

This week

Next week

Sunday 17th May 9.30am Holy Communion, 11am Family Worship & baptism of William Simpson The Wave, Children's Church, crèche
4.15pm GIG group to Doncaster for Soul Space (only members)

Mon 18th May Church prayer meeting 6.30-7pm in church
The Singers meet at Kate Thomas's house

Tues 19th May 5.15 pm GIG group at the Vicarage for 9-14 yr olds (if coming for the first time ask Frances for a registration form)
7.30pm Limb's home group

Wed 20th May Toddler Group 9.30-11.30am at back of church
7.30pm Prayer and Praise at the vicarage

Thurs 21st May: Holy Communion (not at Christ Church-change of plan from info in Prayer diary) coffee, chairbobs and Lunch Club
ALL at Pitsmoor Methodist Church, Burngreave Road.

7pm Community choir in church.

PENTECOST Sunday 24th May 9.30am Holy Communion, 11am Family Worship, The Wave?, Children's Church and creche

Bank Holiday week: only Limb's home group will meet

(no Communion on Thursday 28th May)

Sunday 31st May Messy Church at St Peter's at 4pm

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 or help arrange flowers in church, please see Frances or June. As June is unwell again, help to arrange flowers would be much appreciated. Thanks

Christ Church Pitsmoor

Christian community for all nations

17th May 2015



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This Week: Giving Sunday Philip writes:

Please pray and reflect now on what you can give. One of the main immediate needs we have is for £5000 for roof repairs, but I would also like you to review your weekly giving and consider taking out a standing order and gift aid it. We also have spare giving envelopes. At the PCC on Monday we agreed to increase our contribution to the Diocesan Common Fund from £40,000 to £42,000 in 2016. Bishop Steven has asked parishes to move away from seeing 'quota' or 'parish share' as a tax but rather as supporting the Diocesan family of churches. I am very pleased that we are increasing our share into this.

NB IN MAY, COFFEE will ONLY BE SERVED FROM 10.30-11AM

At 12.30pm we welcome our Elim N African friends to join us prior to their service at 1pm



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.





Christian Aid week , there will be envelopes in church. We have been reminded this week how vital such money is to countries like Nepal when disaster strikes.

If you are unable to give to church funds and overseas aid this month, why not agree to pledge

money for church and give it in the coming months?



I have been on a SOMA conference this week. Sharing of Ministries Abroad is an Anglican charity which sends out teams to work with Anglican churches in forgotten places such as East DRC and South Sudan. The picture is of young people praying at a SOMA mission to Kenya. Philip



4-5.30pm on Sunday 31st May at St Peter's will be the first Messy Church with out the help of St Philip's. GIG are helping volunteers with drama, crafts or other activities for a time of fun for all the family as we look at our journeys of faith and share tea together.

TEN DAYS OF PRAYER Ascension to Pentecost 14th – 24th May 2015

Please take a leaflet for the welcome table or download prayers from the Diocesan website. Specifically to Christ Church you may wish to pray for the following:

- * Pray for our response to God's gifts to us in our own giving & for building work
- * Pray about developing our vision and firming up plans from MAP
- * Pray for people: (i) our care for those in need (ii) our giving of time and skills

Start!

Discovering Christianity
in six small-group sessions

Want to find out more about the Christian faith? Why not come on a six week START course beginning Monday June 1st 7.30 at St. Peters

The builders are progressing well: the new kitchen units have arrived and the dormer windows gone.

For most of this month, Lunch Club and Night Shelter will be at Pitsmoor Methodist while Toddler Group and the African Elim congregation will be using Christ Church. It is hoped that the lounge will be available for Children's Church and small groups. Please ask if you need drinking water from the kitchen as we are not insured for everyone to go into the hall or kitchen at present and electrical supply is limited

*We are hoping to manage to provide refreshments, but **COFFEE will ONLY BE SERVED FROM 10.30-11AM.** There will be an opportunity for both congregations to share fellowship from 12.30pm, but they will be starting by 1pm.*

Children's Church trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park June 6th see Pat, Jane or Philip. Coach trip to Cleethorpes on Saturday July 4th, bookings to Maureen. 2757240

Review of hospitality

It is over a year now since we reviewed our welcoming and refreshments provision. There will be an opportunity shortly to review what we do and look to improve our practices. We also hope to provide some training for people who wish to join the team as a response to giving their talents. Frances is hoping to check possible dates with everyone on the teams in the next few weeks.

Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

From 10am-12.30pm on **Saturday 13th June** we shall be holding a training session with Sue Booth, Sheffield Diocese Safeguarding Officer. If we are involved with adults when they are vulnerable, eg visiting people when they are ill and need help or involved in activities like transport by car or shopping for them, then it is advised that we make ourselves aware of how to help them and ourselves. So could all Readers, Lunch Club volunteers, car and minibus drivers and all those visiting people at home when they are vulnerable, please keep this date free. Frances will be asking in a few weeks for names of those who hope to come.