

This week

Mothering Sunday 6th March 9.30am Holy Communion 11am All Age-Worship . Sermon Series on *The Lord's Prayer: Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil (Mothers are key to the guidance and protection of our children)* **There will be a gift for ladies present .**

Mon 7th March 1.30-2.30 Women's Fellowship Lent Group at St Cuthbert's Barnsley Road S5 6UB

6.30—7pm Prayer in Church **START Course continues at Jeanette and Shane's at 7.00pm (see Philip)**

Wed 9th March Toddler Group 9.30—11.30am (AGM)

Thurs 10th March 9.45am Holy Communion followed by coffee and Lunch Club 2-3pm Fabric Committee in the Lounge
7pm Community Choir , Lent group at St Cuthbert's

Next Week

Sunday 13th March 9.30am Holy Communion 11am Family Worship
Sermon Series on *The Lord's Prayer: Yours is the power and the glory*

Wed 16th March 7.30pm Men's group at Mike Dennett's

Thurs 17th March 7-8pm Lent Course at St Cuthbert's Community Rooms, Barnsley Road S5 6UB 7.30pm PCC meeting a Christ Church

19th March The Burn will be in Christ Church from 3pm until 8p.m. You are welcome to come and join in worship and prayer any time.

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 March 2016



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Northern Lights Five years ago, the Deanery Plan to form mission partnerships suggested Christ Church, St. Cuthberts and St. Peters worked together. Over my time at Christ Church, I have quietly been building relationships with these two churches. Then last Spring, following the MAP discussions, leaders from all three felt the time was right to strengthen the partnership and to consider applying for the new Development worker post that the Diocese was offering to fund. The Mission Partnership Hub", an open group drawn from the three churches which would be the ideas factory for the partnership, was set up and enthusiasm grew! Initially, we organised a day out at the seaside and a joint Christian Aid walk. Then began the process of preparing to employ a new worker to help us with our mission administration. As our mission aim was 'Bringing the light and love of Christ to the north eastern part of Sheffield', the name NORTHERN LIGHTS was elected by a vote in all three congregations and on a gloriously sunny morning in September we met on Ellesmere Green to launch the new partnership. During the worship Susan Vinall felt led by the Holy Spirit to put her reservations to one side and apply to work with us as Northern Lights Church Growth Administrator and the interviews proved her the best candidate for the post. So what has happened since then? Turn over and see!

Please take a prayer diary to keep you informed of events in March

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.



Northern Lights (contd)

To begin with, much of Susan Vinall's time was devoted to setting up offices at St Peter's and St Cuthbert's and administration for the advertising of a new vicar at St Cuthbert's, but the parishes have all benefitted from Susan's enthusiasm, vision and capability in:

- * *Encouraging leaders at the three churches to plan for mission and be excited about what can happen when Christians work together.*
- * *safeguarding lead recruiter for all three parishes*
- * *helping children's workers to meet together for joint planning and mutual encouragement/skills development*
- * *planning joint family events on Candlemass, Shrove Tuesday and one on Palm Sunday*
- * *Preparing our Diocese Centenary project bid for a children's and families worker*

What next?

Pentecost Special: 15th May at 4p.m. on Ellesmere Green

Joint Christian Aid Walk: 21st May.

Our partnership is far more than the sum of our 3 parts... and just in this year we are seeing significantly more new people join all 3 churches. I pray that this will be a pattern which will encourage us all to support mission over the coming years. Please pray for growth in discipleship, mission and pastoral support to continue to grow. God is good!



FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT: **29th February-13th March 2016**

*With Fairtrade you have the power to change the world every day. **With one simple choice you can get farmers a***

***better deal.** And that means they can make their own decisions, control their futures and lead the dignified life everyone deserves. Fairtrade is about better prices, decent working conditions and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers. There are over 1.4 million farmers and workers in 1,140 producer organisations across the Fairtrade system. Emerging evidence through impact assessments has found that Fairtrade can make a significant difference to farmers' and workers' lives.*



Lent Books:

. Charlie can order a book you may have seen advertised and would like to have a look at or buy. ' **Making of an Ordinary Saint** A fairly easy to read modern comment on Nate's own spiritual journey with reflections by his dad, Richard Foster. Several copies on bookstall now. See back page for lent groups. (It's a really good read!-Philip)

The rotating bookcase at the back of church is a library. So please feel free to borrow a book to read and replace it when you have finished. Ask Charlie for advice.



We are also reviewing the pew Bibles to see how helpful people find the present version. If you have not filled in a questionnaire last week please take one, complete it and leave it on the Welcome table. Thank you.

We're having a great time on our **Start course** at 4, Norwood Road. We're meeting around Shane and Jeanette's table and we just fit! This Monday we are looking at what Jesus did for us...very appropriate as we approach Passion Sunday

Sat 12th March (1)Workshop on use of Google Drive in the parish. Anyone interested in seeing how we as church could use Google Drive to help manage the running of the church is invited to a morning of sharing expertise and learning new skills at St John's Owlerton. (2) There is also still space on the children's and youth work leaders' networking day at Bramhall Lane

Songs of Praise

25 members of ChristChurch enjoyed attending the recordings We can all watch the results of the Choir of the Year competitions when they the broadcast on 3rd, 10th and 24th April

Easter Services

Maundy Thursday service with meal

Good Friday meet at St Peter's at 1.45pm to walk to Christ Church

for Meditation on the Cross at 3pm

& 7.30pm at St Peter's

Easter Sunday 10.30am