

This week at Christ Church

Sunday 19th

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship Ephesians 5/6

6.30pm Confirmation service at Christ church

Monday 20th

3p.m. Rosebank visit

Tuesday

10.30 Coffee morning at St. Peters

Wednesday 22nd

9.30 Parent and toddler group

7.30pm Ash Wednesday service St. Peters

Thursday 23rd

9.45am Holy Communion and Lunch club

Friday 24th

7.30 GenR8

Sunday 26th

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship

NEXT TUESDAY —we are planning a Shrove Tuesday pancake get together at 5.30pm in the Welcome Centre followed by pudding, cakes and a quiz at 7p.m. Money raised will go to Angela's Fund.

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Christ Church

Newsletter

Pitsmoor

February 19th



The Bishop of Doncaster, Peter Burrows, will officiate at his first service of confirmation as a bishop when he leads the service at Christ Church, Pitsmoor this Sunday (19 February, 6.30pm).

Confirming young people and adults as full members of the Church of England is one of the things that only a bishop can do. Candidates are prepared for this momentous moment in their lives over several weeks or months before being joined by family and friends for the Confirmation itself. During the Service, candidates are asked to make public promises concerning the Christian faith and, once confirmed, become full communicants members of the Church of England.

"I am really looking forward to sharing in what is a significant moment in the life of the confirmation candidates, as they take the next step in their Christian journey and commitment. I have prepared many candidates for confirmation over the years and organised the services, but confirming them as bishop will be a unique privilege. I hope and pray that the service will be a memorable occasion for the candidates as it will be for me at the start of my ministry as bishop," said Bishop Burrows today.

PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT THE NINE CANDIDATES THIS EVENING AT CHRIST CHURCH AT 6.30P.M.

Please pass this newsletter on when you have read it



Angela Kiwomya, is setting out on a mammoth fund-raising quest with which the family at Christ Church will be joining. Angela's school, High Storrs, is helping the students to go on a life-changing trip to the rainforest of Venezuela to work on development projects with the native peoples of the Bolivar region in south Venezuela.



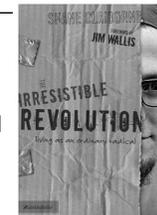
Angela and her colleagues will be going out as part of the World Challenge development programme in July 2013 where they will be working on projects such as helping to build schools and health centres and also learning about different cultures.

As a starter Ann Heafield is organizing a raffle, tickets are now available. We are going to be holding a Diamond Jubilee garden party on Monday 4th June at the Vicarage, part of the proceeds will go Angela's fund. Foolishly, you may think, I'm going to do the Sheffield Half-marathon on May 27th so will be looking for sponsors and probably a hospital bed!

Safeguarding training If you help vulnerable adults, including elderly or disabled members, through Christchurch (ie lunch club, offering lifts, home visits, conversation classes, etc) can you please see Frances about attending training in church on Saturday 3rd March from 10am—12 noon

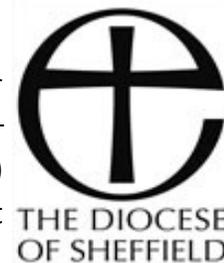
Lent Begins on Wednesday. You can begin it with a special **Ash Wednesday service** at St. Peter's church at 7.30p.m. If you need a lift please ring the Vicarage. There will be no Prayer and Praise that evening. We have decided to carry on with Prayer and Praise during Lent but there is also the option of going to the Cathedral (see below). Could I urge you to mark Lent by attending one of these opportunities. There is also the option for the 16s to 30 group to attend an Alpha course with Hannah, this will run through Lent and beyond Easter.

If you can't make any of these meetings, why not dip into Irresistible Revolution by Shane Claiborne for Lent? It is an enjoyable and easy read, but also very challenging. I find that I am always blessed when I read a Christian book. We have plenty of copies on the bookstall, they cost £7.50 each.



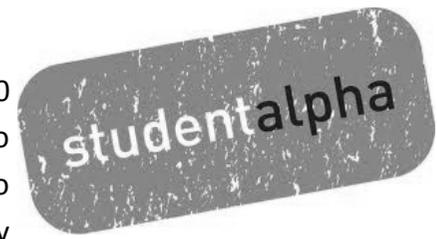
Cathedral Lent Course

Bishop Steven is hosting five Lent evenings entitled **'The Lord's Prayer'** at Sheffield Cathedral, beginning on Wednesday 29th February (7.30pm) and running for 5 weeks (29th Feb, 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th March). All are very welcome to attend.



Student Alpha

Student alpha is a course for 16-30 year olds, which introduces people to the Christian faith and it's coming to Christ Church. Starting on Tuesday 28th February in Church and running for 8 weeks, the format of the sessions is very simple: food, worship, a talk and group discussion.



Please speak to Hannah or Morgan for more information