

### ***This Week***

***Sunday 24th April 9.30am Holy Communion 11am Family Worship***

***Mon 25th April 6.30—7pm Prayer in Church***

***Tues 26th April Limb's Home Group 7.30pm***

***Wed 27th April Toddler group 9-11.30am in the Hall***

***PRAYER AND PRAISE RESTARTS at the vicarage 7.30***

***Thurs 21st April 9.45am Holy Communion followed by coffee, chairgobs and Lunch Club. 7.00pm Sitting Room in church***

### ***Next 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 International meal***

***Sat 7th May Bereavement Café (see below)***

### **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.

***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 24th April 2016**



**Vicar:** Rev. Philip Ireson 01142727756 or 07882027473

**Office:** 01142757240 Administrator: Maureen Fischer (Mon & Thur 9.30—2.30pm )

Email: office@christchurchpitsmoor.com

**Facebook:** Christ Church Pitsmoor **Website:** christchurchpitsmoor.com

**Northern Lights Mission Partnership Administration:**

Susan Vinall 07469855936 or email: susan.vinall@sheffield.anglican.org

As Dave White was unwell and not able to attend the APCM with Pat, they were presented with a card and gifts on Thursday after the service. Pat and Dave retired from her cleaning work at Christ Church after many years. They have been great servants.



## **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.



## Pentecost 2016

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

**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.

**Prayer and Praise** restarts next Wednesday at the Vicarage after a break of nine months. The plan is to run it fortnightly. Why not come along for 1 1/2 hours of fellowship, praise and prayer.

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Last week there were elections for wardens, deputy wardens and new PCC members. **Brian Vivian and Derwent Levick** were elected as church wardens and **John Hayes and Howard Barber** were re-elected as deputy wardens.

Lionel, who will be finishing as warden after 13 years serving Christ Church in this role was thanked, along with Ann, for their commitment and dedication to Christ Church throughout this time. Lionel has brought a large number of skills, particularly in enabling the fabric of the church to be well maintained, and in particular overseeing the very successful reordering with Martyn and then latterly the refurbishment of the Welcome Centre. Lionel has worked away in many unseen duties that have helped the smooth running of the parish over the years. The APM gave Lionel a fitting standing ovation.

Ingrid Hanson will join the PCC as a member of Diocesan Synod. Mary Reid and Mike Dennett were re-elected to PCC; Bernadette Rouine and Rob Platt will join the PCC. A big thank you to those who put themselves forward and were not elected.

We also looked through financial reports from various areas of church life. If you were not able to be at the meeting please have a look at the reports which are on the back table.

As reported last week I am revisiting Malawi in June. My main reasons for going are to catch up with Jumbo Kalua, a farmer in North Malawi and to see how work is progressing at Kachere Juvenile prison in Lilongwe. I am keen to show practical support for Kennedy and Yohane (below with Jumbo) who head up the work in the prison. They particularly ask for food for the young people in the prison. Yohane recently wrote that it is hard



hungry. **The need is to buy maize flour. The prison needs 18 sacks each week for the 300 inmates. Each sack costs £20. There is a list at the back of church, if you could sign up that would be great, I have split it into half sacks.** My aim is to oversee the buying of the flour when I am out in Malawi. I am also planning to have a big celebration with Yohane and his family. He has a young daughter who was very ill 18 months ago, I was able to help buy some life-saving antibiotics for her.

We enjoyed our week at **Scargill House** last Summer with a group of young people and adults from Christ Church and St. Peters. We are attending Summerfest 1 again this year with a group of 16 adults and young people. There is still time to book into the event. Scargill House is a wonderfully relaxing place and the Summerfest event provides teaching for all ages alongside plenty of good food and a chance to soak up the amazing scenery of Wharfedale.

### **Next Confirmation Service will be 13th July**

*There will a **service of baptism and confirmation** at Christ Church at 7.30pm on Wednesday 13th July. If you would like to be baptised or confirmed as the next step in your Christian commitment, There will also be a course after Easter for children who have been baptised and would now like to be admitted to Communion, but do yet feel ready to be confirmed. If you would like to go forward this way please see Philip or Huw or contact the vicarage .*