

This week: This evening 6.30 Annual Parochial church meeting preceded by a short service, cup of tea and cake at 6p.m.

Tuesday 9.00 Philip at Pye Bank School assembly

7.30p.m. Alpha session 6

Wednesday 9.30 Parent and Toddlers

7.30 Prayer and Praise at the Vicarage

Thursday 9.45 Holy Communion followed by lunch Club

Hannah's deacon assessment at Church House

Next Sunday 28th 9.30 Holy Communion 11a.m. Morning worship

6.30 evening worship at Christ Church

Mike Dennett is running the **Sheffield half marathon** for church. If you were able to **help him with a sponsor form** and ask your family and friends for donations that would be very good.

Hannah's priesting service will be on **July 1st 7.30** at Christ Church with Bishop Steven when Hannah will have completed her deacon's year. Please pray for Hannah as she prepares for her interview on the 25th.(Thursday)

Not wishing the summer away but I have booked a date for a **men's retreat** at Sleights in November. **Let me know if you would be interested** in one of the 16 places on offer. Provisional cost will be £100 + contribution towards transport.

Christ Church
Pitsmoor

Sunday
21st April

Christian community for all nations

Welcome to Christ Church

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You are warmly invited to an evening for children and families with



Bob Hartman

(author of Lion Storyteller Bible, president of Open the Book, Internationally acclaimed and much-loved performance storyteller for children, and lots more!)



Friday June 7th
6.30-8.00 p.m.
Christ Church Pitsmoor
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Everyone Welcome!

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Links with St. Peters

I will be talking about the link this evening at the Annual Meeting. Here is some history:

St. Peters was created out of the old All Saints church (Built in 1869 by Sir John Brown) and Petre Street Methodist Church. It was dedicated on the old site of All Saints in 1980.

The arrangement was that the site would remain Anglican and the building Methodist.

St. Peters flourished in the early days . The arrangement meant that pastoral oversight of the church would pass between a Methodist minister and an Anglican Vicar. This was the pattern for the first twenty years of the church. However with the decline in church attendance problems arose with financing this arrangement so in the past ten years or so there has been no clear agreement on how the ministry should be shared. However, Christ Church has continued to offer help on an informal basis over the decade.

- We have had a **growing together** as we have worshipped as two churches united on a **Sunday evening**.
- We have now shared in two successful **holiday clubs**.
- Members of St. Peters share in the **mid week groups** and come to the **Thursday service**.
- We have shared two **Good Friday walks** of witness.
- The work at **Rainbow's End** is a shared one.
- I have run two **START course** at St. Peters and this has resulted in a small Wednesday lunch time gathering at St. Peters.
- The old **parish boundaries have become less important** as people travel to the church where there friends are so it is good to have two 'doorways' to find Jesus!

At the APCM I will outline the next steps.

How has Alpha been going?

We are now up to week 6 and have been meeting at the Vicarage for the past month. We have enjoyed our time together starting with a simple meal at 7p.m., then experiencing a time of worship together before watching a DVD presented by Rev Jamie Haith, a Vicar from London. Jamie's big ambition was to be a Children's TV presenter but he became a Vicar instead! His talks are easy to listen to and peppered with funny stories and anecdotes. So far he has covered topics such as How to pray, Why did Jesus die?, Why read the Bible? After the talks we split into two groups to spend half an hour discussing the DVD and asking questions. There are fifteen of us. Alpha is really good as it has no hidden agenda, any questions are welcomed and there is no pressure to commit to anything! I'm really grateful to leaders, Kate Thompson, Jill and Dave Hancock (ably assisted by Sally and Olivia), and Frances. A big thank you to everyone who has kept on coming each week! Next Tuesday we are looking at How God guides us.

The next Alpha will be in the Autumn, so I hope you will think of coming.



We are planning to go to the Festival run by my friend Bruce Dyer (Christian and ex-professional footballer) on May 6th. More details on events board.