

## This week

**Sunday 3rd January 9.30am Holy Communion 11 am All Age worship 5 pm Taize style service followed by shared tea**

### Midweek in January:

**Mondays** 6.30-7pm church open for prayer, Singers alternate weeks (See Kate)

**Tuesdays** 7.30pm Limb's home group

**Wednesdays** Toddler Group 9.30-11.30am NOT 6th January

**Thursdays** 9.45am Holy Communion 7-8pm Community Choir

**Thursday 7th January 7pm International Meal in the Welcome Centre**

**Sunday 10th January 9.30am Holy Communion 11am Family worship – a warm welcome to Rev John Hibbard**

Jill O'Sullivan's group has finished, but they are hoping to meet to discuss Christian issues at The Bay Horse starting on last Wed in January



Next Messy Church will be on Sunday 24th January, 4-5.30pm at St Pater's

**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. Help to arrange flowers would be much appreciated. Thanks**

If you would like to receive the news by email, please contact Maureen in the office.

## Christ Church Pitsmoor

in the Northern Lights Mission Partnership

*Christian community for all nations*

**Sundays 4th & 11th January 2016**



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Philip and Frances would like to thank all those who contributed to the various events and for the generous gifts that they have received over Christmas.

Thank you everyone for all your hard work and attendance over the Christmas period. A quick look at the figures shows that as far as foot-fall is concerned the Christmas of 2015 was **the best attended** this century!

During 2015 we served **1000 dinners** at lunch club, and provided **1500 bed-nights** in the night shelter. (One bed night= one person staying one night).

We reached our voluntary target of paying **£40,000** into the Diocesan Common Fund. This was an increase of 10% on last year. It is great to hear from Bishop Steven that the Diocese has finally 'bottomed out' in losing clergy and is now thinking of increasing numbers.

A real high-light of the year was the launching of the **Northern Lights Mission Partnership** on a sunny morning last September on Ellesmere Green.



## 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.



**At the beginning of 2015** I set out a number of things I wanted to see happen in 2015. It was great to look back at the list and see how many of them had happened. So let's look forward with faith for 2016!

We are very blessed with a **wonderful building and generous giving** but I would like to see us looking outwards more in 2016. One of the Mission Action goals we set ourselves was to pick a charity to support each term not just in money but also in prayer and practical action.

Later on in the month we will be having a visit from Helen Cockayne who administers the **Centenary youth fund** at the Diocese. We would love to have someone to work with families, children and young people across the Mission Partnership. We have so many contacts particularly with young families and we want to do more with them and for them.

We are forming a team around the **11a.m. service**. It is very exciting that so many people want to be involved and we want to share ideas and support each other and improve our skills.

We had a great time at the two local pubs as we sang carols before Christmas. We would particularly like to develop a group to meet at the **Bay Horse**. (After 8 womens' group is planning to meet there once a month).

It was great to have so many **major events in church** in 2015 (Riding Lights, Hustings, bereavement study day, Three acres and a cow. We hope to have more in 2016.

By Easter we hope that a major scheme to renew all the **gutters** and down-pipes on church will have been completed. The total cost will be just short of £50,000 and hopefully will stop water getting in; unglamorous but vital!

*And of course I want us all to grow in our love and knowledge of Jesus as we worship, pray, serve and learn together. There is no limit to what God can do with a group of people who want to give their lives to Him. Philip*

**Christ Church Family Update:** Please continue to pray for Dorothy and Vera who have remained in hospital over Christmas. Robert Newman also asks for prayer for his family: One of his brothers in America and also a brother in Sheffield are both very ill at present. We continue to pray for Mary's family grieving for her uncle Earl Raino who passed away in December. They would have celebrated his 75th birthday on 13th January.

**FABRIC COMMITTEE PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE: The committee will now meet on THURSDAY 21st January (not Tues 19th) at 3pm as Michael is in college on Tuesdays.**



One of the highlights this Christmas was the Burngreave Nativity. Here is a shot from it as appeared on the Christ Church Facebook site and viewed by 50 people. It was a great collaborative effort. Thanks Yvonne and Ange and actors—surely not the last we will see of you! Thanks also to Barnie for some great camera work and to Flo and Julie for some technical wizardry. If you're not into Facebook do ask, the church site is a mine of information!

**PARENT TALK** Under pressure to be the perfect mum or dad? Feel you could do with some fresh inspiration as a parent?

Care for the Family are bringing the 'Parentalk' Roadshow to Sheffield in March with Rob Parsons and Katherine Hill. Further details available on the Care for the Family website

## The Christmas Card board

Thanks for all the cards put up. Please read the messages if you have not done so already. Gift for our overseas charities can be put in a charity envelope > the collection plate in the offertory hymn or handed to a warden until the middle of January when they will be counted and sent off. Thanks to all who have donated already. Much of the money to Embrace will support Syrian refugees in the Bible Lands.

## **"The Sitting Room"**

**More volunteers to help run it please!!**

**This is Christ Church Pitsmoor's project, opening the church every Thursday to provide a warm and welcoming space for those who want or need a place to go. Tackling destitution, offering hospitality and providing great opportunities to meet and eat together. It involves taking a turn to come on a Thursday between 7.00 and 9.45.. You can join us for any or all of the time. It's very simple: you turn up, join other volunteers and make tea and jacket potatoes for our guests.**

**The dates between now and Easter, some of the coldest evenings of the year, are listed below. Talk to Ingrid, Kate or Huw by 16<sup>th</sup> December?  
Dates: 14th/21st/28th January, 11th, 18th 25th February, 10th, 17th March**