

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.



This week

This Sunday 9.30a.m. Holy Communion 11am Morning Worship

4p.m. Licensing of new Archdeacon at the Cathedral

6.30p.m. St. Peters with Rev. Mark Goodhand

We urgently need more Welcomers and refreshment makers for the 11a.m. Service: please volunteer if you can!!

Wednesday 9.30am Toddler Group @ The Welcome Centre

7.30p.m. Prayer and Praise

Thursday 9.45am Holy Communion followed by Lunch Club

7.30 PCC Vicarage

Friday 24th 7.30p.m., Empower prayer event Rock Christian Fellowship

Next Sunday 26th January 9.30 Holy Communion 11a.m Morning Worship 6.30p.m. Christ Church

Baptism and Confirmation on 30th March 6.30p.m., classes are available, see Hannah or Philip.

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Christ Church Pitsmoor

**Sunday
19th January 2013**

Christian community for all nations

Welcome to Christ Church

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We went and saw *12 years a Slave* last week. It is a superbly made film but also very shocking in its portrayal of the kidnapping and treatment of free man, Solomon Northup in 1841 and his transporting to be a slave in the plantations of Louisiana. The way in which one slave owner used the Bible to justify keeping slaves was a very grievous moment in the film, at one point actually reading and preaching from a passage to the slaves.

Eventually he regains his freedom and is reunited with his family. In 1853 he writes an account of his life as a slave. At the end of the film the audience was left in a stunned silence.

TEAR Fund CEO, Ian McInnes says there is an obvious connection between poverty and trafficking. "Desperate people who have nothing are easily seduced by the promises of traffickers. Often it is the most vulnerable who are taken away from their families."

"The issue is serious, but we can fight against it. Raising awareness and funds through campaigns like **Live Below the Line** is a simple and effective way to join our voices against the evils of modern day slavery and standing up for the poor." Says Mr. McInnes.

It's estimated that 27 million are in slavery across our planet. The average age of a trafficking victim is only 12 years old.

There are still places on **breathe deep next Saturday at Philadelphia**. This special event which has been co-organised by Ant, our youth worker, is for young people 11+ . A group from Christ Church and St. Peters will be going..

More details on www.breathedeepday.info. Or from Ant.

Jane Skinner is our new electoral role rep. Many thanks to Clarete who she has replaced. If you are not on the electoral roll or if you are not sure if you are on it (this is the list of church members) please see Jane. Being on the electoral roll makes you eligible to vote at the Annual Parochial Church meeting in April

PCC meets on Thursday, main item will be a close look, guided by Ant on what is happening in youth work at the church and future directions. We will also be looking at safeguarding and also a major fund-raising drive in the church this year to raise money for Leukaemia and bone marrow research charities to show our support for Richard.

More details next week, with suggestions for how you can be involved.

Future Light met yesterday at the Vicarage. This group caters for members of Christ Church for whom English is a second language. The group has grown enormously in confidence in the past two years. We share stories from the different cultures represented in the group. Hlay Lay shared a story from her family where her husband Shwe prayed in Jesus name for their son, Matthew who was having nightmares. Matthew had a peaceful night. (Look at the story on page 4 of the teaching booklets.) We are planning to move into gardening and vegetable growing at the Vicarage!

We realise that some of the concepts in “**Shaping up**” our Spring teaching series may be new to you. There is a chance to ask questions or make comments at any of the mid-week groups. Alternatively you can e-mail Philip. A few of us meet on Tuesday afternoons at 2p.m. at the Vicarage which is another chance to talk through the material.

This Sunday we are looking at our identity in Christ.



The new Archdeacon of Sheffield

Malcolm Chamberlain was ordained in 1996 and served his curacy in Walsall in the Diocese of Lichfield, an urban parish with significant deprivation. He moved to Liverpool in 1999 to be Associate Anglican Chaplain to the University of Liverpool and also curate of St Matthew and St James, Mossley Hill, a large suburban church where he led the planting of a new missional student congregation. In 2002, Malcolm was appointed Anglican Chaplain to the University of Liverpool (half time) and also the Liverpool Diocesan Emerging Church Consultant working as part of the Church Growth and Ecumenism Team. Since moving to St Mary's Wavertree, another urban parish in an area of multiple deprivation, Malcolm has carried Deanery responsibility for Pioneer Ministry and Fresh Expressions of Church.

Malcolm holds a degree in Economics and Education from York University, a B Th in Theology and Ministry from the University of Oxford and an M Phil in Pastoral Theology from Liverpool Hope University. He trained for the ministry at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford.

Malcolm has a long term interest and connection with the Church in Pakistan. He is widely involved in the local community in Wavertree and the life of the Diocese, serving on the Bishops Council. He was made an honorary canon of Liverpool Cathedral in 2012.

Malcolm is married to Jo and they have two children, Thomas and Jessica. He is a keen Leicester City supporter. Malcolm and Jo and their family will move to Sheffield in January and Malcolm will be collated as the new Archdeacon on **Sunday, 19th January at Evensong at 4.00 pm** and he will take up his duties fully from 1st February.

Lifts available from the Vicarage at 3.30p.m. today