise prayers followed by a simple breakfast back at Christ Church. REMEMBER CLOCKS GO FORWARD ONE HOUR

10.30a.m. United Easter Holy Communion

Christ Church
Pitsmoor

Sunday

17th March 2013

Christian community for all nations

Welcome to Christ Church

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Prayer for Passion Sunday

Jesus warned his disciples that he would have to suffer terrible things at the hands of the authorities. Be killed and then be raised to life after three days.

*I have wandered from the way.
The light of my eye has gone out,
and it is very dark.*

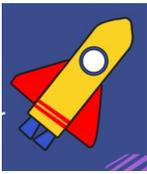
God, forgive me. God rescue me.

*God, grant me the ability to
know your way.*

*God, grant me the ability to
know your joy.*

*God, grant me the ability to
know your love again
even in this place.*

Please pass this newsletter on when you have read it



Holiday Club 10th–12th April. Want to help? See Ant or Judith.

The PCC spent half of its meeting on Thursday looking at the **Diocesan Salt and Light** strategy. It was good to see how much Christ Church already is salt and light to the local community through various activities—lunch club, Rainbow’s End, Chocolate Box, night shelter, dementia café, youth work, toddler group. However we also realised the size of the task and the additional burdens which will come to bear on the church as the cuts begin to bite. We all affirmed what a great church Christ Church is to belong to and that we want to keep our hunger for justice and

The Alpha course began on Tuesday at the Vicarage. We had a good turnout and enjoyed our first session together as we thought about “Who is Jesus?”. There is still time to join in, we have three spaces spare, We meet again on Tuesday at 7p.m. for a simple meal. The topic this week—very appropriate for Passion Sunday—“Why did Jesus die?”



Some reminders from last week:

- Pastoral team meets at the Vicarage on Monday 18th March at 7.30p.m.. If you have any interest in this or views please see Philip
- Volunteers please for the 9.30 and 11a.m. service to act as welcomers
- We need to revive the 4s to 10s work. Please see Ant if you are interested in helping occasionally to lead and support on Sunday mornings

Last call for the puppet workshop at Church House on Saturday 23rd March An exciting opportunity for all working with children in church or school to develop skills or gain new ones with internationally acclaimed One Way Ministries! “They are more likely to remember if they heard it from a puppet!” (Children’s work magazine vol.1.issue 2) On Saturday March 23 (10am-4pm) at Diocesan Church House, 95-99 Effingham Street, Rotherham S65 1BL. Cost £15. Drinks provided -please bring your own lunch. Hannah is going if you are interested.

PRIOR WARNING CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR ON EASTER SUNDAY

Electoral Roll — The roll is a list of church members and if you are in it it entitles you to vote at the Annual Church meeting. (This year this is on 21st April) Thank you if you have already filled in a form. There is a blue topped box on the welcome table at the back of church to put your completed forms in.

Ant has been busy at Parkwood Academy, one of our local secondary schools. On Monday Philip went with Ant for a preliminary visit to the school where they had a very warm welcome from Paul Howard who is the community teacher there and well known to generations of pupils. Ant was invited back : “On Wednesday I went with Pye Bank year 6 class which I have been supporting. We visited Parkwood to meet some staff and have a look at some lessons before the children move up in the Autumn. I spent some time chatting with the children and their parents about their apprehensions about moving school. This is part of my on going work with Pye Bank and the start of great things with Parkwood. Please pray for me in this work”

Please pray for **Pye Bank School** as it enters a difficult time in its long history. The Government is vigorously pursuing its intention to disband local education authorities and move schools into independent Academy status. For some secondary schools this has meant real progress but in Sheffield this is a new and untried process for smaller primary schools. There are many challenges facing the Head and governing body? Ruth Grainger, the Vicar, Natalie Melnik represent the church on the governing body. Huw Thomas in his capacity as Diocesan Director of Education is also involved in the process. We are having a prayer meeting for the school on Thursday 4– 5p.m. at the Vicarage

Barnabas Fund are asking for **prayer for the church in Colombia, Central America.** Over 20 pastors have been murdered in the past year and scores of churches destroyed. The country is wracked by an unofficial civil war.