

NB most church groups will not meet in Easter week

Easter Day : 10.30am All Age Easter Communion (no evening worship)

Tues 22nd Element meets at Hannah's

Sunday 27th 9.30 Holy Communion 11a.m., Family worship with children's church and youth group No evening service

Mon 28th Jigsaw activities for children at St Peter's 4.30-5.30 pm **@Ants in the evening**



Tues 29th The Furnace and Limb's home group

Wed 30th Toddler Group and Prayer & Praise recommence

Thurs 1st 9.45 Holy Communion followed by Lunch Club
7.30 PCC meets in church

**Sunday 4th May 9.30 Holy Communion 11a.m. All Age service
6.30 pm evening worship at St Peter's**

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.

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 20,27th
April 2014**

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Love Overcame



Love overcame
Emerging from a cold tomb
All the truth, majesty and creativity of
a living God
Transforming a broken heart
Making a quiet return, in a still and
sorrowful garden
The grave stone rolled away, to re-
lease redemptive love
Jesus resurrected and restored
Comforts a weeping woman
Speaks with travellers on a journey
Meets with his faithful friends
And they bow down before Christ alive
And acknowledged that the saviour
has arrived

That the word of God has come alive

And that the extraordinary transformation of heaven and earth

Is complete

"Love Overcame"

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Family news: We praise God that **Richard** is able to spend a little time at home with the family over Easter. We continue to pray for his recovery after a lot of intensive treatment. We praise God too that **Ernest and Eileen** have been well enough to join us at church. Also that **Vera has been given very positive news** re her hip replacement. However, we continue to pray for the **family of Delroy Bennett** whose funeral was attended by about 500 people here at Christ Church on Thursday 17th April. Pray also for Vi who had further treatment for her back that day.

CRECHE Unfortunately we have **not enough volunteers** to run crèche in the lounge every week, but for a trial period one member of the team will be **in the corner by the sofa** each week. This should help with child care and if parents wish the lounge can be opened, but at least 1 other adult must stay with the children for safeguarding reasons.

Razmataz was well attended on Wednesday at the Welcome Centre with fifteen children accompanied by parents. Easter crafts, coffee and refreshments were on offer. Well done to the team!

"Going Round In Circles"

A morning of reflection and sharing applying the Circle 'Life-Shape' to our lives.

Two hours of listening to God, one another and the learning from our lives. Using the cycle of reflection offered we'll take a journey round some of the experiences and ways in which God has worked and is working through our lives.

Saturday 10th May, 9.30am to 12.00

To find out more, see Hannah or Huw.

Places limited to 20 so, to book in, contact Hannah at church or on jacksonhan@hotmail.co.uk

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.



We are back walking! Last Saturday we started off with a gentle stroll around the Botanical Gardens which were looking fabulous then moved on to Padley Gorge where we strolled around Longshaw. Picture shows Ler Bwe and La Lay who served up huge portions of noodles. The Vicar even got a cup of tea out of a china cup and saucer!

Next walk is on May 17th



Through the parent and toddler group at church we have excellent links with a local parent and baby assessment unit. Some of the parents are from Liverpool and they expressed a wish to go to pay their respects at the **Hillsborough memorial**. We spent an emotional hour at the ground. The memorial has become a place of tears, remembering and solidarity for football fans from all clubs.

The Ireson family left Hillsborough in 1987, after 3 years of curacy & two years before the disaster, but our church, St. John's, Owlerton—hence the Owls—was at the forefront of caring for relatives arriving from Liverpool frantic for news; the church hall in the centre of Hillsborough was opened up as a place where families could go in the hours after the disaster. Friendships were made which carried on for years.

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 Maureen