

**The wave**—for 10-16 year olds on Sunday morning held in the tower for Bible study and life application

**Children's Church**—for 4-10 year olds on Sunday morning held in the welcome centre for adventure and exploring the Bible

**Crèche** - for 0-4 year olds on Sunday morning in the lounge for play. Parents are welcome to use this space and the space at the back of church for their children if needed.



GenR8 had a good meeting on Friday evening. Have a word with Ant if you are interested in coming to the next one.

### This week

**Monday** Sewing Group—1.30pm Welcome centre. Rosebank 2p.m. Jasmin Court 3.15. Come and join us as we lead a short service

**Wednesday** Toddler Group at 9.30am; Prayer and Praise @ the Vicarage 7.30p.m **After Eight** ladies group meet in church

### **looking ahead.....**

1st December 9.30 Future Light 11a.m. Church walk

2nd Dec 9.30 Holy Communion 11a.m. All Age service  
Christ Church TAIZE Advent Reflections 6.30pm at St Peter's

**PLEASE COLLECT YOUR GIVING ENVELOPES FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE A SET PLEASE ASK THE WARDENS OR MARTYN TAYLOR.**

Last year a good number of us enjoyed the discipline during Advent (Advent Sunday is December 2nd) of coming to church regularly each evening for a service of Compline. The short 20—30 minute service consists of prayers, readings and reflections in a quiet prayerful atmosphere. It starts on Monday 3rd December. More details from Huw and in news sheet next week.

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# Christ Church Pitsmoor

**Sunday  
25th November**

Christian community for all nations

### Welcome to Christ Church

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RE enjoyed welcoming the High Sheriff, Mrs. J.A. Kenny, to the shop where she had the chance to experience all that RE is, including coffee, clothes, all sorts of people and a touch of chaos. Yvonne was able to explain our vision of building community, of being Christ in the community and our hopes (and limitations to our hopes) for the future. Here's hoping she tells the whole of South Yorkshire about us now!

**Please pass this newsletter on when you have read it**



**Prayer diaries for December** are available at the back of church. There is a need for urgent prayer for the eastern part of the Democratic Republic of Congo and particularly the city of Goma which has been seized by Rwandan backed rebels. This area has suffered much over many years.

Good news however about Michael Tawira who was due to be deported last week. His case is now being reviewed and it is hoped that he will get bail.

Thank you every one who has prayed for Dave Skinner, he is much improved and hopes to be home soon. Please continue to pray for others in church facing painful and ongoing treatments.

#### Christmas cards to church members

Last year some of us raised money for TEAR FUND by putting **one** card on the church board to the church family and donating what we saved on separate cards for friends in Christchurch. We hope to do the same again—so here's a reminder **BEFORE** you buy all those extra cards.

There will be envelopes for donations in December.

#### **Messy Christmas Saturday 8th December at St Peter's Ellesmere**

We are working with City Base members and our friends at St Peter's to launch "messy church" in our area. This is a great way for non church families to engage with the church so please come to help or just enjoy the crafts, fun and food or encourage others to come.

**Monday 3 December at 10.30am**

**Christmas tree decorating in church .**

**Helpers needed**



#### A STATEMENT FROM THE BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD:

##### General Synod Vote

The Bishop of Sheffield, Dr Steven Croft, said yesterday (20 November): "I am deeply saddened that the Measure to enable women to become bishops was not passed by the General Synod today by a very narrow margin in the House of Laity.

I give heartfelt thanks to God this evening for the ministries of the women who are priests and deacons in the Diocese of Sheffield. I deeply value and cherish their ministries as do the parishes where they serve.

I want to affirm my Christian understanding of the equality of women and men before God, in society and the life of the Church.

I want to affirm my commitment to seeing women become bishops in the Church of England as soon as is humanly possible. This is the view of the overwhelming majority of bishops in the Church of England.

I will be making a longer statement as the Diocese of Sheffield gathers for our own Synod this coming Saturday. The Bishop of Doncaster and I will be meeting with the women clergy of the Diocese next week to offer support and consider ways forward."

#### **Charity quiz night**

**Friday November 30th 8pm at Walkley Library**

Raising money for 'Hope for Homes' for children. £3 a head going straight to the charity. High quality prizes including free pub meal out, cut and blow dry, delivered flowers and a hamper from the local deli.

Max 8 per team. Chat to Hannah for more information.

*There are just a few Karen bookmarks and CD's left. We would like to sell these now so we can send the money to Mary for their work in Burma. We will sending over £140.*

**Next Saturday sees Future Light (our group for those for whom English is a second language) meeting at the Vicarage at 9.30a.m. Followed by a walk around the delights of Padley Gorge at 11a.m.**