

This week

Palm Sunday 29th March 1030am Family Worship with Communion, The Wave, Children's Church and creche

Mon 30th March 6.30-7pm In Holroyd Room at church Singers at Thomas's

***Tues 31st March 3.30pm Fabric Committee in lounge
7.30pm Limb's home group Session 7 of Moving On course***

Wed 1st April: Breaking News 6 (Church)

(Toddlers and Lunch Club closed for school hols)

Thurs 2nd April : Maunday service 6pm 7.30pm International meal in the Welcome Centre

Good Friday 3rd April 1.45 St.Peter's- walk to Christ Church 3p.m. Good Friday Meditation

Sat 4th April 12.30pm Wedding of Hannah and Will

Easter Saturday Midnight Reflection

Gather outside church at 11.30 for a short reflection in which we will light an Easter candle and bring the light of the resurrection into church.

Easter Sunday 5th April 10.30a.m Family celebration with Communion

Most groups closed next two weeks . The kitchen and Hall should be open for all groups in April, but will be closed for part of May...more news after Easter.

Information: there are a variety of ***information leaflets and charity magazines in a blue folder*** on the table at the back by the font. Please have a browse. If you bring information for church it would be ***helpful if you could put it in the folder*** as this makes it easier to find. There is not room to spread lots of leaflets on the table.

If you would like to make a donation to the flower fund for Easter flowers or help arrange flowers in church, please see Frances or June.

Christ Church Pitsmoor

Christian community for all nations

Palm Sunday 29th March 2015



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Next Thursday at 11a.m. the Queen will be



visiting Sheffield Cathedral to present Maundy money to 88 men and women from the Diocese. Derwent Levick and David Smith will be among them. It should be an exciting morning so why not pop down and support them.

Will and Hannah's wedding is at 12.30pm on Saturday 4th April and all members of the Christ Church congregation are welcome to come to the service and celebrate with informal tea/coffee and cake afterwards at the back of church while the photos are being taken.



Welcome to our services

Please join us for tea or coffee after the service.

New to Christ Church? Please ask to fill in a **Newcomers card**

with your contact details and hand to Welcomer or Church leader so we can keep in touch with you.



MAP: the feedback from the group discussions will go to the Diocese this week. Out of the 8 main areas, we were asked to prioritise 2 areas for wider review. The two selected as priorities for our church are:

1) Our commitment to church growth: Mission and evangelism This was by far our weakest area (scoring 2/10) so this will be a big area to focus on in the coming months. **Breaking News** course has been a start with a dozen or so taking part. **Where next?** Bay Horse? Messy Church? Where does prayer fit in? Do we care about mission?

2) Work with children, families and young people PCC has already looked at aspects of youth work and how it could change as Ant has moved on, but there is also a need to look at All age worship, and how we connect with children in the community (Adventure Playground, Toddler Group, Schools, neighbourhood groups, prayer walks, visiting homes etc.) While Children's Church has a confident team and GIG has made a good start, The Wave is struggling without Ant's input and the UNITE group is on hold too. There is some funding left to pay for sessional help, but discussion is needed on how it is best employed. Some is being used to for School's worker, John O'Brian, to help with GIG for 3 monthly sessions.

(3) A third area which scored low (4/10): Church is well led and people are growing in God-given gifts and talents: While a lot of people felt the church was well led, people felt that it was along time since we really looked at people's gifts. If you read the chapter from Connected that formed our Lent reading you will be aware how important it is that we all play our part in Christ's Body or it will function like a sick person rather than a fit person. So worship forum this week looked at addressing this over the coming months and Philip hopes to help us evaluate what our roles can be to help the church grow. So please be praying about how you can best serve God as part of the church family. PLEASE PICK UP YOUR COPY OF THE MAP FEEDBACK FROM THE WELCOME DESK

Safeguarding: There is **allegations training** at St Cuthbert's on Wed 14th April at 7pm prompt. This training is a must for all those with lay ministry training, wardens and possibly other areas of church leadership. All those concerned should have received an email, but if you think you need to go or if you can't make that date please contact Frances asap.

Church prayer meeting 6.30-7pm every Monday at church.

Local churches given major cash boost for urgent roof repairs

Five churches in South Yorkshire have been given a major boost with large cash awards totalling £346,000 which will allow them to make urgent and essential repairs to their roofs.

The funding has been distributed as part of the first round of the national Listed Places of Worship Roof Repair Fund. In total, nearly 400 Church of England parishes have been successful in their applications, all of which were announced by Chancellor George Osborne yesterday.

Those churches benefiting in the Diocese of Sheffield are:

All Saints, Ecclesall - £65,200

Rotherham Minster - £95,000

Holy Trinity and St Oswald's, Finningley - £74,900

Christ Church, Pitsmoor - £37,700

St Thomas, Kimberworth - £73,900

On hearing the news Dr Julie Banham, Diocesan church buildings advisor said: "I am absolutely delighted that, in a very competitive round which attracted 1900 applications, the Diocese of Sheffield has received funding for five of its churches. Against so much competition this is a very welcome achievement. We have an amazing array of churches in our area and I hope this will be a catalyst to encourage others in our locality to seek and apply for funding for their church buildings."

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S WORK GIG—Grow in God group had a great time in Doncaster last Sunday and were inspired by Woodlands All Saints young people who organised and led the service by themselves. Frances was encouraged to see that the kids group that she and Philip started 8 years ago had produced a group of capable teens with a strong faith. It is our aim to see the young folk we have here in Sheffield to go on to do the same



Sunday 26th April at St Peter's will be the last Messy Church with the help of St Philip's. So we need volunteers to help us run messy Church Light at the end of May. Any

.ADVANCE NOTICE The Church Annual Parochial Meeting is on Sunday 26th April Jane Skinner is updating the church electoral roll. If you are not on it or aren't sure if you are, please see Jane. We shall also be looking for nominations to stand for PCC.