

## This week

**THIS SUNDAY 9.30a.m. Holy Communion 11am All Age service**  
**6.30pm short worship & Annual Parochial Church Meeting (tea 6pm)**

**Monday** Crowleys' Lent Group 219 Abbeyfield Road from 7.30-9pm .  
Youth Core team

**Tuesday** Element at Ant's & 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** Toddler Group @ Welcome centre 9,30-11.30am  
7.30pm Prayer & Praise at the vicarage

**Thursday** 9.45am Holy Communion followed by coffee and Lunch Club  
NB Community Choir will not be meeting here until after Janine's baby arrives in May

**Saturday** Future Light at the vicarage at 9.30am. **Church Walk** 11am  
**PLEASE BOOK** to go on minibus or if you can offer a lift: see Philip or Frances to avoid disappointment. Please bring food for a shared picnic .

**NEXT SUNDAY, 13th April: 9.30a.m. Holy Communion**  
**11am Family worship and children's groups**  
**6.30pm evening worship at St Peter's, Elevate Easter service in CCP**

**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

**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.

**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 6th April 2014

Christian community for all nations

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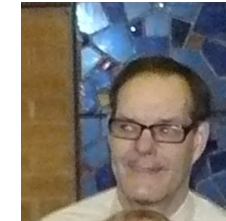
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Above: Jean Campbell,  
opposite Pedro  
Cassule



John Newton



Renee Mutandwa, (on right)

**Christ Church Confirmation candidates**

**Confirmed last Sunday at St. Peters by Bishop Peter and Rev Mark Goodhand**

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

*Want to come walking (approx 3 miles) on Saturday 12th? See Philip or Frances. There are some seats on minibus; offers of cars welcome. WE NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS. We leave 11am PROMPT. Bring picnic.*

### **Annual Parish Church Meeting TONIGHT:**

**Light refreshments served from 6pm, worship and meeting from 6.30p,**

**Have you become a regular member of Christ Church since last April?** Then you may not be aware that every April we have an **Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM)** where **we review the life of the church over the year** and vote in the new parish church committee (PCC) and 'sidespeople'...the old name for the welcomers. Come and praise God with us for all He is doing among us at Christ Church. Also your main chance to have your views heard ( see a warden )

**If you wish to vote then you will need to enroll as a church member.** Electoral roll forms are available from welcome desk or Jane Skinner .Our Parish Church Council is made up of clergy, lay ministers and elected members.

**LAST OPPORTUNITY TO NOMINATE PARISH CHURCH COUNCIL (PCC )MEMBERS** This year 6 members of PCC are standing down. **Please pray about standing or nominating someone to stand for the new PCC.** If you wish to nominate someone, please discuss it with them first. They must be 16 or over, on the electoral roll for 6 months and eligible for communion.

### **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 fundraise for mugs, variety of teas & coffees and vacuum pots for hot drinks. **Let's be bold and go for it!!**

### **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!

### ***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

## **Being disciples of Jesus... moving on**

After Easter we will be looking at Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount where we will be exploring some challenging aspects of discipleship. The circle and the square are tools to help us deal with new information and challenges as God guides us to continue learning and making disciples. We were using the square last Thursday to help us learn how to be more welcoming on Sundays, by helping each other learn new skills. We also discussed and made plans (like the circle) , sharing how we might develop better ways of working. So we won't be forgetting the shapes, but keeping them in our tool bag to help us meet the challenges ahead more affectively as individuals and as a church.

### **MAKE TIME TO READ, REFLECT, PRAY**

### **Last chance to buy from the bookstall until after Easter!**

The Vicar's books for Lent are: '**Hit the ground kneeling**' by Bishop Stephen Cotterill ~ a brilliant little book that is really easy to read and explains how we can all aspire to be part of the vision for our church and our place of work

'Celebration of Discipline' by Richard Foster. A spiritual classic—12 aspects of discipleship including prayer,, service & celebration; best to take time over this book and perhaps try to do what is suggested for one chapter until it is a habit before trying the next. A good book to dip into and refer to with lots of practical suggestions that really work.

**RAZMATAZ** Easter craft fun for children and families in Welcome Centre from 10am-12 on Wednesday 16th April . See Ant for details...more next week!

**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.



**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**