

This week

Sunday 20th 9.30am Holy Communion 11 am Family Nativity

6.30pm Traditional carol service followed by mince pies

Monday 21st From 7pm Carol Singing at The Bay Horse with Northern Lights

Christmas Eve 11.30pm Midnight Communion

Christmas Day 10. 30am Christmas Family Communion

Sunday 27th 10.30am Family Communion

No events mid-week events between Christmas & New Year

Sunday 3rd January 9.30am Communion 11am All Age Worship

Midweek in January:

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 NOT 6th January

Thursdays 9.45am Holy Communion 7-8pm Community Choir

Thursday 7th January &pm Internati onal Meal in the Welcome Centre

Sunday 10th January 9.30am Holy Communion 11am Family wor-ship- 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

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.

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CAROL SINGING

We enjoyed a really brilliant evening singing carols at the Normanton pub just round the back of St. Peters on Friday evening. Land-lords Kay and Paul did us proud with their welcome—mulled wine and sandwiches—followed by Bingo! Frances went and won £41! She decided to donate that to Embrace.

Come and join us at The Bay Horse for more singing on Monday from 7pm



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.



Looking back at what God has done among us in 2015: Last year Philip gave us 5 goals for 2015 that came from the vision planning. Looking back, all of these goals have either been achieved or are well on the way to being accomplished:

- ◆ **Re-roofing & refurbishing Welcome centre** ACHIEVED (plus electrics sorted)
- ◆ **Mission Partnership** ACHIEVED Susan appointed and in post. Various activities and training done together including Lent events, Messy Church, Breaking News, Cross-roads Mission, Advent 'Reveal' sessions
- ◆ **Mission Action Plan** revealed needs to prioritise Youth work and welcoming as well as better teamwork in Leadership. Core groups have enabled Readers and Youth team to develop, Finance team formed. Welcoming has been discussed at Hub & PCC meetings and training completed by delegates from each Partner church. Since Ant has moved to work with Youth for Christ, we now have plans to appoint a Northern Lights Youth and Families worker...watch this space! ON THE WAY TO BEING ACHIEVED
- ◆ A large proportion of church attenders are **growing in faith** & taking on new roles...each of us can probably look back and see how God has deepened our faith :-)
- ◆ **START and Moving On** ACHIEVED over Spring and Summer 2015

Other achievements:

- ◇ **Grow in God** group for 11-14s started and a number went to Scargill Summerfest. Numbers have grown...15 attended Christmas party last week.
- ◇ **Monthly teatime service** with Taize style worship and fellowship
- ◇ **The Sitting Room** for asylum seekers with games and food

On your own on Christmas Day?

There will not be a Christmas dinner at church this year, but anyone over 50 can book to go to a local venue for a free dinner on Christmas Day at 12.30 on Christmas Day organised by Age Better in Sheffield. Lifts are available.

To book a place RSVP to South Yorkshire Housing Association on 01142900250 or email to care@syha.co.uk (Poster at back of church for details or see Nick E)

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.

Sunday 20th December

11am Family Nativity at Christ Church

6.30pm Carols Service @ Christ Church

Monday 21st From 7pm

Carol Singing at The Bay Horse with Northern Lights

Christmas Eve

11.30pm Holy Communion Christ Church

Family Christmas Day Communion

10.30am Christ Church



The Christmas Card board is up

Please consider if you can give to Tearfund, Embrace 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. Please put your gift in a charity envelope > the collection plate in the offertory hymn or hand to Philip or warden

“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 16th December?
Dates: 14th/21st/28th January, 11th, 18th 25th February, 10th, 17th