

Our Holy Week and Easter schedule:

Palm Sunday 6.30 p.m. **Evening worship at St. Peters** HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Monday 2p.m. Rosebank nursing home 3.15 Jasmin Court

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

Maundy Thursday No 9.45 a.m. service 7p.m. Foot-washing and Seder meal. (The seder meal is a **symbolic** re-enactment of the Passover events not tea!)

Good Friday Walk behind the cross from St. Peters at 12.45 via Abbeyfield Park. Meditation around the cross 2p.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, Verdon 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

No evening service

After Easter 1st April- 6th April

It will be a quiet week at Christ Church with no meetings!

There won't be a 9.45 AM Communion on Thursday. 4th April

All the usual activities begin again on Sunday 7th April. 9.30 and 11a.m. services. 6.30 at St. Peters

Alpha, (9th April) Prayer and Praise 10th April Toddlers resume on 17th April

Lunch club does not restart until 18th April.

**Christ Church
Pitsmoor**

Sunday

24th March 2013

Christian community for all nations

Welcome to Christ Church

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Into Holy Week

I hope that your Lenten disciplines have prepared you for Holy Week. The timetable for the week is on the back of the sheet. Can you note one change from last week's notices. The Good Friday walk with the cross from St. Peters begins at 12.45. We will aim to be at Abbeyfield Park at 1.30 and get to Christ Church in time for the meditation around the cross at 2p.m.

I also hope that a good group of us will gather at church at 10a.m. on Easter Saturday do a litter pick and show that "We love Pitsmoor"



Please pass this newsletter on when you have read it



I have close links with Malawi and particularly with an organisation called Hope For Juveniles which works in Kachere Juvenile Prison in Lilongwe, the country's second biggest city. Malawi is a very poor land-locked country which has been ravaged by inflation in the past two years. When I visited in

2010 £1 = 250 Kwacha. £1 now equals 550 kwacha. Wages haven't increased and all the basic necessities have soared in price. In the UK we spend £161 billion on benefits each year. The TOTAL government budget in Malawi is £2 billion and most of that is targeted on education and health. Prisons are very underfunded and there is an attitude that if you go to prison you should face the consequences. In 2010 Kachere housed 80 boys it now contains 230 aged 11–18. Recently there has been no food. Restoring Broken Walls Trust—a charity of which I am a founding trustee—recently made a grant of £200 which has enabled Johan (centre of photo— in suit) to buy 3 weeks food for the boys: He writes *"You can't believe that a number of inmates have been fainting in cells because of hunger. They have totaled to four (4). There was a day the inmates ate nsima using just salt as relish. I know this is incredible, but this is what is happening here. Some days they could stay two to three days without eating anything. You are an angel to them with a basket of answers. We used the money to buy four bags of relish (beans) which the prison officials say they will be using it for three weeks daily. We also bought two bags of maize and donated. The beans are a bit expensive than maize bag that is why we bought four and the two bags of maize."*

- Items for the April prayer diary to be given to Frances
- Please pray for Ant who is down in Birmingham with his father who is very ill with cancer.
- Please continue to pray for Andrew Smith who is Firth 3 at Northern General.

PRIOR WARNING CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HOUR ON EASTER SUNDAY

Busy evenings at the Vicarage— the Green Room has seen a lot of meetings this week. On Monday a large group from church met to look at the pastoral work at the church. Frances summarised where we had reached and we were given various levels at which we could be involved. The number of people coming to church is growing and we hope to have a structure in place which will make sure that no one gets forgotten and where an appropriate level of care is offered when needed. If you wish to volunteer for this please talk to Philip, Frances or John Hayes

On Tuesday the second Alpha evening took place. The theme was Why did Jesus die. The Hancock family organised the food and we had a great evening watching a DVD presentation followed by a discussion. Next week we will be looking at how to find faith.

The 15 strong Prayer and Praise group has continued to meet throughout the term on Wednesday evenings. This term we have been doing a series on being connected in community which has brought us all closer together. **(No group this week, Evening prayer Mon, Tues, Wed 7p.m.)**

On Thursday worship leaders gathered to look ahead to the summer teaching programme. We decided to look at the Book of Acts.



Holiday Club 10th–12th April. Want to help?

See Ant or Judith. Meeting on Monday 7–8p.m. at Hannah's to continue planning. We now have fliers, so if you know any 7–11 year olds please take one and invite them to come to the club. We're planning a space theme with drama, games, crafts and a chance to learn a little

about God's love.

In brief: Members of Gen8 enjoyed ten pin bowling last week at Firth Park.