

This Week

Sunday 26th June 9.30a.m., Holy Communion, 11a.m. Morning worship

Mon 27th June: 6.30—7pm Prayer in church

Tues 28th June 2.30pm Fabric Committee 7.30pm Limb's Group

Wed 29th June Toddlers 9-11.30am in Hall 7.30pm Men@ Mike's

Thurs 30th June 9.45am Holy Communion followed by coffee, chairbics and Lunch Club.
7pm Sitting Room in church
7.30pm Community Choir in Welcome Centre
7.30pm PCC in the Vicarage

Sat 2nd July Bereavement Café 4pm –6pm at back of church

Next Week

Sunday 3rd July 9.30a.m., Holy Communion, 11a.m. All Age worship
5pm teatime service in church

Mon 4th July Prayer as above, Home Group-Shane and Janette's

Tues 5th July 7.30 Limb's home group

Wed 6th July Toddler group, 7.30pm Prayer & Praise at Vicarage

Thurs 7th July Morning as last Thurs
7pm International meal in Welcome Centre
7.30pm Community Choir in church

Wed 13th July Men@Mike's

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 26th June 2016



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In or out? It has been a momentous few days in the life of the UK. The nation has been evenly split between remaining in the EU and coming out of it. Sheffield exactly reflected the national split with just 6000 votes separating the two options: IN 130,735 49% OUT:136,018 51% , 266,951 people voted which was 2/3rds of those eligible to vote. Amongst those voting OUT was the need felt for the UK to take control of its law making, for others there was a deep worry over the number of people coming to the UK and the pressure this was putting on public services. For those voting IN there was a strong feeling that it was still good to be part of the EU family and to celebrate the peace the EU has brought to Europe for the past 70 years.

Of course coming out of the EU is not a magic silver bullet which will solve all the nation's problems only God can do that! **What are we going to do at Christ Church.?** At the top of the news-sheet is our slogan, "Christian community for all nations". We need to value that and proclaim it. On Friday I had a text from David Kandrac who organises the Roma congregation that has been meeting each week in the Welcome

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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.

Centre. He is very worried that he, his family and congregation 'will be sent home'. I would be very worried if our immigration laws became harsher after Brexit. My feeling is that our international friends and visitors have greatly enriched the life of Christ Church inspiring us with their stories of faith, their attitude to serving, their refusal to give into the negativity which we too often give into. As a church let us continue to celebrate that we are a community of Jesus for all nations.

At the Thursday communion I talked about a Roman Centurion Cornelius who was stationed as the leader of the occupying army in Caesarea. You can read the story in Acts 10 of how this 'foreigner' and godly man was the means by which Jewish Peter was led to see that Jesus was the Saviour of all nations.

I am worried that what it means to be British will change. For me being British is built on a reservoir of faith which leads to generosity, tolerance, kindness and openness. Our laws, our education system our care for the vulnerable all trace their roots to godly people who stood out against wrong practices. Cornelius' actions and readiness to hear from God challenged Peter's closed mind and the result was that faith in Jesus became not just for Jews but for the whole world.

Let us keep our doors and our hearts open.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has said: let us have "a vision of peace and reconciliation, of being builders of bridges, not barriers" Philip

Church and Welcome Centre Repairs and Spring Clean

Once again, as the night shelter move out of our building for the summer, we shall be having a week of cleaning and tidying in church and the Centre. If the builders have finished, this will be in 4 weeks time.

If you can volunteer at some point in the day or evening in the last week of July please can you talk to Frances or Maureen about how you would be able to help and when you could be available.

We had thought the faculty for the roof work was complete, but unfortunately a hitch has been found and this may cause further delay. Please pray that it is resolved quickly so the interior can be repaired as soon as the old chimney is removed.

Prayer Diary is available this weekend. Please use it to know what is happening in July and pray for the Jesus' love and Spirit's power to be seen in all we do as a church family.

Zumba

St Peter's Church Lyons Street on

Thursdays at 9.15am, cost £1.50

Refreshments, suitable for all abilities

Church Family News: Thanks to all who have been praying for Lionel and Vera this week. Vera came home last week. Please continue to pray for Vi Brailsford who was back in hospital, but is now home. Also please pray for two church members and our friend K who are going through a difficult time in their asylum process at present.

Those who are unwell have been very grateful for visits and offers of help. If anyone else would like to help, please contact the vicarage. Then we can spread out the help so that it doesn't come all at once. Thank you

Today's Bible readings:

Romans 13:8-10 and Mark 12:28-34

This is the penultimate study from Romans 12 and 13, "Love your neighbour"



It's a special day today at the Cathedral when my friend and former colleague at the prison, Robert Heaton is ordained. Robert came very nervously to work at

HMP Doncaster in 2005 and it has been a privilege to encourage him on the long road to becoming a Rev! Robert hopes that he will become a co-ordinating chaplain in a local prison before too long.

Pitsmoor Bereavement Café: 4-6 pm Next Saturday

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.

Thanks for sponsorship for the bike ride in aid of the Amos Trust. You can give to the Amos Trust on line <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/KateThomas65> or you can give Kate cash!

Many congratulations to the community gospel choir which meets week by week at Christ Church. Margaret Vivian and Jennie Levick sing with it. They are travelling down to London to sing in the **Songs of Praise gospel choir of the year competition** on July 9th. The BBC were up filming the choir a fortnight ago. The choir could do with a bit of financial help paying for the bus, let me know if you could help.