

This Week

Sunday 1st May 9.30am Holy Communion 11am All Age worship and Communion 5pm Teatime service and discussion

Tues 3rd Limb's Home Group 7. 30pm

Wed 4th May Toddler group 9-11.30am in the Hall 7.30pm Men's group at Mike's

Thurs 5th May ASCENSION DAY 9.45am Holy Communion followed by coffee, chairbics and Lunch Club

7pm International meal in Welcome Centre, & Community Choir in Church

Fri 6th 6pm-6pm Sat 7th May: 24 hrs of prayer at St Cuthbert's

Sat 7th May 4-6pm Bereavement Café in church

Next Week

Sunday 8th May 9.30am Holy Communion 11am Family Worship

Mon 9th May 6.30-7pm Prayer in Church

Tues 10th May Limb's Home Group 7. 30pm

Wed 11th May Toddler group 9-11.30am in the Hall

PRAYER AND PRAISE at the vicarage 7.30pm

Thurs 12th May 9.45am Holy Communion followed by coffee, chairbics and Lunch Club. 7.00pm Sitting Room in church and Community Choir in Welcome Centre Hall

Verse of the week: 1 Peter 3:8, Finally I tell of all you to have unity of spirit, sympathy, a tender heart, love for the brethren and a humble heart

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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Christian community for all nations

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This Thursday we celebrate **Jesus' Ascension** when Jesus returns to be with the Father. Our reading today recounts Jesus trying to help the disciples understand how One true God can be the Father, Jesus and another helper who was to come at Pentecost. It is a time to ask ourselves if we are prepared to receive the Holy Spirit more fully to live our Christian lives in the fullness of His power to live for Him and for others.

Ten Days of Prayer: Ascension to Pentecost

St Cuthbert's will be open for 24 hours of prayer from **6pm 6th May-6pm 7th May 24 hours**. There will be prayer stations around the room to help focus on different aspects of prayer. Bishop Steven is also encouraging us to start to **pray for 5 friends** in this time. They may need encouraging in some way, healing or you may want to pray for ways to help them grow to faith. There will be more information at the back of church.



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.



A big thank you from Lionel and Ann for their John Lewis gift voucher and flowers presented to them last week at the APM. It was a moving occasion as we said a big 'thank you' from Christ Church for their hard work and fellowship over the past fifteen years or so. Lionel gives up his Wardenship this week but is continuing to oversee the roofing work which finally gets underway on Tuesday. They are also busy in Southport as builders get to work on their new bungalow.

Pentecost 2016 Northern Lights Mission Partnership Pentecost Praise.

We are busy putting plans into place for our Northern Lights Pentecost Praise on **May 15th, 4p.m. at Ellesmere Green**. Please book this date. As part of this event we need stewards and people to help with the service: including 4 people of any age to be disciples for the worship.....it's more actions than words and the few words said will be said by all the Disciples. Also we need about 4 banner/ flag wavers. We are having a rehearsal on Sunday 8th May 12.30pm at St Cuthbert's.

Christian Aid Week

Christian Aid Week Is fast approaching next month. Please book a joint churches Christian Aid walk in your diary on Saturday May 21st, leaving St. Peters at 10.30, then to Christ Church. We finish at St. Cuthberts.

TEDX Pitsmoor: *A platform to share your views and practise your public speaking skills* next meeting is on 21st May at Christ Church. Please see Huw or TEDX Pitsmoor website if you are interested in taking part.



To mark Refugee Week, ASSIST are holding a **FUNDRAISING DINNER** 6pm for 7pm Sat 25th June

Channing Hall, Surrey Street S1 2LG Tickets £25 Book early as places limited

Summerfest at Scargill. North Yorkshire

We have made a booking for a group of 17 to go for a great Summer event July 30th-August 4th. So this is a last call if you are interested as the event is filling at fast

More from Malawi. Thank you everyone who has donated towards buying maize flour at Kachere Prison in Lilongwe.. We have bought a week's worth of food for the three hundred boys in the prison. The picture



shows the yard at the prison which is just beaten earth. It has been a very wet Summer (Oct-March) in Malawi with floods in some parts. The sanitary conditions at the prison are very poor and Yohane and his team risk catching typhoid and cholera. In spite of all the challenges some of the young men go onto get educational qualifications and are supported into better life-styles on release.. The Malawian justice system is poorly funded and under pressure so often there can be long delays in processing cases. Currently 300 young men aged 11-18 are held at Kachere , there were 80 when I visited in 2010.

Pitsmoor Bereavement Café: 4-6 pm 1st Sat of each month

Are you grieving for a loved one?

Would you like a space to sit and talk with others, or just have a cup of tea in a supportive environment?

Bereavement Café is a new monthly peer-support space for bereaved adults of any age, set up by a group of people who have experienced bereavement ourselves.

Next Confirmation Service will be 13th July

A few people are thinking about confirmation in July when Bishop Steven visits on the 13th July. This is a great chance to have a look at your faith. Huw Thomas is running a series of sessions to explore the Christian faith and spiritual life. The sessions will cover Confession, the Lord's prayer, The Bible, Guidance and the church. There is an introductory session on 19th May at 7.30 in church. Please talk to Philip, Huw or e-mail Huw on huwthomas75@googlemail.com