

**Coming events**

December

- 6th - M.U. celebration of Advent
- 8th-18th - Christmas Tree Festival
- 8th - St Anselm's carol service. 4pm
- 10th - Story-teller, and Bakewell & District Community Choir. 7.30pm
- 14th - LMS carol service 7.30pm
- 17th - Breeze & Wilson 7.30pm
- 18th - Carol service 6.0pm
- 21st - Rotary Carol Service 12 noon



**100 Club Draw November**

<b>1st prize</b>	<b>Bill Bryant</b>	<b>£37.50</b>
<b>2nd prize</b>	<b>Betty Nuttall</b>	<b>£18.75</b>
<b>3rd prize</b>	<b>Roger &amp; Jane Lee</b>	<b>£9.37</b>
	<b>Peter Bird</b>	<b>£9.37</b>

*Invitation*

*Say Hello to 2017*

Pat and Bill would like to invite you for drinks and nibbles at Church House on Sunday 1st January after the 11.00 service

Raise a glass, with friends, to the New Year 2017

If you haven't been to the service, come along about 12.15

Please let us know if you are coming so that we can cater adequately!

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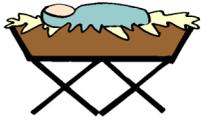
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**All Saints with St. Anne's**

**Parish Pump**

DECEMBER 2016



Dear Friends,

Fences may have gone up along some Eastern European borders, a deal done with Turkey to accept back some of the migrants and refugees who have made the perilous crossing to Greece and the 'Jungle' in Calais destroyed by the French authorities, but still the tide of humanity away from conflict, oppression and poverty continues, as people seek sanctuary and the hope of a better life in Europe.

The granting of UK residency to children and young people from the 'Jungle' is a small step that offers hope and compassion to a few, but we all recognise the need for a co-ordinated response across Europe if we are to help those in refugee centres and tents, let alone how we welcome and support refugees and asylum seekers who are here in our midst. The theologian Hans Kung wrote that, 'Our God is a God who acts within the scope of human history, makes himself known in human happenings, who is not a God untouched by the world's suffering but one who actively takes part in this sombre history- a sympathetic, compassionate God' (from 'On Being a Christian').

Through the Incarnation, which is the heart of what Christmas is about, God makes himself visible and known in Jesus, His Son, entering our suffering, chaotic and violent world, and pitching his tent in the heart of our communities and lives. He calls and inspires us to reach out to him, that filled with his power, light, strength and love, we may serve God in serving our neighbour. The Christmas story is not about nice snowy scenes that speak of a past age where all seemed safe, ordered, peaceful and good.

Jesus entered a divided, violent, uncertain, unjust and suffering world, and as a baby, with his parents, was forced to flee the threat of violence. Jesus, Mary and Joseph experience threat, rejection, homelessness, and weary journeying before eventually finding a home and community that accepted them, Nazareth. He used these experiences to bear witness to God's compassion, justice and peace, that all can know and experience this through the Saviour who reveals himself as the Prince of Peace . . . . .

who offers hope and life, and we share the reality of this hope and life when we live out the meaning of Christmas every day of the New Year ahead, when we answer the call of God to be his hands, feet, eyes, ears, mouth, mind and heart in our practical, prayerful and emotional support for one another.

A very Happy and blessed Christmas and New Year.

Tony



### Introducing your David Mundy!

David was baptised 43 years ago at Holy Trinity Church, Redhill in the Diocese of Southwark. He has been married to Lesley, a registered Childminder, for 30 years. They met when they were both students at the University of Newcastle upon Tyne, and were married at Jesmond Parish Church in the Diocese of Newcastle. They have *two* children, Andrew, aged 25, who was born in Malawi and has just completed his postgraduate studies at the University of Manchester, and Sarah, aged 21, who was born in Scotland and is studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Manchester.

David and Lesley moved to Hadfield 19 years ago when David started working for the Institute for Development Policy and Management in Manchester. For the last 25 years David has worked in international development and in community development for governments, for development agencies, and for churches. Through that work he has visited 38 countries across *five* continents.

In June 2015 David completed *three* years of part-time study for ordination through the Yorkshire Ministry Course at Mirfield. He was ordained Deacon in July 2015 and Priest in June 2016. As a self-supporting minister, David is offering Sundays and *two* weekdays each week; for the rest of the week he works as Parish Resource Officer for the Diocese.

*We extend a very warm welcome to David and his family. Ed.*

### Last chance!

There are only a one or two packs of our church well-dressing Christmas cards left. Order on form at the back of the church or ring 01629 815225 or [patricia.bryant3@btinternet.com](mailto:patricia.bryant3@btinternet.com)



Christmas orders are coming in and have boosted last month's receipts to £1304, helped by £52 from the Matlock Disabled Group, by £87 at the Oxfam Christmas Sale and £260 at the Great Longstone Coffee Morning.

Traidcraft's EqualITEA project in India and Bangladesh has supported 52,000 tea growers, helping them to work together in groups, increasing their knowledge and influence and enabling them to negotiate the best price for their crops. This 5 year project, supported by the European Union, has had a major impact on India's tea sector as a whole. The income of the participating growers has risen by 87% in India and no less than 20% in Bangladesh.

This is only one example of the many Traidcraft projects which benefit small producers across the world. You can help, not only by purchasing the products you see in the catalogue or on line, but by making a Gift for Life. Look on page 10 of the current catalogue or on the website, to learn more.

Happy Christmas.

Peter Bird ([pabird@gmail.com](mailto:pabird@gmail.com), 01629 813087)

**Bargain of the Month - Christmas Tree Biscuits - 10% off**



In November we welcomed our new curate, Rev. David Mundy, and Ashdon Toombs to the delights of the PCC. Ashdon is coming to meetings as an observer, while he explores his vocation to the priesthood. (do they want to put him off?!)

Our first job was to agree the budget for 2017, which made for solemn reading, as our income has been falling year on year and the diocese is asking more from us each year. You will hear more about this in the New Year, when we will be asked to review our stewardship of God's gifts to us. Luckily, Rev David, with his other hat on, is the diocesan Parish Resource Officer, so ideally placed to help and advise us on the challenges ahead.

Two important announcements: Jeff Marsh has agreed to be the Events' Co-ordinator and Ashdon Toombs has agreed to take on the management of the church web-site. So, if you have any event you want to book, please contact Jeff and if there is any information about events that you want added or altered to the web-site, please contact Ash.

The Mission Group's next meeting is on December 7th at 2.00pm at the Bryants, at which an Away-Day and Alpha Course will be among items discussed, so do go along - all welcome.

Recommendations from the Administration Report are being progressed. The PCC noted Mike Hillam's masterly, readable report on the new guidelines for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults. We noted also reports from ABC and the Deanery Synod.

An important item was the discussion about the necessary repairs to our organ, which is one of the two largest three-manual instruments in the diocese. It is over sixty years since the organ was thoroughly rebuilt (originally built in 1883) and the diocesan adviser recommends that we ask Dr. William McVicker (who looks after the Royal Festival Hall organ) to write a detailed report on our organ at a cost of £500. This we have agreed to do. Plans are ongoing to appoint an organist to play this beautiful instrument.

We failed to raise a glass to the completion of the work to the spire, with its gilded weather-vane. Perhaps at the next PCC on Burn's Night??

Angela Bird



## Mothers' Union Notes for December

'Film Night with a Difference', was a refreshing approach for our November meeting.

We were most grateful to Jane Proctor, as she chose to show parts of the film 'The King's Speech', which challenged us to compare it's message with situations in our own lives and the world we live in today. We could also sympathise with our founder, Mary Sumner, when at the last minute due to nerves, she was unable to address the mothers at her first meeting 140 years ago! However Mary Sumner, unlike King George VI, was able to hand over to her husband to address the meeting!

### Tuesday 6th December, 11.15am An Advent Eucharist

You are warmly invited to come to the Advent Eucharist Service  
11.15am All Saints Church  
followed by mulled wine, simple soup and crusty bread lunch,  
finishing with mince pies.

Come to share with Mothers' Union members I  
in all or part of the celebrations.

To help with catering please sign the sheet at the back of Church or contact: Carol Wicksteed [carol.wicksteed@gmail.com](mailto:carol.wicksteed@gmail.com)

**Gifts for Refugees & Asylum Seekers.** You are invited to bring to the Advent Service, any 'nice' items (not necessarily expensive) for both men and women, which will help to give dignity and enhance personal esteem, such as towels, toiletries, warm scarves, gloves, socks etc (refugees are often provided with very basic stuff).

Please bring the items wrapped and marked 'M' or 'F'. A gift tag 'with love from Mothers Union' will be provided for you to attach.

**Thurs 17th Dec.** Corporate Communion, Holy Trinity, Ashford 10am

**Tues 20th Dec.** Tots & Teds. Theme - The First Christmas. 1.30-1.45pm

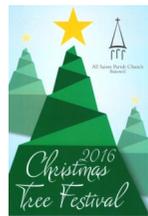
**2017 Date for your diary:**

**Tuesday 3rd January** 2.30pm Branch AGM and Epiphany Tea.

Carol Wicksteed



## Festival of Christmas Trees



It is that time of year again. The clocks have gone back, winter and Christmas are coming and so is the annual Tree Festival at All Saints.

This year the Festival will take place between 8 and 18 December, opening with a service, which will be followed by refreshments, at 7pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> and closing with a Community Carol Service at 6pm on Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday, 10 December there will be an evening of storytelling and music, with Gillian Shimwell and the Bakewell Community Choir. On Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> the church will be open until 8.30pm. Come along and enjoy the trees and piano duets by Sue Clarke and David Winder whilst partaking of a free glass of mulled wine.

On Saturday 17 December Breeze and Wilson are to make a welcome return to All Saints with their very popular folk music. There will also be musical contributions throughout the Festival by local schools and local talented musicians and on the afternoon of Saturday 17 December the Gamebirds quartet from Sheffield will perform, beginning at 2.30pm.

This year there will be a quiet time each day, from 10.30 - 11am, for those who wish to pray, reflect or meditate.

As usual, the cafe will be open each day from 11-4 ( Sunday 1-4), serving tea, coffee, home made cakes and light lunches. The church will look, and smell, splendid, full of trees decorated by local businesses, schools, charities and church and community organisations.

And now for the plea! If you are able to help in any way, eg by the making of a cake, helping in the cafe, assisting with the delivery and positioning of the trees, stewarding etc, etc Ben, Brenda or Dot would be delighted to hear from you. This is a very popular event in the calendar of the town and brings many visitors to our church. The welcome those visitors receive is so very important.

**In advance THANK YOU.**



The Presbyterian Church in Ireland brought out a new hymn book. In the first print, a hymn for funerals was unfortunately included in the marriage section.

The hymn was "Go, happy soul, thy days are ended".

*O M Witherby*