

This week

This Sunday 9.30a.m. Holy Communion 11am Morning Worship
(crèche, Children's Church, Wave) 6.30pm at St Peter's

Monday Crowleys' Lent Group

Tuesday 11th March The Furnace at the Walters Limb's home group
PRAYERSPACE: Lent quiet space in the Lounge each Tuesday at 7.30-8.30 time to be quiet and pray.

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
7pm Community Choir in the Welcome Centre

Worship Forum at 7.30pm in church

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NB NEXT 10.30AM JOINT SERVICE WILL BE ON MOTHERING SUNDAY 30TH MARCH. There will be a plant for each lady present .

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

*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. If you wish to vote then you will need to enroll as a church member. Electoral roll forms will be available in church from this week and nomination forms later in the month.*

A group of adults has begun to prepare at St. Peter's for **baptism and confirmation. The service is on March 30th at 6.30p.m. with Bishop Peter.** If you are interested or need further information chat to Philip or Hannah.

Christ Church Pitsmoor

Sunday 16th March 2014

Christian community for all nations

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Thank you - three months after Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines, your donations are helping families rebuild their homes and lives.

Over 6,000 people were killed and people are hugely traumatised both by the effects of the typhoon but also by memories of the horror of the storm itself. 14.1m people were affected with over five million people seeing their homes damaged or destroyed. Our partner Medair are helping over 600 families rebuild their homes, not simply with a replacement that would be blown over by the next Typhoon, but stronger and sturdier.

'People in the Philippines have displayed incredible initiative, clearing rubble and starting to repair their homes themselves. Outwardly they put on a cheerful face, but when you start talking more deeply they soon become emotional.' ~Robert Schofield, Tearfund's response manager As well as home construction, Tearfund has helped more than 81,000 people through many other projects 'Little by little we recover... The word of God gives us hope. I pray every morning, every afternoon, every evening. I pray for myself, for the community and the whole world'. ~Guillermo Tapa Jr.

Please join with Guillermo's prayers for physical as well as psychological and spiritual healing for the people of the Philippines.

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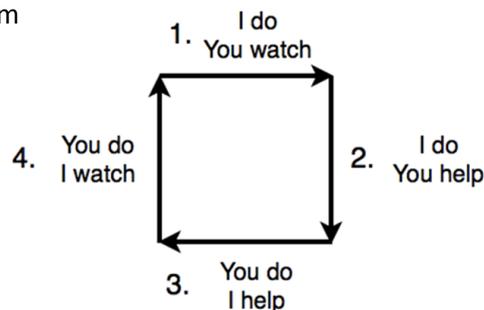


Being disciples of Jesus

How are you shaping up? third and final life shape. Remember are seeking to be shaped by Jesus, to follow his life's pattern.

Learning new skills If you need an operation, would you be happy if the surgeon had read the books, and passed the exams, but never operated on anyone before? Of course not, he needs to have

been shown by an expert and practiced until he too was skilled. Only when he has **accepted his own need to learn** and placed himself **under the influence of the expert**, will he too be good enough. Every challenge is hard, we need **encouragement to keep going** as well as **correcting to help us learn** from our mistakes. **The square is a simple picture of how we can help each other...it's not just reading the bible, but showing each other and then helping each other so all of us can become really good at more and more... and PASS IT ON...DISCIPLINE.MAKE TIME**



TO READ, REFLECT, PRAY

Why not look at **the bookstall** and ask Charlie if she can order a book for you. The Vicar's books for Lent are: **'Hit the ground kneeling'** by Bishop Stephen Cotterill and **'Celebration of Discipline'** by Richard Foster.

Good way to begin a **habit of pausing each day**: UCB Word for Today and **prayer diary**: Also **www.prayasyou go.org** website and **www.40acts.org** has challenges for lent too. Make a commitment to use prayer diary and **pray for the person you prayed with last week**. Ignatius Examen prayer pattern as well as verses of Scriptures for reflection in 'Shaping up' booklet *****ASK ABOUT JOINING A GROUP*****

LENT ACTIVITIES-each week: Ruth and Andrew Crowley will be holding a **Lent group** in their house, 219 Abbeyfield Road on **Mondays from 7.30-9pm** .

Charlie will open the Lounge for **PRAYERSPACE** on **Tuesdays 7.30-8.30pm**

"Within our Darkest Night"Monday 31st March, 7.30pm, It feels like a number of folks have been through, or are going through, some tough times. So we're doing an evening on the life of faith in times of challenge and suffering, through song, readings and reflection. An evening not designed to answer our questions about suffering and difficulty – this is about calling on, and struggling with God in the darkness. All welcome See Huw or Kate Thomas

South Yorkshire Prayer Event: Sat 29th March 2014 12-6pm,Barnsley

calling the church together across S Yorkshire to pray for revival in the church & nation

Church Family: Please continue to pray for **Richard, Ingrid and family** . Also for **Ernest and Wendy and family**. **Winnie has been to visit Marion Chapman who is in hospital** and has asked for our prayers. Our prayers and best wishes go with Ali who moved to Birmingham this week and started work near there in a canning factory.

Welcome and refreshment teams: on Thursday 27th March from 6.30-8.30pm there will be a meal followed by learning together . As well as a celebration and thank you to all who help every month, it is a chance for old hands to help new

Stuart Townend on Tuesday 13th May at 7.45pm at Christ Church with the singer/songwriter Stuart wrote "In Christ Alone", "Knowing you, Jesus" and other Christ Church favourites.It costs **£13** with unwaged concessions at **£8** on sale from 13th March and you can book ahead from Huw Thomas.

Friday 21 March, MISSA CRIOLLA (St Marie's Cathedral Concert Series)

7.30pm, by Argentinian composer Ariel Ramirez with Sheffield Chamber Choir under the baton of Uruguyan conductor, Ignacio Pilone, with tenor, rnesto Correa and a folkloric group from Madrid. Tickets £10 & £5 concessions (available on the door)

JIGSAW Come & join us at St Peter's Ellesmere, TOMORROW for an hour craft fun & cake 4.30-5.30pm Monday 17th March : Theme-land Monday 31st March: Theme-Birds All ages welcome—small children need to be accompanied by an adult.



Children's Church volunteers needed

On Sunday morning we love to create age appropriate learning for all our family. We have a dedicated team of leaders who plan the session, but would love more helpers to be part of the team. Please express your interest to Ant (youth worker) and he will chat through what the role entails .

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.

