

## This week at Christ Church

Please pick up a leaflet today.

### Sunday 25th

9.30am Holy Communion

11am Morning Worship

6.30pm Evening Service at St Peter's

### Tuesday

7pm Student Alpha in Church

### Wednesday

9.30am Toddler Group @ The Welcome Centre

7.30pm Prayer and Praise at the Vicarage

7.30pm Lent Course at Sheffield Cathedral

### Thursday

9.45am Holy Communion followed by Lunch Club

### Saturday

9.30am Future Light at the Vicarage

11am Church Walk

### Sunday 1st Palm Sunday

**10.30a.m. United Holy communion with the Karen Community and visitors from Crosslinks. Followed by delicious food.**

A request from the Vicarage: A local Nigerian Christian family are holding a family wedding on August 10th and will sponsor Angela and Christ Church if we can help with the accommodation and B and B for overseas guests from wed 8th—mon 13th August. Offers of rooms or help with beds/bedding for the Vicarage, Please see Frances.

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If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically each week please email Philip at [Ireson61@gmail.com](mailto:Ireson61@gmail.com) or alternatively download it from [christchurchpitsmoor.com](http://christchurchpitsmoor.com)



# Christ Church Pitsmoor

## Sunday 25th March

2012

Christian community for all nations

### Welcome to Christ Church

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**This morning** - we welcome Trish Watts from Street Pastors to talk at both of our morning services about the work she does and also the theme of giving by serving as we continue to look at the theme of giving.

**Today is Passion Sunday.** In the church year this is the Sunday when we think of Jesus turning with determination towards Jerusalem. One old version of the Bible says that 'he set his face like a flint'. Our word 'passion' has come to mean quite a different thing in our modern world but it originally comes from the Latin word *pati* which means to suffer. So Passion Sunday also reminds us that being a disciple of Jesus can sometimes call us out of comfort into difficult and sometimes painful places.



Yesterday was the 22nd anniversary of the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero as he celebrated Mass in his cathedral in El Salvador. Deeply affected by the murder of a priest who was standing up for social justice, Romero had begun to speak out against a repressive government. He wrote: "We cannot do everything, but we can do something, it may be incomplete but it is a step along the way, an opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and to do the rest. We may never see the end results, but this is the difference between the Master Builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders; ministers not messiahs. We are prophets of a future that is not our own."



Good to report on a really happy event last Tuesday afternoon at the City Hall when Arwa received her UK citizenship. Our photo shows Arwa with the all important certificate with proud husband Dave (and suit!). The ceremonies take place every week at the City Hall and are led by the Queen's representative. The High Sheriff of South Yorkshire led Arwa's ceremony. I found it moving to see the welcome extended to people from every corner of the globe. Many of the people had waited for years to receive their citizenship.

**Don't forget that it is a united service next Sunday, Palm Sunday at 10.30a.m. and also on Easter Day.**

We will be drawing the raffle in aid of Angela's Venezuela trip on April 1st after the Palm Sunday service. Tickets for this very worthy cause are going well and there is an excellent hamper as the main prize.

**Maundy Thursday Supper—5th April**

Tickets now on sale (last date for tickets 1st April)

Price: £6

Available from Anne 2424033

*Every Sunday we welcome a congregation from the Church of Pentecost to the Welcome Centre. "The Church of Pentecost is based in Ghana but has members throughout the world. It exists to bring all people everywhere to a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ through the proclamation of the gospel, the planting of churches and the equipping of believers for every God-glorifying service. It demonstrates the love of God through the provision of social action in partnership with governments, communities and other like minded organisations. We gather on Sundays from 12.30-3p.m. and also for a mid-week service on Wednesday from 6—7.30p.m., our weekly prayer meeting is from 6—7 p.m every Saturday."*

**CHURCH WALK NEXT SATURDAY 11A.M. AT VICARAGE A LOVELY WALK AROUND EYAM. LET PHILIP KNOW IF YOU ARE COMING. £3 for transport. Bring sandwiches**

**New Wine**

At the back of Church are leaflets about the New Wine conference at Newark County Show-ground, which this year runs from **Saturday 28 July - Friday 3 August 2012**. New wine is a week of families and church groups coming together from across the country to share in worship, seminars, prayer, teaching, ministry and much more. It's a fantastic opportunity to meet with fellow Christians and fun for the whole family - children, young people and adults. We are planning to go with a group from Church.

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**Easter Explored**

**At St Peter's Church, Lyon Close 10am—1pm Easter Saturday**

Join us for a morning of fun, games, crafts and activities with lunch and a short service to finish with.

Suitable for primary school age children and parents. All Welcome.

