

This week

PALM SUNDAY, 13th April: 9.30a.m. Holy Communion 11am Family worship and children's groups 6.30pm Elevate Easter service in Christ Church (NO ST PETER'S) & Afghani Evening at Rock Fellowship

Monday 4.30pm Jigsaw for families at St Peter's, @Ant's youth group in evening

Tuesday Furnace at Walters' & 7.30 Limb's home group
PRAYERSPACE: Lent quiet space in the Lounge each Tuesday at 7.30-8.30 time to be quiet and pray. (drinks at 7pm)

Wednesday Razzmatzz 9.30-12, Welcome Centre

Maundy Thursday AGAPE MEAL 7.15pm

NB Community Choir will not be meeting here until after Janine's baby arrives in May

GOOD FRIDAY Prayer in church at 7.30a.m. and noon. Walk from St Peter's 1.45pm > Christ Church for Meditation on the Cross at 3pm; St Peter's 7pm: Reflections on the Cross

Saturday LOTS OF HELP PLEASE: 10 am Litter picking, tidying up outside (see Ant for details) and decorating church inside (see June or Frances)

EASTER SUNDAY 10.30am Family Communion Service

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.

Do you pay tax? Then please could you fill in a new gift aid form from the Welcome table and give it to Martin or Philip? It will help us reclaim the tax your church giving

We tried a new Thursday evening group, but no one was able to come to the one in February. Since then one or two folk have asked for it to start so if you are interested too, please see or phone/email Philip, Frances or Jill Hancock. It will probably start after Easter

**Christ Church
Pitsmoor**

**Sunday 13th
April 2014**

Christian community for all nations

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Jesus is Alive ~and gives us new life!

Celebrate Easter at Christ Church Pitsmoor

17th April Maundy Thursday 7.15pm Last Supper meal

18th April Good Friday Walk with the Cross:

St Peter's, Ellesmere at 1.45pm via Abbeyfield Park to

Christ Church Pitsmoor & 3pm Meditations on The Cross

20th April Easter Sunday 10.30am All Age Holy Communion

Please pass this newsletter on when you have read it

RAZMATAZ *Easter craft fun for children and families in Welcome Centre from 10am-12 on Wednesday 16th April . See leaflets on welcome table for more details*

A chance to contribute to making the church and the grounds look good– Easter Saturday 10a.m. Litter pick outside, flower arranging inside. All Welcome. It is usually great fun to work together with each other and the community to make the church and surrounding area a better place. Refreshments will be available during the morning.

Youth weekend in Keswick : *fantastic opportunity for young people to go on a retreat. Taking time out to chill, have fun, reflect, pray and bring life before GOD together. Staying in a house in Keswick, Lake District, 9-11 May, cost £35 (great price as we raised so much money at Christmas Fair). See Ant for more details and booking form.*

Welcome and refreshment teams: *We are looking at combining these teams as a **Hospitality Team** and to develop ways at making Christ Church a welcoming place. Thanks to all new volunteers, but more would be great.*
THERE ARE ENVELOPES AT THE BACK OF CHURCH and there will be a **box for donations by the refreshments to help fund-raise for mugs, variety of teas & coffees and vacuum pots for hot drinks.** Thanks to Julie and Ange who have now purchased the mugs from Ikea as the others we looked at were **too expensive for our budget.** If you were at the APCM please feedback comments on paper cups and fresh coffee. **It is hoped to serve this again on Easter Sunday .** After Easter, look out for cakes after the service which will be available for a small voluntary contribution to the refreshments fund.

Stuart Townend concert

13th May at 7.45 in Christ Church. It costs £13 with unwaged concessions at £8 on sale throughout the diocese so book ahead from Huw Thomas. Tickets are going very fast! It would be great if we can use this opportunity to invite unchurched friends to come along.

Keeping up-to-date when not at church

If you would like to know what is 'going on' even if you are not able to be in church I am happy to email the weekly news sheet to you. Please pop your details on the sheet on the welcome table or email to me at the church office to ensure you never miss out on anything!! Maureen

This year marks the 100th year of the founding of Sheffield Diocese, there are a number of special events during the year including a Centenary Eucharist on 8th June 4p.m. at the Cathedral. As part of the celebrations I am planning a long distance walk across the Diocese from June 5th to June 8th. The aim is to start in one of our old parishes, All Saints, Adlingfleet, out in the east of the Diocese, and then walk via Goode, Doncaster and Rotherham to Sheffield Cathedral. Bishop David Lunn did roughly the same journey during the 75th anniversary in 1989, but by boat. I am also using the challenge to raise money for Cancer Research. You can donate via my JustGiving page, go to ww.justgiving, type in Philip Ireson, then press DONATE button

During May I will be away for 2 1/2 weeks with the aim of completing the 190 mile Coast to Coast from St. Bees Head in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay in Yorkshire. This will be part of my month's 250 mile challenge.

During this year Bishop Steven is asking Christians in the family which are the churches in Sheffield Diocese to **think again about their giving to God.** In the past churches have willingly and sometimes unwillingly given money to the Diocese to pay the cost of employing a Vicar. This was once called Quota, then parish share. Often it was seen as a tax and was resented. **Bishop Steven has introduced an idea called Common Fund.** The cost of a Vicar (pay, housing, pension, contribution to clergy training and central costs) averages out at £55,000 per year. Christ Church paid £36,000 in parish share last year, this means that **we are subsidised by £19,000 each year.** The Bishop is asking each parish each year to set a level of giving to the Common Fund **above** what they are already being asked to contribute. The motivation behind this is generous, faithful and loving giving inspired by our love for God and for the church family. . The result of a 10% increase in giving would be an extra £500,000 into the Diocese each year, **the equivalent of ten extra clergy.**

At Christ Church we would like to raise our giving to the new Common fund to £40,000. This means that we need an extra £4000 this year. **We can reach that if everyone who gives, increases their giving by 10%,** £5 to £5.50, £10 to £11 etc. We can also get there by making sure that all of us who pay tax, gift aid our contribution.