

Services February/March 2016

- 07-Feb-16 Sunday next before Lent
8.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday Club 10.00 am - Family Communion
6.30 pm – no service
- 10-Feb-16 7pm - Ash Wednesday - Holy Communion
- 14-Feb-16 1st Sunday of Lent
8.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am – Parade
6.30 pm – no service
- 21-Feb-16 2nd Sunday of Lent
8.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am – Holy Communion
6.30 pm – no service
- 28-Feb-16 3rd Sunday of Lent
8.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am – Morning Prayer & Baptism
6.30 pm – Holy Communion
- 06-Mar-16 Mothering Sunday
(4th Sunday of Lent)
8.00 am – Holy Communion (BCP)
Sunday Club 10.00 am - Parade with Holy Communion
6.30 pm – no service



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CALENDAR February 2016

DATE	TIME	EVENT
2nd	10.15 – 11.45	Coffee Morning
3rd	12.00	Lunch Club
9th	10.15 – 11.45	Coffee Morning
9th		NO MEETING for Ladies Group
10th	12.00	Lunch Club
16th	10.15 – 11.45	Coffee Morning
16th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
17th	12.00	Lunch Club
23rd	10.15 – 11.45	Coffee Morning
24th	12.00	Lunch Club
28th	5.40pm	Service at Hazlewood Care Home, Skeavingtons Lane
29th	7pm	Visit by Miriam Knowles, CMS Missionary

Lunch Club - Communion Service usually takes place monthly



Next **TRAIDCRAFT** stall:
Sunday February 14th
 after 10am service

Women's World Day of Prayer

A special service will be held on **Friday 4th March at 2pm** at West Hallam Methodist Church. All are welcome.

TRANSFORM WEEKEND - save the date!

This very successful event for all ages held at Walesby Scout Camp is happening again this year:

15th - 17th July

More details as they become available.

People serving in church this month

Date	Welcomers	Reader	Prayers	Assisting at Communion *
7 th Feb	Ele McGhee David Martin	Family Communion Planning Group (FCPG)	Family Communion Planning Group (FCPG)	Viv Sumner
14 th Feb	Uniformed Groups	Uniformed Groups	Uniformed Groups	David Jones
21 st Feb	Maurice Lynn Will Allen	Viv Sumner	Sally Hrycyk	Val Norgain
28 th Feb	Shirley Read Eleanor Read	Julie Hart (10am) Arthur Bostock (6.30pm)	Viv Sumner	-
6 th Mar	Uniformed Groups	Uniformed Groups	Uniformed Groups	Mary Bottomley

* With one other person, depending on clergy presence

More than Welcoming

January has been a busy month in church, not least with the extensive refurbishment of the church hall toilets. The old ones served us well for over 60 years but were long overdue for replacing. So after several weeks of work, we have lost the 'interesting' smell outside the gents and our plush new toilets are ready for use. But be careful! The old 'gents' is now the 'ladies' and vice versa and we risk some embarrassing encounters until we get used to the new layout.

One of the reasons for upgrading the toilets was to make the church hall and church more welcoming. As a church we pride ourselves on making those who come welcome. But there is more to drawing people into the life of the church than having good facilities and making them welcome; at some point we need to help people to understand what we are about and why.

Justin Welby, the Archbishop of Canterbury shared his Top Ten Tips for Evangelism in an interview with Premier Radio a couple of weeks ago, and I thought that it would be good to think about them.

Top Tip 1. Evangelism isn't something you can opt out of

Some people think that it is for the vicar or 'people who are good at that sort of thing'. Justin's view is that we all have a part to play about sharing the Gospel.

Top Tip 2. Do it, not out of duty - but because you love people

We don't share good news because it is a duty but because we are 'so consumed with knowing how wonderful Jesus is, that we want to talk to others about that.'

Top Tip 3. Evangelism isn't about results. Don't measure success by those who instantly convert.

Growth is important; but we don't need to put pressure on ourselves.

Top Tip 4. Remember it's good news that you're sharing

This really is good news. *'There's a problem with human beings, which is that we don't know God. One way or another, there's a barrier between us and God. God has solved the problem, and it's open to us to take that solution into our lives by opening our lives to his presence. And the Bible says that God so loved the world [that he took action and gave] his only son, Jesus Christ, God himself, so that all who believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. This is about hope, it's positive, it's really good.'*

Top Tip 5. Trust that the Holy Spirit is at work

Let the Spirit lead. *'The Holy Spirit is at work, doing extraordinary things... [trust] that the Holy Spirit is taking people at the right pace, and with the love that embraces them from God.'*

Top Tip 6. Pray

'It's simple. Try it. You'll be astonished at what happens.'

Top Tip 7. Be prepared that your conversations may only bear fruit when you've left the scene

God's still working even when our conversation is past.

Top Tip 8. Don't complicate things. Only answer the questions you've been asked.

'The role of a witness to Jesus Christ is to take someone



Tuesday Coffee Morning

10.15am - 11.45am

Held in the small hall beyond the kitchen.

Coffee Morning is a time to relax and chat with a drink and home made cake - £1 only!

Please come and bring a friend.

1st session of New Year - Tuesday 2nd February



DAISY CHAIN



Play session for children 0 - 3 years and their parents/carers. Held during term time only.

Cost £1 for first child, 50p each for subsequent children. Refreshments included.

Tuesday session 1: 9.15am - 11.15am

Tuesday session 2: 1pm - 3pm

1st sessions of New Year - Tuesday 23rd February

Friday 'Time Out' coffee break 9.45am - 11am

A chance for parents and carers to relax whilst the children play together. 50p per session.

1st session of New Year - Friday 26th February

Please contact Iris Roe (07715 958403) for more information.

'Love in action' Launch event

A photographic exhibition celebrating the work of the world church

Derby Cathedral

Sunday 14 February 2016

Evensong at 6pm

Preacher: The Revd Richard Reade

Evensong will be followed by a special viewing of the exhibition from 6.45 to 7.45pm.

Refreshments provided.

RSVP: emmak@weareUs.org.uk or call 0207 921 2224.

Us. The new name for USPG



Ladies' Group

NO MEETING in FEBRUARY but meetings will start again on:

Tuesday 8th March 2016 at 7pm with a talk from our favourite historian Stephen Flinders. Pam Bailey

Uniformed Groups normally meet during term-time:

Wednesday - 6pm Beavers

- 6.45pm Cubs

- 7.45pm Scouts

Thursday - 6.15pm Rainbows & Brownies

Friday - 7pm Guides

they're talking to or listening to, the next appropriate step for that person. What's normally appropriate is to listen very carefully for the questions you're being asked, and answer them, not the questions you're not being asked.'

Top Tip 9. Always be ready to give an answer

'... this comes back to...in 1 Peter 3: Always be ready to give an explanation, a reason for the hope that is within you. But with respect, and gentleness.'

Top Tip 10. Realise the importance of evangelism

We are Christians because someone took the time and trouble to explain the faith to us and encourage us to follow Jesus. No witness, and the faith dies out.

So it's really important and actually, none of it sounds too tricky. Why not have a go?

Grace and Peace, Peter.

New Toilets - Thank you!

Can I thank everyone involved in getting the new toilets done: to the folk at Imperial, to Lu Vitale for coordinating the work, and to Lu and Denise for very kindly donating the new ceilings. Also to Joan Bacon for liaising with church hall users to help keep the show on the road in the face of one or two surprises.

I would also like to thank the church hall users for bearing with us while the work was ongoing. I clearly misunderstood the amount of disruption that would be involved. My apologies. However, I hope that you are all as delighted as I am with the result. Peter

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Many of you will have known and have fond memories of **Eileen Thompson** who has been a regular member of Christ Church since her youth and who was a regular at Coffee Morning and the Wednesday communion until a few weeks ago. Sadly Eileen died on 19th January following a short illness. Her funeral will be held in church on Monday 1st February at 11.45 am. Our thoughts and prayers are with her family.

Some of you may also know **Gillian Rushin**, more I think will remember her daughters Vicky and Jessie from their time in the choir together with their brother Ian and dad Robert. Gillian died suddenly and unexpectedly on 17th January and her funeral is in church on Thursday 4th February at 12.30pm.

Peter

Lu and Denise Vitale celebrated their 40th Wedding anniversary on January 10th. The couple renewed their wedding vows during the service; then treated everyone to cake and champagne!

Margaret Bottomley celebrated her 90th birthday at the end of January. Congratulations Margaret!

Baptism - at the January 24th morning service we welcomed **Charlotte Elizabeth Ellerby** with her parents Ashley and Sarah for Charlotte's baptism.



Fairtrade Fortnight
29th February - 13th March

Martin Luther King famously once said: 'Before you finish eating breakfast in the morning, you've depended on more than half the world'. And eating breakfast is just what Fairtrade Fortnight has in mind for you this year.

The campaign hopes to get as many people as possible to eat a Fairtrade breakfast in their homes during the Fortnight. As a spokesperson explains:

"It's a scandal that the people who grow the food we take for granted can't always feed their own families. We can support farmers and workers to put food on the table for their families by harnessing the power of a Fairtrade breakfast. When people are paid a fairer price, they can have more control over their lives when times are hard, and worry less about how they will feed their families."

More details at: www.fairtrade.org

The next TRAIIDCRAFT stall will be on **Sunday February 14th** following the 10am Parade service. Don't miss this opportunity to stock up!

Lynne Tomlinson

No Meeting of Parochial Church Council (PCC) took place in December 2015.

Date of next meeting is: **Tuesday 16th February 2016**

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We pray that God's kingdom will come here on earth as it is in heaven. So what does this mean to us? Well, as we look at the example of Jesus we see him establishing that kingdom by the things that He did - healing the sick, meeting the needs of the people and delivering them from oppression.

That has not changed. Looking at Psalm 23 we can see David acknowledging those same things; God was His shepherd, his provider, his protector and his deliverer. These things are part of the Kingdom which we should seek to establish here on earth, through prayer and action.

God is not a distant God and He meets with us where we are; teaching us, guiding us and by His Spirit helping us to grow in understanding and in faith.

At Christmas I was given a book in which to record daily something that had happened for which I was really grateful. By doing this it allows for a deepening of thanks to God, an awareness of the small as well as the big things I need to say thank you for.

As Jesus draws this prayer together we are reminded again that in all things it is to God that we give the Glory.

Iris

Home Group will restart on:

Monday 8th February from **7.15pm - 8.30pm** at the home of Glenice Boulton. The plan is to conclude our study on Ephesians then decide on the next topic for study. If you are interested please contact Iris on: **07715 958403**

Christmas Hampers - Update

An excellent team worked very hard to assemble and deliver the hampers just before Christmas. A big thank you to everyone who helped with this, including those who raised funds throughout the year, donated extra items or provided Christmas presents for the families.

Several of the families who received hampers and parcels have written cards expressing thanks for this act of sharing God's love - it really has been appreciated.

Not just for Christmas? Perhaps what is not widely known is that Barbara Clayton and Sue Wood continue to keep in touch with families during the course of the year to offer support and encouragement.

Visit by Miriam Knowles, our CMS Missionary - Monday 29th February at 7pm

Many of you will know of Miriam (Mim) Knowles, our CMS link missionary, through her regular newsletter to us. Mim is an Occupational Therapist currently working at Neema Crafts Centre in Iringa, Tanzania.

There will be an opportunity to meet Mim in person when she comes to speak to us in church on Monday 29th February. I hope that there is a good turn out to support her and to hear about the work that she is doing. For those of you who don't know Mim a brief introduction to her and the work that she does can be found on the notice boards in the foyer and church hall. Peter

Reflection on The Lord's Prayer

I cannot say OUR - if my religion has no room for others and their needs.

I cannot say FATHER - if I do not demonstrate this relationship in my daily living.

I cannot say WHO ART IN HEAVEN - if all my interests and pursuits are earthly things.

I cannot say HALLOWED BE THY NAME - if I, who am called by His name, am not holy.

I cannot say THY KINGDOM COME - if I am unwilling to surrender my own sovereignty, and accept the righteous reign of God.

I cannot say THY WILL BE DONE - if I am resentful of God's will in my own daily life.

I cannot say ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN - unless I am truly ready to give myself to His service, here and now.

I cannot say GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD - without expending honest effort for it, or if I ignore the genuine needs of my neighbour.

I cannot say FORGIVE US OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US - if I continue to hold a grudge against anyone at all.

I cannot say LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION - if I deliberately choose to remain in a situation where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say DELIVER US FROM EVIL - If I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

I cannot say THINE IS THE KINGDOM - If I do not give the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.

I cannot say THINE IS THE GLORY - If I am seeking my personal glory first.

I cannot say FOREVER - If I am overly anxious.

I cannot say AMEN - If I cannot honestly say - "This is my prayer, cost whatever it may!"

Author Unknown

Further Reflections by Iris Roe

'Lord teach us to pray' is still the cry from the heart of God's people today. So let's reflect on what Jesus was teaching the disciples here.

With a recognition of who God is we can come into his presence with praise and thanksgiving. We begin by focusing on our loving heavenly Father and laying aside the cares of the world around us. As I write, in the background is a CD playing 'How marvellous, how wonderful is my Saviour's love for me'. It is that love that has brought us back into the family of God and for that we can be truly grateful.

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