

**Mondays** 6.30-7pm church open for prayer, Singers alt weeks

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

**Wednesdays** Toddler Group 9.30-11.30am  
7.30pm **Fellowship Group** at Jill O'Sullivan's

**Thursdays** 9.45am Holy Communion followed by coffee and  
Lunch Club 7-8pm Community Choir

### **This week**

**Sunday 6th December 9.30am Holy Communion 11am All Age  
Worship with Communion 5pm Informal worship** followed by sharing  
shared tea and discussion time. (Please bring sandwiches)

**Thurs 10th** Lunch Club Christmas Dinner (See Nick-must be booked in ad-  
vance) Sitting Room in church 7-9.45pm

**Sat 12th:** Carol singing on Ellesmere Green, Spital Hill and Winter  
Festival at Vestry Hall from 12-3pm at which there will be Messy  
Church Christmas activities

### **Next Week**

**Sunday 13th December** 9.30am Holy Communion, Christingle ser-  
vice 4pm at St Peter's

**Wed 16th** Toddler Group Christmas Party, then close till 13th Jan

**Fri 18th** Carol Singing at Normanton Arms

**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*

**Sunday 6th December 2015**



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Susan Vinall, (centre) our new Church Growth Administrator has just completed her first month with us. Susan is managed by Rev Monica Sutton (left) curate at St. Cuthberts and Dorothy Gilbert from St. Peter's (right) and Philip. Please continue to pray for Susan as she discerns the right use of her time.

**There are still NEW DIRECTORIES FOR CHURCH MEMBERS by the font: Please sign the list on table to acknowledge receipt. Also 2016 GIVING ENVELOPES for those who have signed up for them**

## **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.



We're coming to the end of Christ Church's **financial year**. It has been a busy and an expensive year for the church and we have achieved a lot thanks to the generosity of everyone who gives financially. Last May we had a giving day which raised over £3000. This Sunday the new giving envelopes start. If you do not have a set please ask for one, we have spares. The envelopes enable you to plan your giving and for us to reclaim gift aid. This year we are on target to pay our increased Common Fund total of £40,000 as a sign of our support for the Diocesan family. **Thank you for your giving!**

**"The Sitting Room"** 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 turning up on a Thursday between 7.00 and 9.45.

Anyone can join us for any or all of the time.

HOWEVER every week we need people who can run the evening.

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, if you want to know more, by 16<sup>th</sup> December?

The dates: 14/01/2016; 21/01/2016; 28/01/2016; 11/02/2016; 18/02/2016; 25/02/2016; 10/03/2016; 17/03/2016; 24/03/2016

**Church Family:** Please continue to pray for **Dorothy** in hospital and also for **Josie T** who was in hospital last week Also for **Dave White** who had an emergency operation last Sunday night and is still in hospital and for Pat supporting him. **Vera** would also value prayers for her recovery from surgery which has been as straight forward as it should be.

*Please look at the card on the welcome desk which has been sent from the users and volunteers of Fir Vale Food Bank : " We would like to express our warmest thanks for the gifts of food which you so kindly brought...At the same time as giving out foodbags, we provide space and time for people to meet...hot drinks and snacks are provided*

**Welcoming everyone:** We would like to have better information and notices to introduce new people to the church and what we can offer. It is important that we design some really good materials and have them well displayed as well as having people to talk to folk and befriend them . Does any have IT design skills they could offer to help us develop new information materials? Please see Philip or Frances

### Before you buy lots of cards...

Please consider if you can give to Tearfund or Christian Aid this Christmas by bringing **one card for your friends at Christ Church** which you can display on the board at the back and putting the money you save to one of these charities.

### Winter Festival

Vestry hall 12-3pm

Sat 12th December

Stalls can be purchased for £6

It is hoped that we can gather for some carol singing on Ellesmere Green beforehand along with others from Northern Lights Mission Partnership



Also, In association with ASSIST and SYRJC, local choir Escafeld Chorale presents **A Concert celebrating Christmas on Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm** in All Saints Ecclesall. ASSIST and SYRJC will enjoy a share of the proceeds. More details available on Escafeld Chorale website [escafeldchorale.org.uk](http://escafeldchorale.org.uk)

### Let's think about the Paris Conference on climate change

# THE BIG SHIFT

Cassette tapes. Dial-up internet. Three-wheeled cars. There are some things that are so behind the times that no-one in their right mind would invest in them today. Extracting and burning fossil fuels (coal, oil and gas) will soon be top of that list because we know that they are unsustainable, they are hurting our earth, and burning them accelerates the warming of our world.

The shift towards renewable energy is already in motion, but we need to quicken the pace. We have the opportunity to join in with God's work of renewing creation, and liberating the millions of the world's poorest people already feeling the impact of climate change by leaving fossil fuels behind. We can do this by shifting our money and actions to where our prayers are, into a clean alternative for our energy, for a better future for the whole of humanity. Christian Aid is asking that we leave all fossil fuels behind. Particularly that the UK government makes a clear commitment to stop burning coal by 2023 and to stop the extraction of coal overseas but in a way which provides new 'green' jobs and a new low-carbon economy world-wide.